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We have $a = 9$, $b = -4$, and $c = -14$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}b^2 - 4ac &= (-4)^2 - 4(9)(-14) \\ &= 16 + 504 \\ &= 520.\end{aligned}$$

Note that the discriminant is positive, so this equation has two distinct real solutions.

Using the quadratic formula,

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm 2\sqrt{130}}{2(9)}.$$

So, the two real solutions are $\frac{2+\sqrt{130}}{9}$ and $\frac{2-\sqrt{130}}{9}$.

b) $3x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$

We have $a = 3$, $b = 4$, and $c = 2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}b^2 - 4ac &= 4^2 - 4(3)(2) \\ &= 16 - 24 \\ &= -8.\end{aligned}$$

The discriminant is negative, so there will be two complex solutions.

Using the quadratic formula,

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-8}}{2(3)}.$$

So, the two complex solutions are $-\frac{2}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}i$ and $-\frac{2}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}i$.

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