

## 9. Special Types of Quadratic Equations

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### 1. Pure Quadratic Equations

- Form:  $ax^2 + c = 0$  (i.e.,  $b = 0$ )
- Solved by isolating  $x^2$  and taking square roots.

**Example 1:**

$$3x^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 4 \rightarrow x = \pm 2$$

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### 2. Quadratic Equations with $c = 0$

- Form:  $ax^2 + bx = 0$
- Factor out  $x$ :  $x(ax + b) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0$  or  $x = -\frac{b}{a}$ .

**Example 2:**

$$x^2 - 7x = 0 \rightarrow x(x - 7) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, 7$$

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### 3. Perfect Square Quadratic Equations

- Discriminant  $D = 0 \rightarrow$  equal roots.

**Example 3:**

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0 \rightarrow (x - 3)^2 = 0 \rightarrow x = 3 \text{ (double root)}$$

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### 4. Equations with Complex Coefficients

- Coefficients may be complex numbers.
- Roots found using quadratic formula, following complex number arithmetic.

**Example 4:**

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

Use:

$$x = \frac{-(2 + i) \pm \sqrt{(2 + i)^2 - 4(1 + i)}}{2}$$

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## 5. Quadratic in Form

- Equations that look higher degree but are reducible to quadratic in  $x^n$ .

### Example 5:

Solve  $2x^4 - 5x^2 + 3 = 0$ .

Let  $y = x^2$ :  $2y^2 - 5y + 3 = 0$

Factor:  $(2y - 3)(y - 1) = 0 \rightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}$  or  $1$

Roots:  $x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, \pm 1$

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## 6. Reciprocal Quadratic Equations

- If replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{1}{x}$  leaves the equation unchanged, it is reciprocal.
- Roots come in reciprocal pairs.

### Example 6:

$2x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0 \rightarrow$  Coefficients symmetric  $\rightarrow$  reciprocal roots.

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