

Completing the square

Example 1

Express $x^2 - 4x + 9$ in completed square form

$$(x - 2)^2 - 4 + 9$$

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

Example 2

Express in completed square form to solve $x^2 - 8x = 9$

$$(x - 4)^2 - 16 = 9$$

$$(x - 4)^2 = 25$$

$$x - 4 = \pm 5$$

$$x = 4 \pm 5$$

$$x = 9 \quad x = -1$$

Try these

Express in completed square form

1 $x^2 + 10x + 15$

2 $x^2 - 6x - 3$

3 $x^2 - 14x + 49$

4 $x^2 - 2x + 4$

5 $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$

6 $x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0$

7 $x^2 - 10x = 24$

8 $x^2 + 4x = 21$

1 $(x + 5)^2 - 10$

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

3 $(x - 7)^2$

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

5 $x = -1 \quad x = -5$

6 $x = 3 \quad y = 5$

7 $x = 12 \quad x = -2$

8 $x = 3 \quad x = -7$