

Completing the square method allows us to factor an expression that is initially unfactorable

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- 4) Add spaces "+ ___" to the equation: $x^2 + bx + __ = c + __$
- 5) Find $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ and enter this value into the blank spaces ___ on both sides of the equation
- 6) Rewrite left side in factored form and add the numbers on the right side
- 7) take the $\sqrt{\quad}$ of both sides (don't forget \pm)
- 8) solve for x

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Find $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ and factor the expression

1. $x^2 + 4x + ______$

2. $x^2 - 10x + ______$

3. $x^2 + 8x + ______$

Examples: Solve by completing the square method:

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3. $x^2 - 4x - 15 = 0$

4. $2x^2 + 32x - 8 = 0$

5. $5x^2 - 20x - 30 = 0$

6. $2x^2 + 16x = 6$

Completing the Square WS #1 Homework

January 22, 2015 (Thurs)

Solve for x below using completing the square method:

1. $3x^2 - 12x - 18 = 0$

2. $x^2 + 24x - 4 = 0$

3. $3x^2 - 12x - 15 = 0$

4. $x^2 + 14x - 100 = 0$

$$5. 3x^2 - 24x - 3 = 0$$

$$6. 5x^2 - 20 + 60x = 0$$

$$7. -16 + 2x^2 + 4x = 0$$

$$8. 4x^2 + 64x - 12 = 0$$

Key

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1. $x^2 + 4x + \underline{4}$

$b=4$

$\left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = 4$

2. $x^2 - 10x + \underline{25}$

$\left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2 = 5^2 = 25$

3. $x^2 + 8x + \underline{16}$

$\left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^2 = (4)^2 = 16$

Examples: Solve by completing the square method:

1. $x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$

$x^2 - 4x + \underline{4} = -2 + \underline{4}$

$\left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = 2^2 = 4$

$(x-2)(x-2) = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \quad 4 \quad -2 \\ \times \\ \hline 1 \quad -4 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

$\sqrt{(x-2)^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$x-2 = \pm\sqrt{2}$

$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$

2. $x^2 + 12x - 1 = 0$

$\left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2$

6^2

$x^2 + 12x + \underline{36} = 1 + \underline{36}$

$(x+6)(x+6) = 37$

$\sqrt{(x+6)^2} = \sqrt{37}$

$x+6 = \pm\sqrt{37}$

$x = -6 \pm \sqrt{37}$

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3. $x^2 - 4x - 15 = 0$

$$x^2 - 4x + \underline{4} = 15 + \underline{4} \quad \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = 2^2$$

$$(x-2)(x-2) = 19$$

$$\sqrt{(x-2)^2} = \sqrt{19}$$

$$x-2 = \pm\sqrt{19}$$

$$\boxed{x = 2 \pm \sqrt{19}}$$

4. $\frac{2x^2}{2} + \frac{32x}{2} - \frac{8}{2} = 0$

$$x^2 + 16x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 16x + \underline{64} = 4 + \underline{64} \quad \left(\frac{16}{2}\right)^2 = 8^2 = 64$$

$$\sqrt{(x+8)^2} = \sqrt{68}$$

$$x+8 = \pm\sqrt{68}$$

$$\boxed{x = -8 \pm \sqrt{68}}$$

5. $\frac{5x^2}{5} - \frac{20x}{5} + \frac{30}{5} = 0$

$$x^2 - 4x + 6 = 0$$

$$\boxed{5x^2 - 20x - 30 = 0}$$

$$x^2 - 4x + \underline{\quad} = -6 + \underline{\quad}$$

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

$$x^2 - 4x + \underline{4} = 6 + \underline{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = 2^2 = 4$$

$$(x-2)^2 = 10$$

$$x-2 = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

6. $\frac{2x^2}{2} + \frac{16x}{2} = \frac{6}{2}$

$$x^2 + 8x = 3$$

$$x^2 + 8x + \underline{16} = 3 + \underline{16} \quad \left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

$$(x+4)^2 = 19$$

$$x+4 = \pm\sqrt{19}$$

$$\boxed{x = -4 \pm \sqrt{19}}$$

$$3x^2 - 12x - 18 = 0$$

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$$1. \frac{3x^2}{3} - \frac{12x}{3} + 18 = 0$$

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

$$x^2 - 4x = 6$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 6 + 4 \quad \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^2 = 4$$

$$(x-2)^2 = 10$$

$$x-2 = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

$$2. x^2 + 24x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 24x + 144 = 4 + 144 \quad \left(\frac{24}{2}\right)^2 = 12^2 = 144$$

$$(x+12)^2 = 148$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{148}$$

$$x = -12 \pm \sqrt{148}$$

$$3. \frac{3x^2}{3} - \frac{12x}{3} - \frac{15}{3} = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\sqrt{(x-2)^2} = \pm\sqrt{9}$$

$$x-2 = \pm 3$$

$$x = 2 + \sqrt{3} \quad \text{not}$$

$$2 \pm 3$$

$$x = 5, -1$$

$$4. x^2 + 14x + 100 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 14x + 49 = -100 + 49 \quad \left(\frac{14}{2}\right)^2 = 7^2$$

$$(x+7)^2 = 149$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{149} - 7$$

$$x = -7 \pm \sqrt{149}$$

$$5. \frac{3x^2}{3} - \frac{24x}{3} - \frac{3}{3} = 0$$

$$x^2 - 8x - 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 = 1 + 16$$

$$(x-4)^2 = 17$$

$$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{17}$$

$$\left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

$$6. \frac{5x^2}{5} - \frac{20}{5} + \frac{60x}{5} = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4 + 12x = 0$$

$$x^2 + 12x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 12x + 36 = 4 + 36$$

$$(x+6)^2 = 40$$

$$x+6 = \pm\sqrt{40}$$

$$x = -6 \pm \sqrt{40}$$

$$\left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2 = 6^2 = 36$$

$$-16 + 2x^2 + 4x = 0$$

$$7. -16 + 2x^2 + 4x = 0$$

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} + \frac{4x}{2} - 16 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x = 8$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 8 + 1$$

$$(x+1)^2 = 9$$

$$x = -1 \pm 3$$

$$8. 4x^2 + 64x - 12 = 0$$

$$\frac{4x^2}{4} + \frac{64x}{4} - \frac{12}{4} = 0$$

$$x^2 + 16x - 3 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 16x - 3 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 16x + 64 = 3 + 64$$

$$(x+8)^2 = 67$$

$$x = -8 \pm \sqrt{67}$$

$$\left(\frac{16}{2}\right)^2 = 8^2 = 64$$