

9.5 Solving Cubics

$$y = (x+3)(x-2)(x-5)$$

get rid of y add 0

$$0 = (x+3)(x-2)(x-5)$$

$x+3=0 \quad x-2=0 \quad x-5=0$
 $x=-3 \quad x=2 \quad x=5$
 $x = -3, 2, 5$

$$0 = (x+3)^2(x-3)$$

$x = -3, -3, 3$
 $x = -3(\text{dbl}), 3$
 $0 = (x-1)^3$
 $x = 1(\text{triple})$

Notice

$$y = 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 3x$$

$$y = x(2x^2 + 5x + 3)$$

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

$a=2 \quad b=5 \quad c=3$
 $\frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{5^2 - 4(2)(3)}}{4} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{1}}{4} = \frac{-5 \pm 1}{4}$
 $\frac{-5-1}{4} = -\frac{6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$
 $\frac{-5+1}{4} = -\frac{4}{4} = -1$

$0, -1, -\frac{3}{2}$

$$x^2 - 3x + 40$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 160}}{2}$$

$$\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{-151}}{2}$$

$$\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{151}i}{2} = \frac{3 \pm 12.29i}{2}$$

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Grouping (4 terms)

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x - 8$$

$$x^2(x+2) - 4(x+2)$$

same then regroup

$$0 = (x^2 - 4)(x + 2)$$

$0 = x^2 - 4 \quad 0 = x + 2$
 $\sqrt{4} = \pm 2 \quad -2 = x$
 $\pm 2 = x \quad x = 2, -2(\text{dbl})$