## ALGEBRA

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1 By completing the square, show that the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are given by

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

- 2 Use the quadratic formula to solve each equation, giving your answers as simply as possible in terms of surds where appropriate.
  - **a**  $x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$  **b**  $4 + 8t - t^2 = 0$  **c**  $y^2 - 20y + 91 = 0$  **d**  $r^2 + 2r - 7 = 0$  **e**  $6 + 18a + a^2 = 0$  **f** m(m - 5) = 5 **g**  $x^2 + 11x + 27 = 0$  **h**  $2u^2 + 6u + 3 = 0$  **i**  $5 - y - y^2 = 0$  **j**  $2x^2 - 3x = 2$  **k**  $3p^2 + 7p + 1 = 0$  **l**  $t^2 - 14t = 14$  **m**  $0.1r^2 + 1.4r = 0.9$  **n**  $6u^2 + 4u = 1$  **o**  $\frac{1}{2}y^2 - 3y = \frac{2}{3}$ **p** 4x(x - 3) = 11 - 4x



The diagram shows the curve with equation  $y = 2x^2 - 8x + 3$ . Find and simplify the exact coordinates of the points where the curve crosses the *x*-axis.

4 State the condition for which the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are a real and distinct **b** real and equal **c** not real

5 Sketch the curve  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  and the x-axis in the cases where

a	$a > 0$ and $b^2 - 4ac > 0$	b	<i>a</i> < 0	and	$b^2 - 4ac < 0$
c	$a > 0$ and $b^2 - 4ac = 0$	d	<i>a</i> < 0	and	$b^2 - 4ac > 0$

- **6** By evaluating the discriminant, determine whether the roots of each equation are real and distinct, real and equal or not real.
  - **a**  $x^{2} + 2x 7 = 0$  **b**  $x^{2} + x + 3 = 0$  **c**  $x^{2} - 4x + 5 = 0$  **d**  $x^{2} - 6x + 3 = 0$  **e**  $x^{2} + 14x + 49 = 0$  **f**  $x^{2} - 9x + 17 = 0$  **g**  $x^{2} + 3x = 11$  **h**  $2 + 3x + 2x^{2} = 0$  **i**  $5x^{2} + 8x + 3 = 0$  **j**  $3x^{2} - 7x + 5 = 0$  **k**  $9x^{2} - 12x + 4 = 0$  **l**  $13x^{2} + 19x + 7 = 0$  **m**  $4 - 11x + 8x^{2} = 0$  **n**  $x^{2} + \frac{2}{3}x = \frac{1}{4}$  **o**  $x^{2} - \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{8} = 0$ **p**  $\frac{2}{5}x^{2} + \frac{3}{5}x + \frac{1}{3} = 0$
- Find the value of the constant p such that the equation  $x^2 + x + p = 0$  has equal roots.
- 8 Given that  $q \neq 0$ , find the value of the constant q such that the equation  $x^2 + 2qx q = 0$  has a repeated root.
- 9 Given that the *x*-axis is a tangent to the curve with the equation

$$y = x^2 + rx - 2x + 4$$
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find the two possible values of the constant r.