

Two Takes on Completing the Square

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On the right is some <u>inappropriate review</u> of a process that you learned, <u>and then were told to forget</u> *as* an agency for solving a quadratic equation. The process was mainly used to develop the world's leading method for solving a quadratic equation, namely, the quadratic formula. You were told, less often, that the skills involved would be used elsewhere. On the left is one of those "elsewheres": changing the form of a quadratic *function* as an aid in graphing. This page is an attempt to settle confusion about completing squares, namely,

When do we add to both sides, and when do we add <u>and</u> subtract from just one side?

| Quadratic <u>function</u> $y = f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ in general. | Quadratic equation: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ in general. | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| $y = f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1$ (specific example) | $2x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$ (specific example). | | |
| when re-writing a quadratic function in vertex form. | when told to solve by completing the square, or | | |
| Add and subtract on the same side here. | Add the same thing to both sides here. | | |
| $(2 3 (1 3)^2) (1 3)^2$ | when developing the quadratic formula from the | | |
| $y = f(x) = 2\left(x^{2} + \frac{1}{2}x + \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) - 2\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right) + 1$ | above equation you added $-c$ and later $\frac{b^2}{4ac}$ to | | |
| | both sides. | | |

The answer is,

Worth noting:

- Quadratic <u>functions</u> on the left generate many pairs of values x, y and hence the parabola graphs.
- For the specific pairs when y = 0, the quadratic <u>function</u> suddenly becomes the quadratic <u>equation</u> on the right. The results are the points where the parabola hits the *x* axis.
- Thus the equation on the right is a specific subset of what is on the left.
- The graphed quadratic *function* is the <u>entire parabola</u>; the subset of that parabola graph of interest to *equation* solver consists of the <u>points where the parabola hits the *x* axis</u>.

Greatest Common Factor and Lowest Common Multiple: Making Sense of Prime Factorization

Schema per Dr. Dawn Slavens and MWSU Students

Reminder: Greatest Common Factor is usually **Smaller** than given numbers and Lowest Common Multiple is usually Larger than given numbers.

> To find GCF and LCM of $24a^3b^6c$ and $36a^4b$, rewrite 24 as $2^3 \cdot 3$ and 36 as $2^2 \cdot 3^2$.

To find GCF and LCM of $2^3 \bullet 3a^3b^6c$ and $2^2 \bullet 3^2a^4b$

smallest collection of each prime factor GCF found in either place

largest collection of each prime factor found in either place LCM



| <u>Area</u> | Linear | Lateral Surface <u>Area</u> | <i>Total</i> Surface <u>Area</u> | Volume |
|-----------------------|---------|---|--|--|
| (various formulas) | | Base Perimeter × Height — (rectangle) | ► Lateral Surface Area + Base Area(s) | prism or cylinder: Base <u>Area</u> × Height |
| A | R D P=C | cylinder: can label (rectangle) | cylinder: Dilbert head (rectangle + circles) | pyramid or cone: $\frac{BA \times H}{3}$ |
| | | cone: πrL where L = slant height | cone: $\pi rL + \pi r^2$ sphere: $4\pi r^2$ | sphere: $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ |

Q: Principles and Formulas for Surface Area and Volume

| Connecting to Producing | Two points as for an <i>x-y</i> chart | Equation | Graph of line | Slope = m | |
|--|--|--|---|---|--------|
| Starting with 🖘 | | With the two points in chart, add a third general point (x, y) . | Graph the points and connect with a line. | Chose either first or second <i>y</i> ; subtract other. Divide result | A |
| <u>Two points for an x-</u> <u>y chart</u> | | Write slope two ways, and set those equal. Solve for <i>y</i> . | | by difference of two <i>x</i> values, subtracted in the same order. | |
| Starting with 🖓 | Make <i>x-y</i> chart, select two <i>x</i> values, and compute | | Generate the two sets of coordinates as described to the | Solve for <i>y</i> , writing <i>x</i> term and constant term distinctly. | V |
| Equation of line | corresponding y \checkmark values. | | left, graph, and connect with a line. | Coefficient of x is slope m . | |
| Starting with | Choose two points on line, and write these in <i>x-u</i> chart | With two points in chart (see cell to left), add general | | Choose two points on line, and write these in <i>x-u</i> chart. | \sim |
| <u>Graph of line</u> | | point (x, y) . Write slope two ways; set equal. Solve for y . | | Follow instructions in the cell atop this column. | |
| Starting with 💎 | Graph point. Move pencil up/down for y change, then | Put (x_1,y_1) in chart. Add second general point (x,y) . Set | Graph point. Move pencil up/down for y change, then left/ | | |
| $\frac{\text{Slope} = m^*}{\text{and point P} = (x_1, y_1).}$ | left/right for x change, then mark new point. | $\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$ equal to given <i>m.</i> Cross-multiply | right for <i>x</i> change, then mark new point. Connect two | | |
| *If <i>m</i> is negative, assign negative sign to either numerator or denominator (never both) to start. | | | | | |

Slope/Equation/Chart/Graph/Definition Extravaganza

| Name | Circle | Ellipse | Ellipse Parabola | |
|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|---|
| System | | | | |
| Eccentricity = e | | | | |
| Ratio of focal length | e = 0? | 0 < e < 1 | e = 1 | e > 1 |
| to directrix distance | | | | |
| Locus | equidistant from a | the sum of whose | which are | the difference of |
| | fixed point (center) | distances from two | equidistant from a | whose distances |
| Set of all possible | | fixed points (foci) is | point (focus) and a | from two foci is |
| points | | constant | line (directrix) | constant |
| Cone slice | perpendicular to | through one nappe, | parallel to one side | through both |
| | axis of cone | perpendicular to | of cone | nappes of cone |
| | | cone axis | | |
| | | | | through nappe |
| | through nappe through nappe coincident w | | coincident with side, | intersection, |
| Degenerate | Degenerate intersection, intersection, producing a | | producing a line | producing two |
| | producing a point | producing a point | | intersecting lines |
| General Equation | $(x-x_c)^2 + (y-y_c)^2 = r^2$ | $(x-h)^2 (y-k)^2$ | $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ | $(x-h)^2 (y-k)^2$ |
| | | $\frac{a^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2}{b^2} = 1$ | | $\frac{a^2}{a^2} - \frac{b^2}{b^2} = 1$ |
| degenerate | <i>r</i> = 0 | a = b = 0 | <i>a</i> = 0 | a = b = 0 |

A Systematic Look at Conics

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Note that some mathematicians do not agree that a circle is a true conic. Others agree, but dislike the idea that a circle has eccentricity.

Conics Illustrated

| | Ellipse | Parabola | Hyperbola | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| illustration | $x = -\frac{a^2}{c}$ $x = \frac{a^2}{c}$ | $a^{-1} = 4p$ | auxiliary rectangle asymptotes | |
| latus rectum (a segment) | <i>Latus rectum</i> is the name of each vertical <u>segment</u> above. The length = $\frac{2b^2}{a}$ of each latus rectum is <i>focal width</i> . | Latus rectum is the name of the horizontal <u>segment</u> above. The length = a of the latus rectum is the focal width. | Latus rectum is the name of each vertical <u>segment</u> above. The length = $\frac{2b^2}{a}$ of each latus rectum is the <i>focal width</i> . | |
| directrix (a line) | Directrix is the name of each line parallel to the lateri recti and outside the ellipse. The parent equations of these are $x = \pm \frac{a^2}{c}$ | <i>Directrix</i> is the name of the <u>line</u> parallel to the latus rectum the parabola. Its parent equation is $y = p = \frac{1}{4a}$ | Directrix is the name of each line parallel to the latera recta and outside the hyperbola. The parent equations of these are $x = \pm \frac{a^2}{c}$ | |
| vertices | <i>Vertices</i> are found at the end points of the major axis. | | <i>Vertices</i> are where each branch meets the auxiliary rectangle. | |

a is distance from "center" to farthest point (ellipse) or closest point (hyperbola). *c* is distance from center to focus points.

All circles and parabolas are similar figures.

All ellipses with the same eccentricity are similar. All hyperbolas with the same eccentricity are similar.

| | Ingonometric identities connections | | | | | |
|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|--|
| | The Six Basics Double-Angle Power-Reducing | | ing | Half-angle | | |
| ſ | $(\sin(u+v) = \sin u \cdot \cos v + \sin v \cdot \cos u)$ Use sum form | | From the * form | ulas in | Replace u with $\frac{u}{2}$ in | |
| | $\sin(u-v) = \sin u \cdot \cos v - \sin v \cdot \cos u$ | let $u = v$ | the previous column: | | | |
| | $\cos(u+v) = \cos u \cdot \cos v - \sin u \cdot \sin v$ | $\sin 2u = 2\sin u \cos u$ | $\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos 2u}{1 - \cos 2u}$ | | previous column, and | |
| | $\cos(u-v) = \cos u \cdot \cos v + \sin u \cdot \sin v$ | $\cos 2u = \cos^2 u - \sin^2 u$ | $\sin u = \frac{1}{2}$ | | do square root. | |
| | The tan θ formulas below come | $= 2\cos^2 u - 1^*$ | $1 + \cos^2 u = 1 + \cos^2 u$ | s2u | $u = \sqrt{1 - \cos u}$ | |
| | from $\sin\theta/\cos\theta$ used on the | $= 1 - 2\sin^2 u *$ | $\cos u = \frac{2}{1 - \cos 2u}$ | | $\sin \frac{1}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{1 + 2}}$ | |
| | preceding formulas. | $\tan(2u) - \frac{2\tan u}{2\tan u}$ | | | | |
| | $\tan(u+v) = \tan u + \tan v$ | $1 - \tan^2 u$ | $\tan u = \frac{1+\cos 2}{1+\cos 2}$ | $\frac{1}{2u}$ | $\cos\frac{u}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos u}{2}}$ | |
| | $\tan(u+v) = \frac{1}{1-\tan u \tan v}$ | *These come from | | | | |
| | $\tan (u - u)$ $\tan u - \tan v$ | substitution with | * From where? | | $\frac{u}{1-\cos u}$ | |
| | $\tan(u-v) = \frac{1}{1+\tan u \tan v}$ | $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$ | | | $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + \cos u}$ | |
| | Product-to-Su | m | Sum-to-Product | | | |
| | Multiply third formula above by | r –1; add result to | Preliminary | Now s | ubstitute these into the | |
| 1 I | fourth formula and solve for sin | u sinv. | shoveling: | Produ | ct-to-Sum formulas and | |
| | $\sin u = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos(u - y) - \cos(u + y) \right]$ | | Let $x = u + v$ | solve fo | or the sum or difference: | |
| | $\frac{\sin u \cdot \sin v}{2} = \frac{-[\cos (u - v) - \cos (u + v)]}{2}$ | | and y = u - v. | sinr⊥s | in $y = 2\sin\left(\frac{x+y}{y}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x-y}{y}\right)$ | |
| | Add third and fourth formulas a | bove and solve for | Add those two | 51117 + 5 | $\lim y = 2 \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right)^{2} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right)$ | |
| T | $\frac{1}{\left[\cos(\theta - y) + \cos(\theta - y)\right]}$ | | equations: | | (x+y) $(x-y)$ | |
| | $\frac{\cos u - \cos v - \frac{-[\cos u - v] + \cos(u + v)]}{2}$ | | x + y = 2u | $\sin x - \sin x$ | $\operatorname{in} y = 2\cos\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)$ | |
| | -Add first and second formulas a | bove and solve for | so $u = \frac{x+y}{x+y}$ | | (| |
| 1 | $\sin u = \frac{1}{\left[\sin(u+v) + \sin(u-v)\right]}$ | | 2 | $\cos x + c$ | $\cos y = 2\cos\left \frac{x+y}{2}\right \cos\left \frac{x-y}{2}\right $ | |
| | $\frac{\sin u \cos v}{2} = \frac{-\left[\sin(u+v) + \sin(u-v)\right]}{2}$ | | Subtract those | | | |
| I∢ | Multiply second formula above | by -1 ; add result to | two equations: | $\cos x - \cos x$ | $\cos y = -2\sin\left(\frac{x+y}{y}\right)\sin\left(\frac{x-y}{y}\right)$ | |
| | first formula and solve for cos <i>u</i> sin <i>v</i> . | | $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} = 2\mathbf{v}$ | | | |
| | $\frac{1}{\left[\sin(u+y)-\sin(u-y)\right]}$ | | so $v = \frac{x-y}{x-y}$ | | | |
| | $\frac{\cos u - \sin (u - v)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} [\sin (u + v) - \sin (u - v)]$ | | 2 | | | |

Trigonometric Identities Connections