

T25 – Algebra of Quadratics – Completing the Square

IB Math SL1 - Santowski

Fast Five

- Find the range of the parabola $y = -2(x - 4)(x + R)$
- Find the minimum point of $y = x^2 - bx + 4$
- Given the equation $4 + 7 = 11$
- Identify which properties of real numbers are highlighted by the following statements:
 - (1) $4 + 7 + 0 = 11$
 - (2) $4 + 7 + 3 - 3 = 11$

Fast Five

- (1) the axis of symmetry is $x = 0.5(-4R) = -2R$
- Therefore $f(-2R) = -2(-2R - 4)(-2R + R) = (4R + 8)(R)$
- So the vertex is $(-2R, 4R^2 + 8R)$ making the range $y \leq 4R^2 + 8R$
- (2) the axis of symmetry of $y = x^2 - bx + 4$ is $x = b/2$, so $f(b/2) = b^2/4 - b(b/2) + 4 = 4 - b^2/4$
- So the minimum point is $(b/2, 4 - b^2/4)$

Lesson Objectives

- Understand the rationale behind the completing the square technique: converting from standard form to vertex form
- Review the completing the square method for the equation/expression $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ when $a=1$ and when a is not equal to 1
- Explain the graphic significance of the vertex form of the eqn $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$
- Solving Eqn (algebra/graphic connection)

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(A) Review

- A perfect square is the product of something multiplied by itself, such as $25 = 5^2$.
- Recall that a perfect square trinomial is one in the form as follows:
 - EXPAND:
 - $(x - R)^2 = x^2 - 2Rx + R^2$
 - $(x + R)^2 = x^2 + 2Rx + R^2$
 - FACTOR:
 - $x^2 - 2Rx + R^2 = (x - R)^2$
 - $x^2 + 2Rx + R^2 = (x + R)^2$

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(B) Looking for Patterns

- Expand $(x + 10)^2$ using FOIL.
- Write in words the three steps you take to expand a binomial squared.
 - 1) to get the first term of the quadratic:
 - 2) to get the second term of the quadratic:
 - 3) to get the third/last term of the quadratic:

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(B) Looking for Patterns

- Consider the following equivalent forms (factored & expanded) → what patterns do we see?

| Factored form (binomial squared) | Expanded form (trinomial) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| $(x + 1)^2$ | $x^2 + 2x + 1$ |
| $(x - 2)^2$ | $x^2 - 4x + 4$ |
| $(x + 3)^2$ | $x^2 + 6x + 9$ |
| $(x - 4)^2$ | $x^2 - 8x + 16$ |
| $(x - 5)^2$ | $x^2 - 10x + 25$ |
| $(x + 6)^2$ | $x^2 + 12x + 36$ |

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(B) Looking for Patterns

- Expand the following:

| | |
|----------------|--|
| $(x - 2n)^2$ | |
| $(x + h)^2$ | |
| $(x - b/2a)^2$ | |

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(C) Graphic Significance of Perfect Square Trinomials

- Given the quadratic $f(x) = (x \pm R)^2$
- or $f(x) = x^2 \pm 2Rx + R^2$, we see the following graph:

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(D) Completing the Square Technique

- The phrase “completing the square” refers to the sequence of steps performed on a quadratic expression in order to write it in **the different but equivalent form** of the square of a binomial.
- For example: $x^2 + 12x = x^2 + 12x + 36 - 36 = (x + 6)^2 - 36$
- The choice to add/subtract the number 36 is based on the pattern you have discovered on previous slides.

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(D) Completing the Square Technique

- Are the 2 equations equivalent?

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(E) C/S → Steps Involved

- Example: Complete the square on $x^2 + 12x + 5$
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- Isolate the $x^2 + bx$ terms
 - $(x^2 + 6x) + 5$
- Take $1/2$ of b/a , square it, and add and subtract it within the parentheses:
 - $=(x^2 + 6x + 3^2 - 3^2) + 5$
 - $=(x^2 + 6x + 9 - 9) + 5$
- Factor the 1st three terms in the parentheses and distribute the a over the 4th term:
 - $=(x^2 + 6x + 9) - (9) + 5$
- Simplify the constant term:
 - $=(x + 3)^2 - 4$

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(E) C/S → Steps Involved

- Example: Complete the square on $2x^2 + 12x + 5$
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- 1. Factor the coefficient of x^2 : $2(x^2 + 6x) + 5$
- 2. Take $\frac{1}{2}$ of b/a , square it, and add and subtract it within the parentheses: $2(x^2 + 6x + 3^2 - 3^2) + 5 = 2(x^2 + 6x + 9 - 9) + 5$
- 3. Factor the 1st three terms in the parentheses and distribute the a over the 4th term: $2(x^2 + 6x + 9) - 2(9) + 5$
- 4. Simplify the constant term: $2(x + 3)^2 - 13$

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(F) Practice

- Complete the square on each of the following. Verify by expanding. (In other words, change the form of the equation from standard to vertex form)
- 1. $2x^2 + 8x$
- 2. $-x^2 + 12x + 5$
- 3. $-x^2 - x - 1$
- 4. $3x^2 - 30x$
- 5. $6x^2 + 42x$

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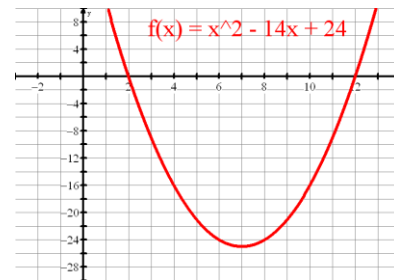
(F) Practice

- Given the quadratic function $f(x) = x^2 - 14x + 24$, change the equation to vertex form to determine the:
 - (i) domain
 - (ii) range
 - (iii) vertex
 - (iv) maximum/minimum point
 - (v) maximum/minimum value
- Do you REALLY need to change the equation to find these features????

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(F) Practice



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(F) Practice

- Do you REALLY need to change $f(x) = x^2 - 14x + 25$ to find the
 - (i) domain
 - (ii) range
 - (iii) vertex
 - (iv) maximum/minimum point
 - (v) maximum/minimum value
- Fair enough → Find the x -intercepts of $f(x)$!!!

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(G) Solving Using C/S

- Let's back to the basic idea of $x^2 = 9$ → in other words, there exists some perfect square of 9
- Alternatively, what number(s) when squared (multiplied by itself) yields a 9?
- Clearly, the number(s) in question are +3 and -3
- What if we had the equation $(x + 2)^2 = 9$?
- Again, the expression $(x + 2)$ has two values → +3 or -3
- So that $x + 2 = +3$ → $x = 1$
- Or that $x + 2 = -3$ → $x = -5$

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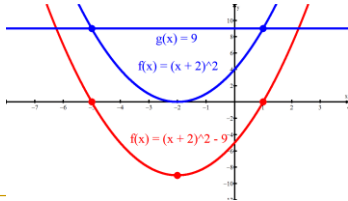
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(G) Solving Using C/S

- With the given equation $(x + 2)^2 = 9$, let's consider the graphical connection if I present the equations:

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

- (ii) $\begin{cases} g(x) = 9 \\ f(x) = (x + 2)^2 \end{cases}$



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(G) Solving Using C/S

- Solve the following equations:

- 1. $0 = 2(x - 3)^2 - 32$

- 2. $0 = -4x^2 + 10x - 3$

- 3. $-x^2 = 22x + 121$

- 4. Solve the system defined by $-x^2 = 22x + 121$

- 5. Determine the roots of $g(x) = x^2 + 22x + 100$

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(H) Working with Parameters

- Given $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, use the C/S method to rewrite the equation in vertex form, $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$, and thereby determine h and k in terms of a, b & c
- Use the C/S method to rewrite $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ in factored form, $f(x) = a(x - R_1)(x - R_2)$, and thereby determine R_1 and R_2 in terms of a, b , & c .

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(I) Quadratic Modeling

- The path of a baseball thrown at a batter by Mr S is modeled by the equation $h(d) = -0.004d^2 + 0.06d + 2$, where h is the height in m and d is the horizontal distance of the ball in meters from the batter.
 - (a) what is the maximum height reached by the baseball?
 - (b) What is the horizontal distance of the ball from the batter when the ball reaches its maximum height?
 - (c) How far from the ground is the ball when I release the pitch?
 - (d) How high above the ground is the ball when the ball reaches the batter if she stands

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(I) Quadratic Modeling

- Student council plans to hold a talent show to raise money for charity. Last year, they sold tickets for \$11 each and 400 people attended. Student council decides to raise ticket prices for this year's talent show. The council has determined that for every \$1 increase in price, the attendance would decrease by 20 people. What ticket price will maximize the revenue from the talent show?

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(J) Problem Solving

- (1) If $f(x) = x^2 + kx + 3$, determine the value(s) of k for which the minimum value of the function is an integer. Explain your reasoning
- (2) If $y = -4x^2 + kx - 1$, determine the value(s) of k for which the minimum value of the function is an integer. Explain your reasoning

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Homework

- HW:
- Ex 8B.2, Q1a,c,e; Q2a,c,e,f
- Ex 8C, Q1a,c,e,f; Q2a,c,e; Q3a,c
- Ex 8D.2, Q1a,c,e; Q2a,c,h; Q3a,d