

Algebra 2 Review: Completing the Square

General Steps for Completing the Square:

**GOAL: Create a perfect square trinomial (ex: $x^2 + 6x + 9$) that will factor into $(x + 3)^2$ Example 1: Write each equation in vertex form: $(x - h)^2 = a(y - k)$ [or] $(y - k)^2 = a(x - h)$ by completing the square.

a) $y = x^2 + 6x + 8$

$$y = (x^2 + 6x + 9) + 8 - 9$$

$$y = (x + 3)^2 - 1$$

OR

$$y - 8 + 9 = (x^2 + 6x + 9)$$

$$(y + 1) = (x + 3)^2$$

b) $y = 2x^2 + 6x + 6$

$$y - 6 + 4.50 = 2(x^2 + 3x + 2.25)$$

$$\frac{(y - 1.50)}{2} = 2(x + 1.5)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(y - 1.50) = (x + 1.5)^2$$

c) $y = 2x^2 - 10x + 5$

$$y - 5 + 12.50 = 2(x^2 - 5x + 6.25)$$

$$\frac{(y + 6.50)}{2} = 2(x - 2.5)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(y + 6.50) = (x - 2.5)^2$$

d) $y = -\frac{1}{4}x^2 + 3x + 6$

$$y - 6 + \frac{-9}{4} = -\frac{1}{4}(x^2 - 12x + 36)$$

$$(-4)(y - 15) = -\frac{1}{4}(x - 6)^2 (-4)$$

$$-4(y - 15) = (x - 6)^2$$

e) $3y^2 + 6y + 15 = 12x$

$$3(y^2 + 2y + 1) = 12x - 15 + 3$$

$$3(y + 1)^2 = 12x - 12$$

$$\frac{3(y + 1)^2}{3} = \frac{12(x - 1)}{3}$$

$$(y + 1)^2 = 4(x - 1)$$

Example 2: Complete the square for both x and y to write each equation in vertex form:

$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = 1 \quad [\text{or}] \quad \frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

a) $4x^2 + y^2 - 24x + 4y + 24 = 0$

$$4x^2 - 24x + \underline{\quad} + y^2 + 4y + \underline{4} = -24 + \underline{\quad} + \underline{4}$$

$$4(x^2 - 6x + \underline{9}) + (y+2)^2 = -20 + \underline{36}$$

$$\frac{4(x-3)^2}{16} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{16} = \frac{16}{16}$$

$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{16} = 1$$

b) $x^2 + 4y^2 + 4x - 40y + 103 = 0$

$$x^2 + 4x + \underline{4} + 4(y^2 - 10y + \underline{25}) = -103 + \underline{4} + \underline{100}$$

$$(x+2)^2 + 4(y-5)^2 = 1$$

c) $x^2 + y^2 - 12x + 10y + 12 = 0$

$$x^2 - 12x + \underline{36} + y^2 + 10y + \underline{25} = -12 + \underline{36} + \underline{25}$$

$$(x-6)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 49$$

d) $25x^2 - 16y^2 + 100x + 96y = 144$

$$25(x^2 + 4x + \underline{4}) - 16(y^2 - 6y + \underline{9}) = 144 + \underline{100} + \underline{-144}$$

$$\frac{25(x+2)^2}{100} - \frac{16(y-3)^2}{100} = \frac{100}{100}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)^2}{4} - \frac{4(y-3)^2}{25} = 1$$

e) $2x^2 - 3y^2 - 12x = 36$

$$2(x^2 - 6x + \underline{9}) - 3y^2 = 36 + \underline{18}$$

$$\frac{2(x-3)^2}{54} - \frac{3y^2}{54} = \frac{54}{54}$$

$$\frac{2(x-3)^2}{54} - \frac{y^2}{18} = 1$$

Complete the square for the variable(s) in each equation.

1) $y = x^2 + 18x - 9$

$$y = (x^2 + 18x + \underline{81}) - 9 + \underline{-81}$$

$$y = (x+9)^2 - 90$$

OR

$$y + 90 = (x+9)^2$$

2) $y = 2x^2 - 12x + 17$

$$y = 2(x^2 - 6x + \underline{9}) + 17 + \underline{-18}$$

$$y = 2(x-3)^2 - 1$$

OR

$$\frac{1}{2}(y+1) = (x-3)^2$$

3) $y = -3x^2 + 24x$

$$y = -3(x^2 - 8x + \underline{16}) + \underline{48}$$

$$y = -3(x-4)^2 + 48$$

OR

$$\frac{1}{3}(y-48) = (x-4)^2$$

4) $y^2 - 4y + 4x + 4 = 0$

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

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

5) $3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6x + 12y = 0$

$$3(x^2 - 2x + \underline{1}) + 3(y^2 + 4y + \underline{4}) = 0 + \underline{3} + \underline{12}$$

$$\frac{3(x-1)^2}{15} + \frac{3(y+2)^2}{15} = \frac{15}{15}$$

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{5} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{5} = 1$$

6) $4x^2 - y^2 - 4y + 8x - 4 = 0$

$$4(x^2 + 2x + \underline{1}) - (y^2 + 4y + \underline{4}) = 4 + \underline{4} + \underline{-4}$$

$$\frac{4(x+1)^2}{4} - \frac{(y+2)^2}{4} = \frac{4}{4}$$

$$(x+1)^2 - \frac{(y+2)^2}{4} = 1$$

$$7) (x^2 + 4x) + (y^2 - 2y) = 0$$

$$(x^2 + 4x + \underline{4}) + (y^2 - 2y + \underline{1}) = 0 + \underline{4} + \underline{1}$$

$$(x+2)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 5$$

$$8) x^2 - 4x = y + 4$$

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

$$(x-2)^2 = y + 8$$

OR

$$y = (x-2)^2 - 8$$

$$9) x^2 + 3y^2 + 8x - 6y = 5$$

$$(x^2 + 8x + \underline{16}) + 3(y^2 - 2y + \underline{1}) = 5 + \underline{16} + \underline{3}$$

$$\frac{(x+4)^2}{24} + \frac{3(y-1)^2}{24} = \frac{24}{24}$$

$$\frac{(x+4)^2}{24} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{8} = 1$$

$$10) 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 8x + 7 = 0$$

$$2(x^2 + 4x + \underline{4}) + 2y^2 = -7 + \underline{8}$$

$$\frac{2(x+2)^2}{2} + \frac{2y^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(x+2)^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$