

Unit 2: Quadratic Functions

2.4 Completing the Square

We convert a quadratic function from standard form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ to vertex form $f(x) = a(x - p)^2 + q$ using a process called **completing the square**

ex. Convert to vertex form: $y = x^2 + 8x + 10$

*recall algebra tile method & replicate algebraically

Step

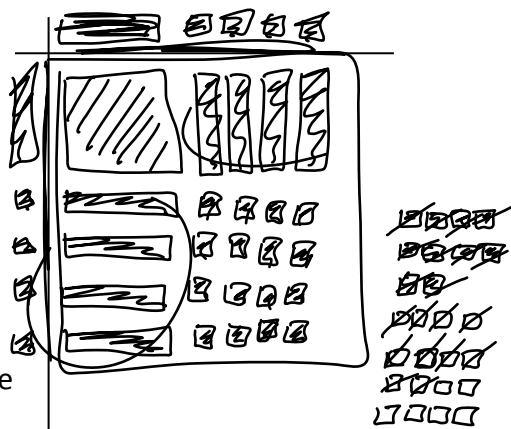
Algebra tiles

Algebraic

1) Lay out trinomial
- separate constant

2) complete the square
- balance out the added values

3) factor the perfect square
- combine constants



$$y = (x^2 + 8x + 16) + 10 - 16$$

$$y = (x^2 + 8x + 16) - 6$$

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

ex. convert each quadratic to vertex form:

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 3$$

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

$$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2$$

$$f(x) = (x - 1)^2 + 2$$

$$y = x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$= (x^2 + 3x + \frac{9}{4}) + 1 - \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$

$$y = \left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{5}{4}$$

When completing the square, we **must** factor out leading coefficients $\neq 1$ from the x terms.

Be careful with balancing the completion of the square!

ex. convert each quadratic to vertex form:

$$y = 3x^2 - 12x + 6$$

$$y = 3(x^2 - 4x + 4) + 6 - 12$$

$$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$$

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

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

$$f(x) = -x^2 + 10x - 20$$

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

$$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$\left(\frac{10}{2}\right)^2$$

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

$$f(x) = -4x^2 - 20x + 1 \quad -4\left(-\frac{25}{4}\right)$$

$$f(x) = -4\left(x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4}\right) + 1 + 25$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 \nearrow$$

$$f(x) = -4\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + 26$$

$$y = 2x^2 + 7x \quad 2\left(-\frac{49}{16}\right)$$

$$y = 2\left(x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x + \frac{49}{16}\right) - \frac{49}{8}$$

$$\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2$$

$$y = 2\left(x + \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{49}{8}$$

ex. The leadership class is planning a fundraising with a professional photographer taking portraits of individuals or groups. The class gets to charge and keep a session fee for each individual or group photo sessions. Last year, they charged a \$10 session fee and 400 sessions were booked. In considering what price they should charge this year, the class estimates that for every \$1 increase in the price, they expect to have 20 fewer sessions booked.

- a) Write a function to model this situation. Let R = revenue
 C = # of \$1 price increases

Revenue = cost $\times$ bookings

$$R(C) = (10 + C)(400 - 20C)$$

$$R(C) = \underbrace{10(400 - 20C)} + \underbrace{C(400 - 20C)}$$

$$= 4000 - 200C + 400C - 20C^2$$

$$R(C) = -20C^2 + 200C + 4000$$

- b) What is the maximum revenue they can expect based on these estimates? What session fee will give that maximum? π need vertex

$$R(C) = -20(C^2 - 10C + 25) + 4000 + 500$$

$$R(C) = -20(C - 5)^2 + 4500$$

$$\text{vertex } (5, 4500)$$

Max Revenue \$4500
 with a session fee of \$15

- c) How can you verify the solution?

graph the standard form with tech & find vertex using max finder