



**Solving the Linear**,  $ax + b = 0$ :  $x = -b/a$ :

`In[*]:= First@Solve[a x + b == 0, x]`

`Out[*]= {x -> -b/a}`

**Solving the Quadratic**,  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ :  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ ;  $\delta = \sqrt{\Delta}$ ;  $x = \frac{\delta - b}{2a}$ :

`In[*]:= First@Solve[a x^2 + b x + c == 0, x]`

`Out[*]= {x -> (-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4 a c)) / (2 a)}`

**Solving the Cubic**,  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ :  $\Delta = 27a^2d^2 - 18abcd + 4ac^3 + 4b^3d - b^2c^2$ ;  $\delta = \sqrt{\Delta}$ ;  $\Gamma = 27a^2d - 9abc + 3\sqrt{3}a\delta + 2b^3$ ;  $\gamma = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\Gamma}{2}}$ ;  $x = -\frac{b^2 - 3ac + b + \gamma}{3a}$ :

`In[*]:= First@Solve[a x^3 + b x^2 + c x + d == 0, x]`

`Out[*]= {x -> -b / (3 a) - (2^{1/3} (-b^2 + 3 a c)) / (3 a (-2 b^3 + 9 a b c - 27 a^2 d + sqrt(4 (-b^2 + 3 a c)^3 + (-2 b^3 + 9 a b c - 27 a^2 d)^2))^{1/3} + (-2 b^3 + 9 a b c - 27 a^2 d + sqrt(4 (-b^2 + 3 a c)^3 + (-2 b^3 + 9 a b c - 27 a^2 d)^2))^{1/3} / (3 * 2^{1/3} a)}`

**Solving the Quartic**,  $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$ :  $\Delta_0 = 12ae - 3bd + c^2$ ;  $\Delta_1 = -72ace + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 9bcd + 2c^3$ ;  $\Delta_2 = \frac{1}{27}(\Delta_1^2 - 4\Delta_0^3)$ ;  $u = \frac{8ac - 3b^2}{8a^2}$ ;  $v = \frac{8a^2d - 4abc + b^3}{8a^3}$ ;  $\delta_2 = \sqrt{\Delta_2}$ ;  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(3\sqrt{3}\delta_2 + \Delta_1)$ ;  $q = \sqrt[3]{Q}$ ;  $S = \frac{\Delta_0 + q}{12a} - \frac{u}{6}$ ;  $s = \sqrt{S}$ ;  $\Gamma = -\frac{v}{s} - 4S - 2u$ ;  $\gamma = \sqrt{\Gamma}$ ;  $x = -\frac{b}{4a} + \frac{\gamma}{2} + s$ :

`In[*]:= First@Solve[a x^4 + b x^3 + c x^2 + d x + e == 0, x]`

`Out[*]= {x -> -b / (4 a) - 1 / 2 sqrt((b^2 / (4 a^2) - 2 c / (3 a) + (2^{1/3} (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e))) / (3 a (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e + sqrt(-4 (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e)^3 + (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e)^2))^{1/3}) + 1 / (3 * 2^{1/3} a) (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e + sqrt(-4 (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e)^3 + (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e)^2))^{1/3}) - 1 / 2 sqrt((b^2 / (4 a^2) - 4 c / (3 a) - (2^{1/3} (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e))) / (3 a (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e + sqrt(-4 (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e)^3 + (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e)^2))^{1/3}) - 1 / (3 * 2^{1/3} a) (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e + sqrt(-4 (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e)^3 + (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e)^2))^{1/3}) - (-b^3 / a^3 + 4 b c / a^2 - 8 d / a) / (4 sqrt((b^2 / (4 a^2) - 2 c / (3 a) + (2^{1/3} (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e))) / (3 a (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e + sqrt(-4 (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e)^3 + (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e)^2))^{1/3}) + 1 / (3 * 2^{1/3} a) (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e + sqrt(-4 (c^2 - 3 b d + 12 a e)^3 + (2 c^3 - 9 b c d + 27 a d^2 + 27 b^2 e - 72 a c e)^2))^{1/3}))}`

**Solving the Quintic**,  $ax^5 + bx^4 + cx^3 + dx^2 + ex + f = 0$ : An even bigger monster? Galois: Not in this universe.