SKILL PRACTICE

- 1. VOCABULARY Write the quadratic formula and circle the expression that represents the discriminant.
- *Explain* how the discriminant of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is related to the graph of $\dot{v} = ax^2 + bx + c$.

EXAMPLES 1 and 2

on pp. 678-679 for Exs. 3-21

USING THE DISCRIMINANT Tell whether the equation has two solutions, one solution, or no solution.

3.
$$x^2 + x + 1 = 0$$

4.
$$2x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$$

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 5. $-2x^2 + 8x - 4 = 0$

6.
$$3m^2 - 6m + 7 = 0$$

7.
$$9v^2 - 6v + 1 = 0$$

8.
$$-3q^2 + 8 = 0$$

9.
$$25p^2 - 16p = 0$$
 10. $2h^2 + 3 = 4h$ **11.** $10 = x^2 - 5x$

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12.
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13.
$$-3g^2 - 4g = \frac{4}{5}$$

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 13. $-3g^2 - 4g = \frac{4}{3}$ **14.** $8r^2 + 10r - 1 = 4r$

15.
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 16. $8x^2 + 9 = 4x^2 - 4x + 8$ **17.** $w^2 - 7w + 29 = 4 - 7w$

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18. TAKS REASONING What is the value of the discriminant of the equation $5x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$?

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 -9

19. \clubsuit TAKS REASONING How many solutions does $-x^2 + 4x = 8$ have?

ERROR ANALYSIS Describe and correct the error in finding the number of solutions of the equation.

20.
$$4x^2 + 12x + 9 = 0$$

$$b^{2} - 4ac = 12^{2} - 4(4)(9)$$

$$= 144 - 144$$

$$= 0$$

21.
$$3x^2 - 7x - 4 = -9$$

$$b^{2} - 4ac = (-7)^{2} - 4(3)(-4)$$

$$= 49 - (-48)$$

$$= 97$$

The equation has two solutions.

EXAMPLE 3

on p. 679 for Exs. 22-30

FINDING THE NUMBER OF x-INTERCEPTS Find the number of x-intercepts of the graph of the function.

22.
$$y = x^2 - 2x - 4$$

23.
$$y = 2x^2 - x - 1$$

24.
$$y = 4x^2 + 4x + 1$$

25.
$$y = 2x^2 - 5x + 5$$

26.
$$y = x^2 - 6x + 9$$

27.
$$y = 6x^2 + x + 2$$

28.
$$y = -13x^2 + 2x + 6$$
 29. $y = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - 3x + 9$

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30.
$$y = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - 5x + 12$$

REASONING Give a value of c for which the equation has (a) two solutions, (b) one solution, and (c) no solution.

31.
$$x^2 - 2x + c = 0$$

32.
$$x^2 - 8x + c = 0$$

33.
$$4x^2 + 12x + c = 0$$