



Folsom High

WELCOME

15.5:

Use the Quadratic Formula to find Real/imaginary Zeroes

Warm Up

1) Write the following as a fraction:

a) $.757575\dots$

2) Simplify each of the following:

a) $\sqrt{-81}$

b) $5 + \sqrt{-63}$

3) Simplify each power of i :

a) i^{264}

b) i^{59}

4) Simplify completely:

a) $5i(3 + 2i)$

b) $(3i + 5)(3i - 5)$

15.5: Learning Targets

- Determine the number of real/imaginary roots in a quadratic based on graph.
- Use Quadratic Formula to find the real/imaginary zeroes
- Use the discriminate to find the number of real/imaginary roots.

Solving Quadratic w/ Imaginary Zeroes

A negative inside the radical no longer means no solution!

We now know that it means that there are 2 complex solutions.

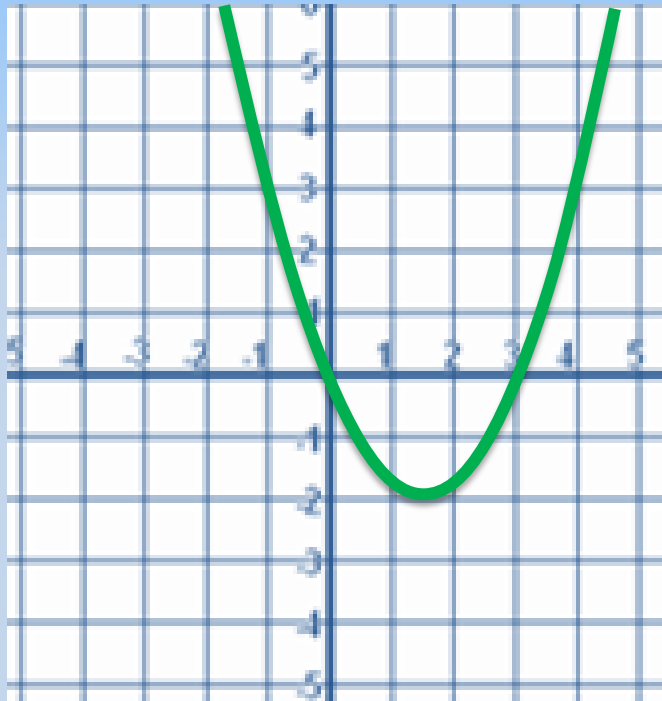
$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 5$$

Determine # of Zeroes from a Graph

Given the graph of a quadratic we can easily determine the number and type of zeroes based on the x-int.

Hits x-axis Twice

Then the quadratic will have two real solutions



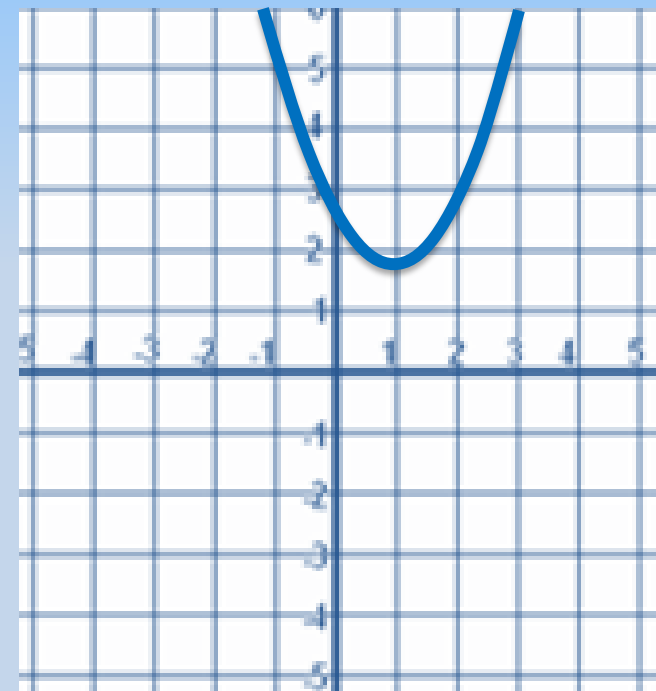
Hits x-axis Once

Then the quadratic will have one real solution.



Doesn't hit x-axis

Then the quadratic has two complex solutions.



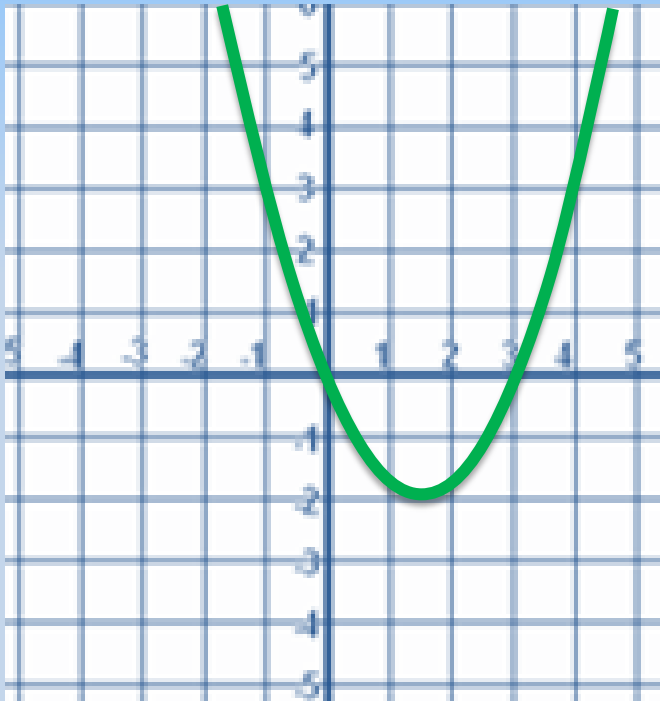
Discriminant to Determine Zeroes

Given a quadratic $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \dots$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = \text{Positive}$$

Then the quadratic will have two real solutions



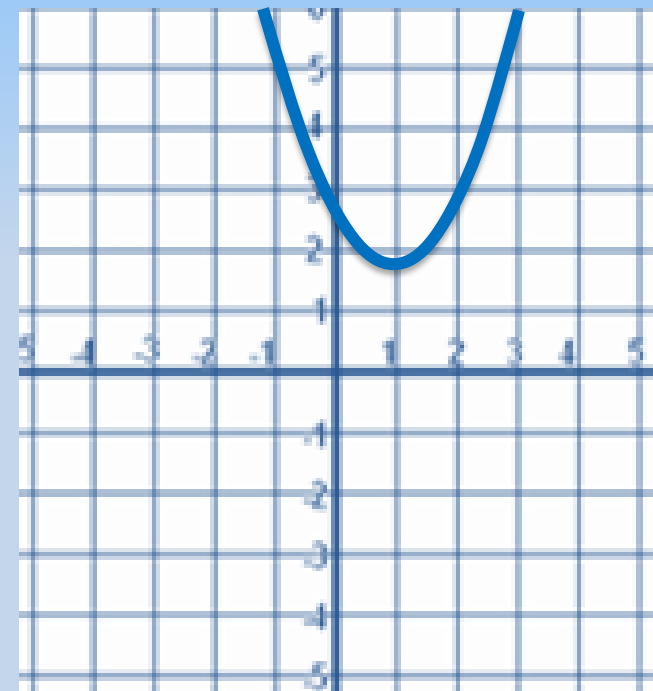
$$b^2 - 4ac = \text{zero}$$

Then the quadratic will have one real solution



$$b^2 - 4ac = \text{Negative}$$

Then the quadratic has two complex solutions



Try it...

- $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^2 + 4\mathbf{x} + 8$