

• Nature of Roots

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

- if $\Delta < 0 \rightarrow$ non-IR roots
- $\Delta = 0 \rightarrow$ equal roots
- $\Delta > 0 \rightarrow$ IR roots

if $\sqrt{\Delta} \Rightarrow$ perfect square $\rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$
not $\sqrt{\Delta} = \mathbb{Q}_1$

• Exponents & Surds.

$$\bullet x^m \cdot x^n = x^{m+n}$$

$$\bullet \frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n}$$

$$\bullet (x)^0 = 1$$

$$\bullet (2x)^m = 2^m x^m$$

$$\bullet \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^m = \frac{x^m}{y^m}$$

$$\bullet n^{-1} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\bullet \sqrt[3]{x^2} = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\bullet \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$\rightarrow$ simplest surd form (Do on calculator)

* Shift fact base nr's !!
(make product of primes)