

Math 1050 ~ College Algebra

6.5 Supplemental Video

$$\begin{aligned} -3x + 4y &= 5 \\ 2x - y &= -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n z^k = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z}$$

Learning Objectives

- Practice completing the square.
- Develop the quadratic formula.
- Develop the formula for the vertex of a quadratic function.

Completing the Square

For a good explanation of how to complete the square, see

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/algebra/completing-square.html>

This is useful in solving a quadratic equation and in putting that equation in standard form.

Ex 1: Solve by completing the square.

$$\left(\frac{5}{2 \cdot 2}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{16}$$

a) $x^2 - 6x - 3 = 0$

$$(x^2 - 6x + 9) - 3 = 0$$

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

$$(x^2 - 6x + 9) - 12 = 0$$

$$(x-3)^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$(x-3)^2 = 12$$

$$(x-3) = \pm\sqrt{12}$$

$$x = 3 \pm \sqrt{12}$$

$$x = 3 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

b) $3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0$

$$3(x^2 - 2x - 3) = 0$$

$$3(x^2 - 2x + 1 - 4) = 0$$

$$3((x-1)^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$(x-1)^2 - 4 = 0$$

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

$$x-1 = \pm 2$$

$$x = 1 \pm 2$$

$$x = 3, -1$$

c) $2x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$

$$2\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + 2\right) = 0$$

$$2\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{25}{16} + 2 - \frac{25}{16}\right) = 0$$

$$2\left(\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{7}{16}\right) = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{7}{16} = 0$$

$$\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 = -\frac{7}{16}$$

this can't happen

N.S.

Ex 2: Put these equations in standard form. $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$

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

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

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

note: vertex
(-1, -3)

b) $y = 2x^2 - 4x - 3$

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

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

$$y = 2(x-1)^2 - 5$$

c) $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3x + 5$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 6x) + 5$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 6x + 9) + 5 - 9\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(x+3)^2 + 5 + \frac{9}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(x+3)^2 + \frac{19}{2}$$

Deriving the Quadratic Formula

$$\text{If } ax^2 + bx + c = 0, a \neq 0, \text{ then } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Ex 3: Solve this equation for x , if a , b and c are constants.

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$a \left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} \right) = 0$$

$$a \left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{b^2}{4a^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} \right) + \left(\frac{c}{a} - \frac{b^2}{4a^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{4ac - b^2}{4a^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 = -\frac{(4ac - b^2)}{4a^2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

$$x + \frac{b}{2a} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}}$$

$$x + \frac{b}{2a} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

($a \neq 0$)

$$\left(\frac{\frac{b}{a}}{2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$$

Deriving the Formula for the Vertex

The vertex of $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ is at the point $\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right)$

vertex
 $\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right)$

$a \neq 0$
 y-intercept is at $(0, c)$

$$c = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$0 = ax^2 + bx$$

$$0 = x(ax + b)$$

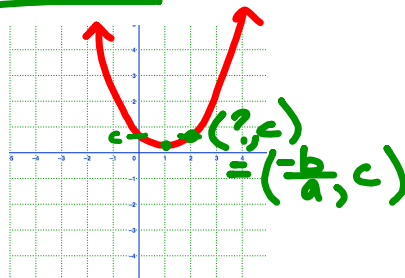
$$x = 0 \text{ or } ax + b = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} ax &= -b \\ x &= -\frac{b}{a} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow x-coord. of vertex is

midpt of the two x-values

0 and $-\frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow$ x coord of vertex is $\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$



Ex 4: Determine the vertex for each of these using the above method.

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

$$a=1, b=2, c=-2$$

x coord of vertex

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-2}{2(1)} = -1$$

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

$$= 1 - 2 - 2 = -3$$

vertex $(-1, -3)$

b) $y = 2x^2 - 6x - 3$

$$a=2, b=-6, c=-3$$

$$x = \frac{-(-6)}{2(2)} = \frac{6}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 6\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - 3$$

$$y = 2\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - 9 - 3$$

$$y = \frac{9}{2} - 12 = -\frac{15}{2}$$

vertex $\left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{15}{2}\right)$

c) $y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3x + 5$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2}, b = -3, c = 5$$

$$x = \frac{-(-3)}{2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{3}{-1} = -3$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(-3)^2 - 3(-3) + 5$$

$$y = -\frac{9}{2} + 9 + 5 = \frac{19}{2}$$

vertex $\left(-3, \frac{19}{2}\right)$