

**W3 – Completing the Square**

MPM2D

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Unit 4

1) For each quadratic that is in standard form, determine the value of 'c' that makes each expression a perfect square trinomial (remember, the 'c' value is half of the 'b' value squared)

a)  $x^2 + 6x + c$

$$c = \left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2$$
$$= 9$$

b)  $x^2 - 12x + c$

$$c = \left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2$$
$$= 36$$

c)  $x^2 + 2x + c$

$$c = \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2$$
$$= 1$$

2) Rewrite each relation in the form  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$  by completing the square

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

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

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

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

$$y = (x^2 + 6x + 9) - 10$$

$$y = (x + 3)(x + 3) - 10$$

$$y = (x + 3)^2 - 10$$

b)  $y = x^2 + 10x + 20$

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

$$y = (x^2 + 10x + 25 - 25) + 20$$

$$y = (x^2 + 10x + 25) - 25 + 20$$

$$y = (x + 5)(x + 5) - 5$$

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

c)  $y = x^2 - 6x - 4$

$$y = (x^2 - 6x) - 4$$

$$y = (x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9) - 4$$

$$y = (x^2 - 6x + 9) - 9 - 4$$

$$y = (x - 3)(x - 3) - 13$$

$$y = (x - 3)^2 - 13$$

d)  $y = x^2 - 12x + 8$

$$y = (x^2 - 12x) + 8$$

$$y = (x^2 - 12x + 36 - 36) + 8$$

$$y = (x^2 - 12x + 36) - 36 + 8$$

$$y = (x - 6)(x - 6) - 28$$

$$y = (x - 6)^2 - 28$$

$$e) y = -x^2 + 80x - 100$$

$$y = (-x^2 + 80x) - 100$$

$$y = -(x^2 - 80x) - 100$$

$$y = -(x^2 - 80x + 1600 - 1600) - 100$$

$$y = -(x^2 - 80x + 1600) + 1600 - 100$$

$$y = -(x - 40)(x - 40) + 1500$$

$$y = -(x - 40)^2 + 1500$$

$$f) y = 3x^2 + 90x + 50$$

$$= (3x^2 + 90x) + 50$$

$$= 3(x^2 + 30x) + 50$$

$$= 3(x^2 + 30x + 225 - 225) + 50$$

$$= 3(x^2 + 30x + 225) - 675 + 50$$

$$= 3(x + 15)(x + 15) - 625$$

$$= 3(x + 15)^2 - 625$$

$$g) y = -7x^2 + 14x - 3$$

$$y = (-7x^2 + 14x) - 3$$

$$y = -7(x^2 - 2x) - 3$$

$$y = -7(x^2 - 2x + 1 - 1) - 3$$

$$y = -7(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 7 - 3$$

$$y = -7(x - 1)(x - 1) + 4$$

$$y = -7(x - 1)^2 + 4$$

$$h) y = 4x^2 + 64x + 156$$

$$y = (4x^2 + 64x) + 156$$

$$y = 4(x^2 + 16x) + 156$$

$$y = 4(x^2 + 16x + 64 - 64) + 156$$

$$y = 4(x^2 + 16x + 64) - 256 + 156$$

$$y = 4(x + 8)(x + 8) - 100$$

$$y = 4(x + 8)^2 - 100$$

3) Find the maximum or minimum point of each parabola by completing the square.

$$a) y = -x^2 - 10x - 9$$

$$y = (-x^2 - 10x) - 9$$

$$y = -(x^2 + 10x) - 9$$

$$y = -(x^2 + 10x + 25 - 25) - 9$$

$$y = -(x^2 + 10x + 25) + 25 - 9$$

$$y = -(x^2 + 10x + 25) + 16$$

$$y = -(x + 5)(x + 5) + 16$$

$$y = -(x + 5)^2 + 16$$

Max at  $(-5, 16)$

$$b) y = 2x^2 + 120x + 75$$

$$y = (2x^2 + 120x) + 75$$

$$y = 2(x^2 + 60x) + 75$$

$$y = 2(x^2 + 60x + 900 - 900) + 75$$

$$y = 2(x^2 + 60x + 900) - 1800 + 75$$

$$y = 2(x + 30)(x + 30) - 1725$$

$$y = 2(x + 30)^2 - 1725$$

Min at  $(-30, -1725)$

4) The path of a ball is modeled by the equation  $y = -x^2 + 4x + 1$ , where  $x$  is the horizontal distance, in meters, travelled and  $y$  is the height, in meters, of the ball above the ground. What is the maximum height of the ball, and at what horizontal distance does it occur?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Max height of 5 meters  
at a horizontal distance  
of 2 meters.

5) The path of a rocket is given by the equation,  $h = -3t^2 + 30t + 73$ , where ' $h$ ' is the height in meters and ' $t$ ' is the time in seconds.

a) What is the max height of the rocket

$$h = (-3t^2 + 30t) + 73$$

$$h = -3(t^2 - 10t) + 73$$

$$h = -3(t^2 - 10t + 25 - 25) + 73$$

$$h = -3(t^2 - 10t + 25) + 75 + 73$$

$$h = -3(t-5)(t-5) + 148$$

$$h = -3(t-5)^2 + 148$$

Max height of 148 m.

b) At what time does the rocket reach its maximum height

5 seconds.

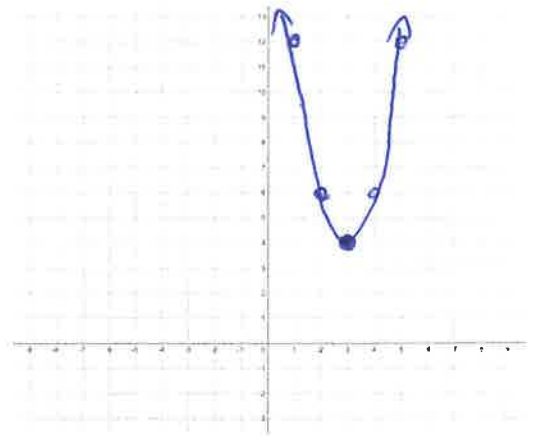
- 6) For each of the following functions, **i)** convert to vertex form by completing the square, **ii)** complete the table of properties, **iii)** graph the function by making a table of values

$$y = 2x^2 - 12x + 22$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (2x^2 - 12x) + 22 \\ y &= 2(x^2 - 6x) + 22 \\ y &= 2(x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9) + 22 \\ y &= 2(x^2 - 6x + 9) - 18 + 22 \\ y &= 2(x-3)(x-3) + 4 \\ y &= 2(x-3)^2 + 4 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex	(3, 4)
Axis of Symmetry	$x=3$
Direction of Opening	up
Values $x$ may take (domain)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
Values $y$ may take (range)	$\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq 4\}$

$x$	$y$
1	12
2	6
3	4
4	6
5	12

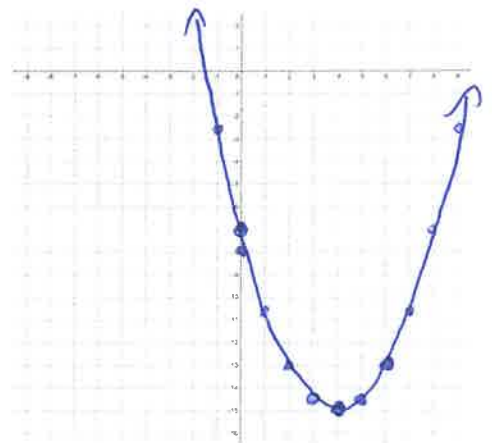


$$b) y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 4x - 7$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 4x) - 7 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 8x) - 7 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 8x + 16 - 16) - 7 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 8x + 16) - 8 - 7 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}(x-4)(x-4) - 15 \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}(x-4)^2 - 15 \end{aligned}$$

Vertex	(4, -15)
Axis of Symmetry	$x=4$
Direction of Opening	up
Values $x$ may take (domain)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
Values $y$ may take (range)	$\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq -15\}$

$x$	$y$
2	-13
3	-14.5
4	-15
5	-14.5
6	-13



## Answers

1) a) 9 b) 36 c) 1

2) a)  $y = (x + 3)^2 - 10$  b)  $y = (x + 5)^2 - 5$  c)  $y = (x - 3)^2 - 13$  d)  $y = (x - 6)^2$

e)  $y = -(x - 40)^2 + 1500$  f)  $y = 3(x + 15)^2 - 625$  g)  $y = -7(x - 1)^2 + 4$  h)  $y = 4(x + 8)^2 - 100$

3) a) max at  $(-5, 15)$  b) min at  $(-30, -1725)$

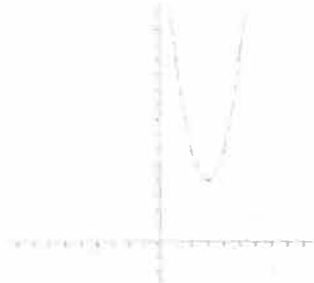
4) max height of 5m occurs at a horizontal distance of 2m

5) a) 148m b) 5 seconds

6) a)

Vertex	$(3, 1)$
Axis of Symmetry	$x = 3$
Direction of Opening	Up
Values $x$ may take (domain)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
Values $y$ may take (range)	$\{y \in \mathbb{R}   y \geq 4\}$

$x$	$y$
1	12
2	6
3	4
4	6
5	12



b)

Vertex	$(4, -15)$
Axis of Symmetry	$x = 4$
Direction of Opening	Up
Values $x$ may take (domain)	$\{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
Values $y$ may take (range)	$\{y \in \mathbb{R}   y \geq -15\}$

$x$	$y$
2	-13
3	-14.5
4	-15
5	-14.5
6	-13

