

# Quadratic Formula $\text{\LaTeX}$ .jl Example: `@texeq`\*

## 1. Quadratic formula and its derivation

Completing the square can be used to derive a general formula for solving quadratic equations, called the *quadratic formula*.<sup>1</sup> The mathematical proof will now be briefly summarized. It can easily be seen, by polynomial expansion, that the following equation is equivalent to the quadratic equation:

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

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1 (x + b/2a)^2 = (b^2 - 4ac) / 4a^2
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Taking the square root of both sides, and isolating  $x = \text{quad}(a, b, c)$ , gives:

$$\text{quad}(a, b, c) = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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1 quad(a,b,c) = (-b ± sqrt(b^2 - 4a*c)) ./ 2a
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## 2. Examples

Using the following definition of the plus-minus function that returns a `Tuple` in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we can find the roots of a few examples.

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1 ±(a,b) = (a+b, a-b)
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- Let  $a = 1, b = 5, c = -14$ . The quadratic formula gives us the roots  $(2, -7)$ .
- Let  $a = 1, b = -5, c = -24$ . The quadratic formula gives us the roots  $(8, -3)$ .
- Let  $a = 1, b = 3, c = -10$ . The quadratic formula gives us the roots  $(2, -5)$ .

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\*. Julia-to- $\text{\LaTeX}$  expression conversions done using `Latexify.jl`: <https://github.com/korsbo/Latexify.jl>

1. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quadratic.equation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quadratic_equation)

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