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Discriminant

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Warm Up: Simplify the following expressions.

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1.  $(8 + 5i) - (1 + 2i)$

$7 + 3i$

2.  $(10 - 3i)(7 + i)$

$70 + 10i - 21i - 3i^2$   
 $+ 3$

$73 - 11i$

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- 1) Look at each graph. Decide how many solutions each one has.  
(If there is NO REAL solution, then the solution is IMAGINARY!)

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- 2) Compute  $b^2 - 4ac$  for each equation.

- 3) What do you notice about this calculation and the number and type of solutions?

① 2 sol. 13    ② 1 sol. 0

③ 2 sol. 17    ④ 1 sol. 0

⑤ 0 sol. -8    ⑥ 0 sol. -15

What is the part of the Quadratic Formula that is under the Radical Sign?

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This is called the DISCRIMINANT

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\text{[redacted]}}}{2a}$$

The Discriminant tells you how many and what kind of solutions you will get.

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$$b^2 - 4ac > 0 \longrightarrow 2 \text{ real solutions}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \longrightarrow 1 \text{ real solution}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0 \longrightarrow 2 \text{ imaginary solutions}$$

- a) Find the Discriminant.  $b^2 - 4ac$   
b) Tell how many solutions and what type (real or imaginary).

1)  $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x - 2$

$a = -1$     $b = 2$     $c = -2$

$(2)^2 - 4(-1)(-2)$

$-4$

2 imaginary sol.

### Review packet:

do #9 and 10, then continue working...

At 10:40, we will start Chapter 4 Test.