

Journal Entry:

If a quadratic equation has a pair of values of 6 and -3 as its roots (zeros), what is the quadratic equation?

What would the quadratic equation be that has -6 as its only root?

Section 4-6 Completing the Square

Students will be able to:

- solve equations by completing the square
- rewrite functions by completing the square

You can solve equations that contain a perfect square by taking square roots.

Solve:

$$7x^2 - 10 = 25$$

$$+10 \quad +10$$

$$\frac{7x^2}{7} = \frac{35}{7}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

$$2x^2 + 9 = 13$$

$$-9 \quad -9$$

$$\frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{4}{2}$$

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

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

$$(x-4)^2 - 10 = 5$$

$$+10 \quad +10$$

$$\sqrt{(x-4)^2} = \sqrt{15}$$

$$x-4 = \pm\sqrt{15}$$

$$+4 \quad +4$$

$$x = 4 \pm\sqrt{15}$$

Write as a perfect square trinomial to solve:

$$x^2 - 14x + 49 = 25$$

$$\sqrt{(x-7)^2} = \sqrt{25}$$

$$x-7 = \pm 5 + 7$$

$$x = 5 + 7 = 12$$

$$x = -5 + 7 = 2$$

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Another way to solve quadratic equations is to write them as the square of a binomial. This can be done by completing the square, forming a perfect square trinomial.

Remember, a perfect square trinomial has the first and third terms that are perfect squares and the middle term is twice their products.

If $x^2 + bx$ is not part of a perfect square trinomial, you can use the coefficient b to find c and force it to become a perfect square trinomial. This is called **completing the square**.

$$x^2 + bx + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2$$

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

Complete the square:

$$x^2 + 20x + 100 = (x + 10)^2$$

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

Solve by completing the square:

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#34. $x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0 + 3$
 $x^2 + 6x + 3^2 = 3 + 9$
 $(x + 3)^2 = 12$
 $x + 3 = -3 \pm \sqrt{12}$
 $x = -3 \pm \sqrt{12}$

#41. $x^2 + 2 = 6x + 4$
 $x^2 - 6x + 3^2 = 2 + 9$
 $(x - 3)^2 = 11$
 $x - 3 = \pm \sqrt{11}$
 $x = 3 \pm \sqrt{11}$

Solve by completing the square.

#68. $5x^2 - x = 4$
 $x^2 - \frac{1}{5}x + \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{100}$
 $\left(x - \frac{1}{10}\right)^2 = \frac{81}{100}$
 $x - \frac{1}{10} = \pm \frac{9}{10} + \frac{1}{10}$
 $x = \frac{9}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = 1$
 $x = -\frac{9}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = -\frac{8}{10} = -\frac{4}{5}$

Completing the square can be used to write a quadratic in vertex form.

vertex form: $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$

#47. $y = 2x^2 - 8x + 1$

$$y = 2(x^2 - 4x + 2^2) + 1 - 8$$

$$y = 2(x - 2)^2 - 7$$

vertex = $(2, -7)$
 Axis $x = 2$

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