



Life and Death of Evariste Galois

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Quadratic Formula

a general quadratic equation can always be written:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

the solutions to a general quadratic equation are:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Cubic Formula

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{bc}{6a^2} - \frac{d}{2a} - \frac{b^3}{27a^3}\right) + \sqrt{\left(\frac{bc}{6a^2} - \frac{d}{2a} - \frac{b^3}{27a^3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{c}{3a} - \frac{b^2}{9a^2}\right)^3}} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{bc}{6a^2} - \frac{d}{2a} - \frac{b^3}{27a^3}\right) - \sqrt{\left(\frac{bc}{6a^2} - \frac{d}{2a} - \frac{b^3}{27a^3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{c}{3a} - \frac{b^2}{9a^2}\right)^3}} - \frac{b}{3a}$$

Quartic Formula

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Quintic Formula



NO!

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$$x = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \frac{1}{a_4 + \frac{1}{a_5 + \frac{1}{a_6 + \dots}}}}}}$$

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At this point, how old do you think Galois is?

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- **Died in a duel at 20**

