

Steps to follow when solving by Completing the Square:

1. Get the equation into the following form: $x^2 + bx = c$
2. Complete the square so the equation becomes: $(x - h)^2 = k$
3. Solve for x using Square Roots.

$$ax^2 + bx = c$$

To solve by completing the square you MUST have

$$a = 1$$

Solving by completing the square is easiest if:

b is even

Solve by Completing the Square.

$$x^2 + 14x - 3 = 0$$

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$$+3 \quad +3$$

$$x^2 + 14x + 49 = 3 + 49$$

Complete the square $(x+7)^2$

$$\sqrt{(x+7)^2} = \sqrt{52} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 13}$$

$$x+7 = \pm 2\sqrt{13}$$

$$x = -7 \pm 2\sqrt{13}$$

Solve by Completing the Square.

$$x^2 - 20x + 7 = 0$$

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$$-7 \quad -7$$

$$x^2 - 20x + 100 = -7 + 100$$

Complete the square $(x-10)^2$

$$\sqrt{(x-10)^2} = \sqrt{93}$$

$$x-10 = \pm \sqrt{93}$$

$$x = 10 \pm \sqrt{93}$$

Solve by Completing the Square. $2x^2 - 36x + 10 = 0$

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$-10 \quad -10$

$$\frac{2x^2 - 36x}{2} = \frac{-10}{2}$$

$$x^2 - 18x + 81 = -5 + 81$$

Complete the square
 $(x-9)^2$

$$\sqrt{(x-9)^2} = \sqrt{76} \rightarrow \sqrt{4 \cdot 19}$$

$$x-9 = \pm 2\sqrt{19}$$

$+9 \quad +9$

$$x = 9 \pm 2\sqrt{19}$$

Solve by Completing the Square. $x^2 + 21 = -10x$

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$$x^2 + 10x + 25 = -21 + 25$$

Complete the square
 $(x+5)^2$

$$\sqrt{(x+5)^2} = \sqrt{4}$$

$$x+5 = \pm 2$$

$$x = -3, -7$$

$+2-5 \quad -2-5$

Solve by Completing the Square. $x^2 - 6x + 23 = 0$

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$-23 \quad -23$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = -23 + 9$$

Complete the square
 $(x-3)^2$

$$\sqrt{(x-3)^2} = \sqrt{-14}$$

$$x-3 = \pm i\sqrt{14}$$

$+3 \quad +3$

$$x = 3 \pm i\sqrt{14}$$

Solve this equation using any method.

$$x^2 + 2x - 1763 = 0$$

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$$\begin{array}{cc} -1763 & \\ +43 & -41 \\ \hline & +2 \end{array}$$

$$(x+43)(x-41) = 0$$

$$x = 41, -43$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 1763 = 0$$

$+1763 \quad +1763$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = +1763 + 1$$

Complete the square
 $(x+1)^2$

$$\sqrt{(x+1)^2} = \sqrt{1764}$$

$$x+1 = \pm 42$$

$-1 \quad -1$

$$x = 41, -43$$

$+42-1 \quad -42-1$

Rewrite this equation into Vertex Form:

$$y = x^2 + 10x - 7$$

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+7 +7

$$y + 7 + 25 = x^2 + 10x + 25$$

\downarrow \nearrow
 $(x+5)^2$ complete the square

$$y + 32 = (x+5)^2$$

-32 -32

$$y = (x+5)^2 - 32$$

Rewrite this equation into Vertex Form:

$$y = x^2 - 6x + 1$$

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-1 -1

$$y - 1 + 9 = x^2 - 6x + 9$$

\downarrow \nearrow
 $(x-3)^2$ complete the square

$$y + 8 = (x-3)^2$$

-8 -8

$$y = (x-3)^2 - 8$$

Rewrite this equation into Vertex Form:

$$y = 2x^2 - 12x - 11$$

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+11 +11

$$\frac{y+11}{2} = \frac{2x^2-12x}{2}$$

$$\frac{y+11}{2} + 9 = x^2 - 6x + 9$$

\downarrow \nearrow
 $(x-3)^2$ complete the square

$$\frac{y+11}{2} + 9 = (x-3)^2$$

-9 -9

$$2\left(\frac{y+11}{2}\right) = [(x-3)^2 - 9]2$$

$$y + 11 = 2(x-3)^2 - 18$$

-11 -11

$$y = 2(x-3)^2 - 29$$

You can now finish Hwk #17

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