

Algebra II
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Section 5.4
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Objectives

- Solve quadratic equations by completing the square.
- Write quadratic equations in vertex form.

Vocabulary

Completing the square.

Example 1

Solving Equations by Using the Square Root Property

Solve each equation.

a) $3x^2 - 4 = 68$

b) $x^2 - 10x + 25 = 27$

Try it!

Solving Equations by Using the Square Root Property

Solve each equation.

a) $4x^2 - 20 = 5$

b) $x^2 + 8x + 16 = 49$

Completing the Square		
Words	Numbers	Algebra
To complete the square of $x^2 + bx$, add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$	$x^2 + 6x + ?$ $x^2 + 6x + \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2$ $x^2 + 6x + 9$ $(x - 3)^2$	$x^2 + bx + ?$ $x^2 + bx + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ $\left(x - \frac{b}{2}\right)^2$

Example 2

Completing the Square

Complete the Square for each expression. Write the resulting expression as a binomial squared.

a) $x^2 - 2x + ?$

Find $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{-2}{2}\right)^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$

Add $x^2 - 2x + 1$

Factor $(x - 1)^2$

Check: Find the square of the binomial

$$(x - 1)^2 = (x - 1)(x - 1) = x^2 - 2x + 1$$

b) $x^2 + 5x + ?$

Find $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{4}$

Add $x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4}$

Factor $\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2$

Check: Find the square of the binomial

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right) = x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4}$$

Try it!

Complete the Square for each expression. Write the resulting expression as a binomial squared.

a) $x^2 + 4x + ?$

Find $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 =$

Add

Factor

Check: Find the square of the binomial

b) $x^2 - 4x + ?$

c) $x^2 + 3x + ?$

Solving Quadratic Equations $ax^2 + bx + c$ by Completing the Square

1. Collect the variable terms on one side of the equation and constants on the other.
2. As needed, divide both sides by a to make the coefficient of the term x^2 term 1.
3. Complete the square by adding $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to both sides of the equation.
4. Factor the variable expression as a perfect square.
5. Take the square root of both sides of the equation.
6. Solve for the values of the variable.

Example 3 Solving a Quadratic Equation by Completing the Square.

a) $x^2 = 27 - 6x$
 $x^2 + 6x = 27$ **Collect variable terms on one side.**
 $x^2 + 6x + [] = 27 + []$ **Set up to complete the square.**
 $x^2 + 6x + \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2 = 27 + \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2$ **Add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to both sides.**
 $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 27 + 9$ **Simplify.**
 $(x + 3)^2 = 36$ **Factor**
 $x + 3 = \pm\sqrt{36}$ **Take the square root of both sides**
 $x + 3 = \pm 6$ **Simplify.**
 $x + 3 = 6$ **or** $x + 3 = -6$ **Solve for x .**
 $x = 3$ **or** $x = -9$

b) $2x^2 + 8x = 12$

Try it!

Solving each equation by completing the square.

a) $x^2 - 2 = 9x$

b) $3x^2 - 24x = 27$

Example 4 **Writing a Quadratic Function in Vertex Form.**

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 10x - 13$

b) $g(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 3$

Try it! a) $f(x) = x^2 + 24x + 145$

b) $g(x) = 5x^2 - 50x + 128$