

Handout 2: Finding Your Roots Answers

1. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$.

$$x = \frac{5+\sqrt{13}}{2} \text{ and } x = \frac{5-\sqrt{13}}{2}.$$

2. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $-3x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$.

$$x = -1 \text{ and } x = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

3. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $10x^2 + 5x - 15 = 0$.

$$x = 1 \text{ and } x = -\frac{3}{2}.$$

4. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $2x^2 + 8x + 8 = 0$.

$$x = -2.$$

5. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 7 = 0$.

$$x = -1 + 13i \text{ and } x = -1 - 13i.$$

6. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $-3x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$.

$$x = \frac{1-11i}{3} \text{ and } x = \frac{1+11i}{3}.$$

7. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $4x^2 + 12x + 9 = 0$.

$$x = -\frac{3}{2}.$$

8. Solve using the quadratic formula
 $-2x^2 + 4x - 3 = 0$.

$$x = -\frac{-2+i\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ and } x = -\frac{-2-i\sqrt{2}}{2}.$$

9. How many real number or complex number roots does the following equation have?

$$5x^2 + 8x + 2 = 0$$

Two real roots.

10. How many real number or complex number roots does the following equation have?

$$-3x^2 + 6x - 13 = 0$$

Two complex roots.