## Solving Quadratics

## How many zeros?

How can we discriminate between quadratics with two distinct roots, two equal roots and no real roots using The Quadratic Formula?

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

We use the $\qquad$ .

| Two distinct roots | No real roots | Two equal roots |
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|  |  |  |
| The discriminant is | The discriminant is | The discriminant is |

Example: How many roots does each equation have?

$$
\begin{array}{l|l|l}
f(x)=-2 x^{2}+12 x-18 & g(x)=2 x^{2}+6 x-8 & h(x)=x^{2}-4 x+7
\end{array}
$$

## Using $a$ and $k$

