

# U2D9\_T Zeros and the Discriminant MCR 3UI

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**ZEROS**

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**Warm Up** Solve the following:

a)  $3x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$   
 $(3x-2)(x-1) = 0$   
 $x = \frac{2}{3}$  or  $x = 1$

b)  $3x^2 - 5x + 2 \leq 0$   
 zeros:  $x = \frac{2}{3}$  or  $x = 1$   
 below x-axis  
 $\frac{2}{3} \leq x \leq 1$

c)  $3x^2 - 5x + 2 > 0$   
 $\{x < \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } x > 1\}$   
 $\{x < \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } 1 < x\}$

**Zeros of a Quadratic Function**

1. Complete the Chart.

Equation	Vertex $(h, k)$	Direction of Opening	Sketch	Number of Roots
$y = -6x^2 + 9$ $y = -6(x-0)^2 + 9$	$(0, 9)$	down		2
$y = \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 5$	$(0, -5)$	up		2
$y = -(x-3)^2 + 17$	$(3, 17)$	down		2
$y = 5(x+2)^2 + 4$	$(-2, 4)$	up		0

2. Determine the number of roots for the following:

a)  $y = 6x^2 - 3x$   
 $y = 3x(2x-1)$   
 $\therefore$  2 roots  
 (2 real & distinct roots)

c)  $y = -4x^2 + 49$   
 $y = -(4x^2 - 49)$   
 $y = -(2x-7)(2x+7)$   
 $\therefore$  2 roots.  
 (2 real & distinct roots.)

b)  $y = 2x^2 - 16x + 32$   
 $y = 2(x^2 - 8x + 16)$   
 $y = 2(x-4)^2$   
 $\therefore$  1 root  
 (roots are real & equal)

d)  $y = x^2 - 3x + 8$   
 $x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(1)(8)}}{2}$   
 $x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{-23}}{2}$   
 no real answer  
 $\therefore$  no roots  
 (no real roots)

### The Quadratic Formula and the Discriminant

The quantity  $b^2 - 4ac$  is called the **discriminant** of the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ . From it we can determine the **nature of the roots** of the equation. It can also be used in **establishing conditions so that the roots have desired properties**.

The equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has **two roots** if  $b^2 - 4ac$  is **positive**

The equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has **one root** if  $b^2 - 4ac$  is **zero**

The equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has **no roots** if  $b^2 - 4ac$  is **negative**

**Ex 1:** Determine the **nature of the roots** for each of the following quadratic equations:

a)  $x^2 + 4x + 5 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} a=1, b=4, c=5 \\ D = b^2 - 4ac \\ = 16 - 4(1)(5) \\ = -4 \\ < 0 \\ \therefore \text{no roots.} \end{aligned}$$

b)  $3x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} D = 4 - 4(3)(-1) \\ > 0 \\ \therefore \text{two roots.} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex 2:** Find the value(s) of  $k$  if:

a)  $kx^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$  has 2 distinct roots

$$a=k, b=3, c=-1$$

$$\begin{aligned} D > 0 \\ b^2 - 4ac > 0 \\ 9 - 4(k)(-1) > 0 \\ 9 + 4k > 0 \\ 4k > -9 \\ k > -\frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$a=1, b=k, c=25$$

b)  $x^2 + kx + 25 = 0$  has 1 root

$$\begin{aligned} D = 0 \\ b^2 - 4ac = 0 \\ k^2 - 4(1)(25) = 0 \quad \therefore k \in \{-10, 10\} \\ k^2 - 100 = 0 \\ (k+10)(k-10) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$k^2 - 100 = 0$$

$$(k+10)(k-10) = 0$$

$$k = -10 \text{ or } k = 10$$

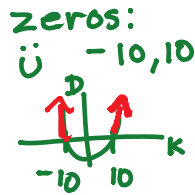
c)  $x^2 + kx + 25 = 0$  has 2 roots

$$D > 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$k^2 - 100 > 0$$

$$(k-10)(k+10) > 0$$



$$\{k < -10 \text{ or } 10 < k\}$$

$$\{k < -10 \text{ or } k > 10\}$$

d)  $kx^2 + 12x + k = 0$  has no roots

$$D < 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

$$144 - 4(k)(k) < 0$$

$$144 - 4k^2 < 0$$

$$a=k, b=12, c=k$$

zeros:  
 $144 - 4k^2 = 0$

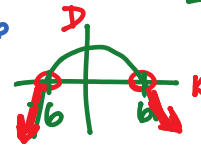
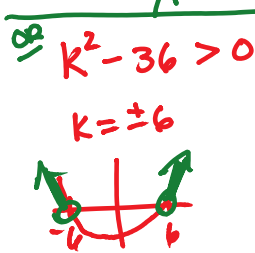
$\downarrow \div -4$  or

$$k^2 - 36 = 0$$

$$(k+6)(k-6) = 0$$

$$k = -6 \text{ or } k = 6$$

$(12+2k)(12-2k) = 0$   
 $k = -6 \text{ or } k = 6$



$$\{k < -6 \text{ or } 6 < k\}$$

$$\{k < -6 \text{ or } k > 6\}$$



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1. Determine the vertex and the direction of opening for each quadratic function. Then state the number of zeros.

a)  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 5$    b)  $f(x) = -4x^2 + 7$    c)  $f(x) = 5(x + 2)^2$    d)  $f(x) = 0.5(x - 4)^2 - 2$

2. Factor each quadratic to determine the number of zeros.

a)  $f(x) = x^2 - 6x - 16$    b)  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 6x$    c)  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 1$    d)  $f(x) = 9x^2 + 6x + 1$

3. Calculate the value of  $b^2 - 4ac$  to determine the number of zeros.

a)  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 6x - 7$    b)  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 7$    c)  $f(x) = x^2 + 8x + 16$    d)  $f(x) = 9x^2 - 14.4x + 5.76$

4. Determine the number of zeros.

a)  $f(x) = -3(x - 2)^2 + 4$    b)  $f(x) = 5(x - 3)(x + 4)$    c)  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 2x$    d)  $f(x) = 3x^2 - x + 5$

5. For each profit function, determine whether the company can break even. If the company can break even, determine in how many ways it can do so.

a)  $P(x) = -2.1x^2 + 9.06x - 5.4$    b)  $P(x) = -0.3x^2 + 2x - 7.8$

c)  $P(x) = -2x^2 + 6.4x - 5.12$    d)  $P(x) = -2.4x^2 + x - 1.2$

6. For what value(s) of  $k$  will the function  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + k$  have one  $x$ -intercept?

7. For what value(s) of  $k$  will the function  $f(x) = kx^2 - 4x + k$  have no zeros?

8. For what value(s) of  $k$  will the function  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + k$  have no zeros? one zero? two zeros?

9. The graph of the function  $f(x) = x^2 - kx + k + 8$  touches the  $x$ -axis at one point.

What are the possible values of  $k$ ?

10. Determine the nature of the roots for each equation.

a)  $4x^2 + 7x - 2 = 0$    b)  $2x^2 - 7x - 15 = 0$    c)  $3x^2 - 8x + 7 = 0$

d)  $7x^2 + 10x - 3 = 0$    e)  $16x^2 + 8x + 1 = 0$    f)  $12x^2 - 9x + 5 = 0$

11. Solve the following for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

a)  $5x^2 + 4x - 1 = 0$    b)  $2x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0$    c)  $5x(x + 3) = (3x + 2)(x - 1)$

d)  $(2x + 5)(x - 3) = (4x + 7)(3x - 1)$    e)  $(x + 2)(5x + 1) = 5x - 2(2x + 1)(x + 1)$

f)  $(2x + 7)(x + 4) = (3x + 5)(x - 2)$

12. Solve the following for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

a)  $\frac{x^2+5}{3} - \frac{7}{2} = \frac{x+8}{2}$    b)  $\frac{8}{x} + \frac{5}{x+2} = 1$    c)  $\frac{3}{2x+1} - \frac{x+2}{3x-1} = \frac{x-3}{2x+1}$    d)  $\sqrt{3x+1} = x - 3$    e)  $\sqrt{2x^2 - 2} - x = 1$

13. For what value(s) of  $k$  does each equation have two equal real roots?

a)  $3x^2 - kx + 8 = 0$    b)  $5x^2 + 8x - 2k = 0$    c)  $kx^2 + 9 = 18x$    d)  $(3k + 1)x^2 + kx + 1 = 0$

14. For what value(s) of  $m$  does each equation have two distinct real roots?

a)  $2x^2 + mx + 8 = 0$    b)  $5mx^2 + 6x + 2 = 0$    c)  $3(x^2 - 2m) = 9x$    d)  $4x^2 - 2mx + 3 = 0$

15. Using the Discriminant, determine the following.

a) For what values of  $k$  does  $5kx^2 + 6x + 2 = 0$  have 2 real roots?

b) For what values of  $k$  does  $2x^2 + kx + 9 = 0$  have no real roots?

c) For what values of  $k$  does  $4x^2 - 2kx + 3 = 0$  have 2 real roots?

Answers:

1. a)  $V(0, -5)$ ; up; 2   b)  $V(0, 7)$ ; down; 2   c)  $V(-2, 0)$ ; up; 1   d)  $V(4, -2)$ ; up; 2

2. a)  $(x - 8)(x + 2)$ ; 2   b)  $(2x)(x - 3)$ ; 2   c)  $(2x + 1)(2x - 1)$ ; 2   d)  $(3x + 1)^2$ ; 1

3. a)  $D = 92$ ; 2   b)  $D = -80$ ; 0   c)  $D = 0$ ; 1   d)  $D = 0$ ; 1

4. a) 2   b) 2   c) 2   d) 0

5. a) yes, 2 ways   b) cannot break even   c) yes, one way   d) cannot break even

6.  $\left\{k = \frac{4}{3}\right\}$

7.  $\{k < -2 \text{ or } k > 2\}$

8. No zeros --  $\left\{k > \frac{4}{3}\right\}$    One zero --  $\left\{k = \frac{4}{3}\right\}$    Two zeros --  $\left\{k < \frac{4}{3}\right\}$

9.  $k \in \{-4, 8\}$

10. a) 2 real & distinct   b) 2 real & distinct   c) no real roots   d) 2 real & distinct   e) one root (real & equal)   f) no real roots

11. a)  $x \in \left(-1, \frac{1}{5}\right)$    b)  $x \in \left\{\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{6}}{2}\right\}$    c)  $x \in \{-4 \pm \sqrt{15}\}$    d)  $x \in \left\{-1, -\frac{4}{5}\right\}$    e)  $x \in \left\{-\frac{2}{3}\right\}$    f)  $x \in \{8 \pm \sqrt{102}\}$

12. a)  $x \in \left\{-\frac{7}{2}, 5\right\}$    b)  $x \in \left\{\frac{11 \pm \sqrt{185}}{2}\right\}$    c)  $x \in \left\{\frac{4}{5}, 2\right\}$    d)  $x \in \{1, 8\}$    e)  $x \in \{-1, 3\}$

13. a)  $k \in \{\pm 4\sqrt{6}\}$    b)  $k \in \left\{-\frac{8}{5}\right\}$    c)  $k \in \{9\}$    d)  $k \in \{6 \pm 2\sqrt{10}\}$

14. a)  $\{m < -8 \text{ or } m > 8\}$    b)  $\left\{m < \frac{9}{10}\right\}$    c)  $\left\{m > -\frac{9}{8}\right\}$    d)  $\{m < -2\sqrt{3} \text{ or } m > 2\sqrt{3}\}$

15. a)  $\left\{k < \frac{9}{10}\right\}$    b)  $\{-6\sqrt{2} < k < 6\sqrt{2}\}$    c)  $\{k > 2\sqrt{3} \text{ or } k < -2\sqrt{3}\}$