

## 1 Quadratic equations

Write down the quadratic formula to solve the following equation:  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .

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

Can we use a part of this formula to find how many solutions a quadratic equation has? Explain.

- yes:
- $b^2 - 4ac > 0 \Rightarrow$  2 real solutions
  - $b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow$  1 real solution
  - $b^2 - 4ac < 0 \Rightarrow$  2 complex solutions

**Exercise 1.1.** Solve for  $x$ , including any complex solutions.

1.  $3x^2 = 27$

$$x^2 = 9$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{9} = \boxed{\pm 3}$$

2.  $(x+2)^2 = -7$

$$x+2 = \pm \sqrt{-7} = \pm i\sqrt{7}$$

$$x = \boxed{-2 \pm i\sqrt{7}}$$

3.  $(2x+3)(x+4) = 1$

$$2x^2 + 8x + 3x + 12 = 1$$

$$2x^2 + 11x + 11 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{11^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 11}}{2 \cdot 2} = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{121 - 88}}{4}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4}}$$

$$4. 2x^2 - 7x = 0$$

$$x(2x-7) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=0}$$

$$2x-7=0$$

$$\boxed{x=7/2}$$

## 2 Radical equations

Exercise 2.1. Solve for  $x$ .

$$1. (\sqrt{3x+18})^2 = x^2$$

$$3x+18 = x^2$$

$$0 = x^2 - 3x - 18$$

$$0 = (x-6)(x+3)$$

$$x-6=0 \quad x+3=0$$

$$\boxed{x=6} \quad \boxed{\cancel{x=-3}}$$

$$x=6$$

$$\sqrt{3 \cdot 6 + 18} = 6$$

$$\sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$\boxed{\text{OK}}$$

$$x=-3$$

$$\sqrt{3 \cdot (-3) + 18} = -3$$

$$\sqrt{9} = -3$$

$$\boxed{\text{NO}}$$

$$2. \sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{3x+7} = 1$$

(Can we just square each side or do we have to do something before?)

$$(\sqrt{x+2})^2 = (1 - \sqrt{3x+7})^2$$

$$x+2 = 1 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \sqrt{3x+7} + (\sqrt{3x+7})^2$$

$$x+2 = 1 - 2\sqrt{3x+7} + 3x+7$$

$$x+2 - 1 - 3x - 7 = -2\sqrt{3x+7}$$

$$(-2x-6)^2 = (-2\sqrt{3x+7})^2$$

$$(-2x)^2 + 2 \cdot (-2x) \cdot (-6) + (-6)^2 = (-2)^2 (\sqrt{3x+7})^2$$

$$4x^2 + 24x + 36 = 4(3x+7)$$

$$4x^2 + 24x + 36 - 12x - 28 = 0$$

$$4x^2 + 12x + 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=-2} \quad \boxed{\cancel{x=-1}}$$

$$x=-2$$

$$\sqrt{-2+2} + \sqrt{-6+7} = 1$$

$$0 + \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\text{yes}$$

$$x=-1$$

$$\sqrt{-1+2} + \sqrt{-3+7} = 1$$

$$\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{4} = 1$$

$$1+2 = 1$$

$$\text{no}$$

### 3 Lines

Write down the formula for the **distance** between the points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ .

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2} \text{ or } \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Write down the formula for the **midpoint** between the points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ .

$$\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

**Exercise 3.1.** Find the distance between the points  $(0, 1)$  and  $(3, 5)$ . What is the midpoint between the points? Simplify your answer.

$$\text{distance: } \sqrt{(0-3)^2 + (1-5)^2} = \sqrt{9+16} = \sqrt{25} = \boxed{5}$$

$$\text{midpoint: } \left( \frac{0+3}{2}, \frac{1+5}{2} \right) = \boxed{\left( \frac{3}{2}, 3 \right)}$$

How can you algebraically find out if two lines are perpendicular or parallel?

$$y = mx + b \quad \text{perpendicular: } m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2} \text{ or } m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$$

$$\text{parallel: } m_1 = m_2$$

**Exercise 3.2.** Find the slope of the line given by the equation:  $3x + y = 4$ . Find the slope-intercept form of a line that is perpendicular to this line and passes through the point  $(9, 2)$ .

$$3x + y = 4 \quad \text{slope is } \boxed{-3}$$

$$y = -3x + 4$$

perpendicular: slope  $\frac{1}{3}$

$$y - 2 = \frac{1}{3}(x - 9)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x - 3 + 2$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{3}x - 1}$$

## 4 Circles

What is the difference between the general form and the standard form of the equation of a circle?

$$\text{General form: } x^2 + y^2 + ax + by + c = 0$$

$$\text{standard form: } (x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

**Exercise 4.1.** Write the standard form of the equation of the circle with the given center and radius.

1. Center (0,0), r=3

$$\boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 3^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 9}$$

2. Center (0,2), r=5

$$\boxed{x^2 + (y-2)^2 = 5^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x^2 + (y-2)^2 = 25}$$

**Exercise 4.2.** Convert the general form of a circle's equation to standard form and vice versa. Find the center and radius of the circle.

1.  $(x+3)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 4$

$$\boxed{\text{center: } (-3, 1) \\ \text{radius: } 2}$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 + y^2 - 2y + 1 = 4$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 2y + 6 = 0}$$

2.  $x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 2y - 8 = 0$

$$x^2 + 8x + 4^2 + y^2 - 2y + (-1)^2 = 8 + 4^2 + (-1)^2$$

$$(x+4)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 8 + 16 + 1$$

$$\boxed{(x+4)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 25}$$

$$\boxed{\text{center} = (-4, 1) \\ \text{radius} = 5}$$