

Class slides

Completing Square:

$$\text{ex: } 2x^2 + 8x - 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(x^2 + 4x) - 5 \\ \rightarrow & 2 \left[\left(x + \frac{b}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2} \right)^2 \right] - 5 \\ & 2 \left[\left(x + \frac{4}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{4}{2} \right)^2 \right] - 5 \\ & 2 \left[(x+2)^2 - 4 \right] - 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$2(x+2)^2 - 8 - 5$$

$$2(x+2)^2 - 13$$

$$\text{Ex 2: } x^2 + 10x - 24 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \left[\left(x + \frac{b}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2} \right)^2 - 24 \right]$$

$$\left(x + \frac{10}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{10}{2} \right)^2 - 24$$

$$\text{Ans: } \left[(x+5)^2 - 25 - 24 \right] = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(x+5)^2} = \sqrt{49}$$

$$x+5 = +7$$

$$x+5 = -7$$

Q3

Complete the square for

(i) $x^2 + 8x - 4$

(ii) $2x^2 + 12x - 5$

Q5. (iii) $5x^2 - 3x + 2$

$$5 \left(x^2 - \frac{3}{5}x \right) + 2$$

$$5 \left[\left(x - \frac{3}{10} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{10} \right)^2 \right] + 2$$

$$\frac{5}{1} \left(x - \frac{3}{10} \right)^2 - \frac{9}{20} + 2$$

$$2(x^2 + 6x) - 5$$

$$2 \left[(x+3)^2 - 9 \right] - 5$$

Q3

Write the quadratic function $y = x^2 + 8x - 9$ in the form $y = a(x+b)^2 + c$ where a , b and c are integers to be found.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x^2 + 8x - 9 \\
 & \left(x + \frac{8}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^2 - 9 \\
 & (x + 4)^2 - 16 - 9 \\
 & (x + 4)^2 - 25 \\
 & a(x+b)^2 + c \\
 & a = 1, \quad b = 4, \quad c = -25
 \end{aligned}$$

Q6

Write the quadratic function $y = -6x^2 + 8x - 5$ in the form $y = a - b(x+c)^2$ where a , b and c are constants to be found.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -6x^2 + 8x - 5 \\
 & -6\left(x^2 - \frac{8}{6}x\right) - 5 \\
 & -6\left[\left(x - \frac{8}{6}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{8}{6}\right)^2\right] - 5 \\
 & -6\left[\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2\right] - 5 \\
 & -6\left[\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{9}\right] - 5 \\
 & -6\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{8}{3} - 5 \\
 & -6\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{7}{3} \\
 & a - b(x+c)^2 \\
 & -\frac{7}{3} - 6\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \\
 & a = -\frac{7}{3} \quad b = 6 \quad c = -\frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Notes

Solving a quadratic equation by completing the square

- Completing the square will work for any quadratic
- Make sure you know how to complete the square
- Remember this will help with questions involving turning points too

COMPLETING THE SQUARE

e.g. $x^2 + 10x - 24 = 0$

COMPLETE
THE SQUARE:
"p = $\frac{b}{2}$ ", "q = c - p²"

$(x+5)^2 - 49 = 0$

$(x+5)^2 = 49$

$x+5 = \pm 7$

$x = 7 - 5$ OR $x = -7 - 5$

$x = 2$ OR $x = -12$

REMEMBER BOTH
POSITIVE AND
NEGATIVE
SQUARE ROOTS