

# Complete the Square I

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## Completing the Square:

It's baaaack...

If you have an equation that does not have an  $x$  term, only an  $x^2$  term, we can take the square root and solve directly.

*if you add the square root you must add  $\pm$*

$$Ax^2 + Bx + C$$
$$2x^2 = 8$$
$$x^2 = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$
$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{4}$$
$$x = \pm 2$$
$$2(2)^2 = 8$$
$$2(4) = 8 \quad \checkmark$$
$$2(-2)^2 = 8$$
$$2(4) = 8 \quad \checkmark$$

Here's what you gotta do:

1. Isolate the squared term.
2. Square root both sides
  - > Remember if you add the square root there are two possible answers  $\pm$  must be taken into account.
3. Solve it.

$$18 - 5x^2 = -27$$
$$-5x^2 = -27 - 18$$
$$x^2 = \frac{-27 - 18}{-5}$$
$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{9}$$
$$x = \pm 3$$

$$(2x+3)^2 - 25 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(2x+3)^2} = \sqrt{\pm 25}$$

$$2x+3 = \pm 5$$

$$2x+3 = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+3 = -5$$

$$2x = 5-3$$

$$x = \frac{5-3}{2} = 1$$

$$2x = -5-3$$

$$x = \frac{-5-3}{2} = -4$$

Does this look familiar?

$$(x+3)^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(x+3)^2} = \sqrt{\pm 9}$$

$$x+3 = \pm 3$$

$$x+3 = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad x+3 = -3$$

$$x = 3-3 = 0$$

$$x = -3-3 = -6$$

You do these two:

$$x^2 + 9 = 0$$

D.N.E.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot 2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$3x^2 = 8$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{4} \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}} = \pm \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

$$\frac{3x^2 - 2}{6} = 0$$

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

$$3x^2 = 2$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

Given the roots, find the equation:

$$(x \pm \sqrt{5})^2$$

$$x^2 = 5$$

$$x^2 - 5 = 0$$

$$(3x-2)(3x-2)$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{6}}{3}$$

$$3x = 2 \pm \sqrt{6}$$

$$(3x-2)^2 = (\pm \sqrt{6})^2$$

$$(3x-2)^2 = 6$$

$$\underline{1x^2} - \underline{6x} - \underline{6x} + \underline{4} = 6$$

$$9x^2 - 12x + 4 - 6 = 0$$

$$9x^2 - 12x - 2 = 0$$

HW: pg240  
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