

2013 1 What are the solutions of $2x^2 - 5x - 1 = 0$?

(A) $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$ (B) $x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$ (C) $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4}$ (D) $x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4}$

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$$2x^2 - 5x - 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(2)(-1)}}{2(2)} \\ &= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

State Mean:
0.79

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