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We will finish chapter 11 when we graph parabolas of all types in chapter 13, including the following:

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11.1 Solving Quadratic Equations by Completing the Square

Objectives:

- 1) Use the square root property to solve quadratic equations where all the variables are within an expression.
- 2) Solve quadratic equations by completing the square, then using the square root property.
- 3) Check solutions by looking at graphs on GC.
- 4) Check solutions by evaluating the function on the GC.

Warm-ups

Simplify:

1) $\frac{9}{10} - \sqrt{\frac{-361}{100}}$

2) $\frac{12 - 8\sqrt{7}}{16}$

3) $\frac{10 - 20\sqrt{-288}}{16}$

Important: "Solve" means find *all* values of the variable which make the equation true. When using the square root property, we must remember the $\pm$, because without it we are missing a solution.

4) Solve by factoring, then by the square root property: $x^2 - 81 = 0$

Solve by the square root property.

5) $2x^2 - 24 = 0$

6) $(2x - 5)^2 = -16$

7) $3p^2 - 6p = 4$

- a. Solve by CTS & square root property
- b. Identify the number and type of solutions using the previous work.
- c. Check solutions by evaluating.

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{9}{10} - \sqrt{\frac{-361}{100}}$$

$$= \frac{9}{10} - \frac{\sqrt{-361}}{\sqrt{100}}$$

$$= \frac{9}{10} - \frac{\sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{361}}{\sqrt{100}}$$

$$= \frac{9}{10} - \frac{i \cdot 19}{10}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9}{10} - \frac{19}{10}i}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $a + b \cdot i$

quotient property of square roots

product property of square roots

$$19^2 = 361$$

$$10^2 = 100$$

$$i = \sqrt{-1} \text{ by definition}$$

standard form for complex numbers is $a+bi$ form, separate numbers for real part a and imaginary part b .

CAUTION: MML/MXL will accept

$\frac{9-19i}{10}$ even though this is nonstandard notation.

Do NOT do this on a PQ or Exam!

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{12 - 8\sqrt{7}}{16}$$

$$= \frac{12}{16} - \frac{8\sqrt{7}}{16}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}}$$

divide each term by denominator

Option 2: Factor numerator

$$\frac{4(3 - 2\sqrt{7})}{16}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3 - 2\sqrt{7}}{4}}$$

Note: Neither contains i , so not a complex number. Either answer is acceptable.

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{10 - 20\sqrt{-288}}{16}$$

$$= \frac{10}{16} - \frac{20}{16}i\sqrt{288}$$

$$= \frac{5}{8} - \frac{5}{4}i \cdot \sqrt{144 \cdot 2}$$

$$= \frac{5}{8} - \frac{5}{4}i \sqrt{144} \cdot \sqrt{2}$$

$$= \frac{5}{8} - \frac{5}{4}i(12)\sqrt{2}$$

$$= \frac{5}{8} - 5 \cdot 3i\sqrt{2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5}{8} - 15i\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\frac{5}{8} - 15\sqrt{2}i}$$

Several tasks must be completed, but can be done in any order

1. simplify $\sqrt{-1}$

2. simplify $\sqrt{288}$

3. Because $\sqrt{-1} = i$, must be $a+bi$ form. Divide both terms by 16.

simplify $\sqrt{-1} = i$
divide both terms by 16

$$\begin{array}{c} 288 \\ \wedge \\ 144 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

prime factors of 288
OR

divide by the biggest perfect square.

4	49
9	64
16	81
25	100
36	121
	<u>144</u>

product property
of radicals

$$\text{reduce } \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

Caution: If using this format,
 i must be clearly outside $\sqrt{\quad}$

$\sqrt{i}$ is not what you mean,
and it does mean something else.

$$\sqrt{i} = \sqrt{\sqrt{-1}} = \sqrt[4]{-1}$$

To solve by square root property

step 1: Isolate the square.

step 2: Use square root property
take $\sqrt{\quad}$ both sides,
using $\pm$

step 3: simplify the square root.

step 4: Isolate the variable if necessary.

step 5: Write solutions using 2 separate fractions. to get $a+bi$ form.

$$(4) x^2 - 81 = 0$$

— solve by factoring the difference of squares

$$(x-9)(x+9) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 9 \quad x = -9}$$

↪ There are two solutions.
Any correct method must find both.

Solve by square root property

step 1: Isolate the perfect square.

step 2: Square root both sides

step 3: Include $\pm$ to capture both solutions

$$x^2 - 81 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 81$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{81}$$

$$|x| = 9$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 9}$$

isolate square = get x^2 alone

technically, $\sqrt{x^2} = |x|$, which is where the $\pm$ comes from!

$$(5) 2x^2 - 24 = 0$$

$$2x^2 = 24$$

$$x^2 = 12$$

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

$$x = \pm \sqrt{4 \cdot 3}$$

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

} isolate x^2

} square root property

} simplify radical

$$(6) (2x-5)^2 = -16$$

$$2x-5 = \pm \sqrt{-16}$$

$$2x-5 = \pm i \cdot \sqrt{16}$$

$$2x-5 = \pm 4i$$

$$2x = 5 \pm 4i$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} \pm \frac{4}{2}i$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{5}{2} \pm 2i}$$

The square $(2x-5)^2$ is already isolated.

square root property

simplify radical

isolate x

divide each to get $a+bi$ form

simplify

$$\textcircled{7} \quad 3p^2 - 6p = 4$$

CANNOT EVER USE CTS WHEN LEADING COEFFICIENT $\neq 1$.

Method 1: $\rightarrow$ Divide all terms by leading coefficient, even this creates fractions throughout.

$$p^2 - 2p = \frac{4}{3}$$

To complete the square, take middle coefficient, divide by 2, and square result.

$$\# = \frac{-2}{2} = -1 \quad \leftarrow \text{This value is factor value}$$

$$\#^2 = (-1)^2 = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Add this to both sides}$$

$$p^2 - 2p + 1 = \frac{4}{3} + 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{add } \#^2 \text{ to both sides}$$

$$(p-1)^2 = \frac{7}{3} \quad \leftarrow \text{use factor } \# \text{ to write perfect sq. on LHS}$$

$$p-1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}} \quad \leftarrow \text{rationalize}$$

$$\boxed{p = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{21}}{3}}$$

There are two solutions $1 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$ and $1 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$

$$\left(\text{or } \frac{3 + \sqrt{21}}{3} \text{ and } \frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{3} \right) :$$

$\sqrt{21}$ is an irrational number, but real, (no i)

So there are

2 solutions
irrational, real

step 1: Arrange equation with all variables on LHS and constant on RHS.

$$(7) \quad 3p^2 - 6p = 4$$

step 2: Factor out the leading coefficient (or divide both sides by it)

$$3p^2 - 6p = 4$$

$$3(p^2 - 2p) = 4$$

$$\frac{3p^2}{3} - \frac{6p}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$p^2 - 2p = \frac{4}{3}$$

step 3: Find the coefficient of the degree 1 term and divide it by 2.
This number will be used in step 6 to write the perfect square.

$$\# = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

step 4: Square the result from step 3.

$$\#^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$$

step 5: Add the result from step 4 inside parentheses on LHS of equation.
Mentally distribute and add result to RHS of equation.

$$3(p^2 - 2p + 1) = 4 + 3$$

$\uparrow$
 $3 \cdot 1 = 3$

$$3(p^2 - 2p + 1) = 7$$

step 6: Use the result in step 3 to factor the quantity in parentheses to form a perfect square.

$$3(p-1)^2 = 7$$

step 7: Solve using the square root property

$$(p-1)^2 = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$p-1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}}$$

$$p-1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}}$$

$$p-1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$$

$$\boxed{p = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}}$$

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⑦ cont

Check $p = \frac{3+\sqrt{21}}{3}$ by evaluating by hand. Easier $1 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$.

$$3p^2 - 6p = 4$$

substitute for p .

$$3\left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right)^2 - 6\left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right) = 4$$

$$3\left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right)\left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right) - 6 - 2\sqrt{21} = 4$$

$$3\left(1 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3} + \frac{21}{9}\right) - 6 - 2\sqrt{21} = 4$$

$$3 + 6\frac{\sqrt{21}}{3} + \frac{21}{3} - 6 - 2\sqrt{21} = 4$$

$$3 + 2\sqrt{21} + 7 - 6 - 2\sqrt{21} = 4$$

$$4 = 4 \quad \text{☺}$$

Check $p = \frac{3-\sqrt{21}}{3} = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$ by hand

$$3\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right)^2 - 6\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right) = 4$$

$$3\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right)\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}\right) - 6 + 2\sqrt{21} = 4$$

$$3\left(1 - 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3} + \frac{21}{9}\right) - 6 + 2\sqrt{21} = 4$$

$$3 - 2\sqrt{21} + 7 - 6 + 2\sqrt{21} = 4$$

$$4 = 4 \quad \text{☺}$$

Both $p = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$ and $p = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$ are solutions of $3p^2 - 6p = 4$.

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⑦ cont

Check $p = \frac{3 + \sqrt{21}}{3}$ by evaluating function by GC:

In GC $(3 + \sqrt{(21)}) / 3$ [STOP] [ALPHA] [8] [ENTER]

↑
"P"
location

↖ This stores
all the
decimal
places in
memory
location P.

2.527525232

In GC [Y=] $Y_1 = 3x^2 - 6x - 4$

In GC [VARS] [→]

↑
TO [Y-VARS] MENU

[1] Function

[1] Y_1

In screen

Y_1

↖ This evaluates Y_1 when
 $X =$ value stored in
memory location P.

Type [(] [ALPHA] [8] [)] [ENTER]

"P"

$Y_1(P)$ 0

This value of P is a solution of Y_1 .

[2nd] [ENTER] [2nd] [ENTER] ⇒ gives back what we typed 2 entries ago.

Use [4] to move on top of +, then type [=], and press [ENTER]

$(3 - \sqrt{(21)}) / 3 \rightarrow P$

stores -0.5275252317 in location P.

[2nd] [ENTER] [2nd] [ENTER] ⇒ gives back what we typed 2 entries ago

$Y_1(P)$

[ENTER]

↖ Now it's using the new value stored in
memory location P.

$(3 - \sqrt{(21)}) / 3 \rightarrow P$
-0.5275252317
 $Y_1(P)$ 0

$Y_1(P)$ means

$$3\left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{3}\right)^2 - 6\left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{3}\right) - 4 = 0$$

confirming that $p = \frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{3}$ is also a solution.

Note: You can also type in the number instead of using
memory location values.

Method 1a: CTS by Factoring out leading coefficient

$$3x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0 \quad (2 \text{ complex})$$

$$3(x^2 - 3x) = -8$$

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

$$3\left(x^2 - 3x + \frac{9}{4}\right) = -8 + 3 \cdot \frac{9}{4}$$

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

$$\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{-5}{12}$$

$$x - \frac{3}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-5}{12}}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{15}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-9) \pm \sqrt{(-9)^2 - 4(3)(8)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{-15}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{15}}{6}$$

2 complex solutions

HINT!
Use GC and
>frac

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Extra

Method 1B

CTS: divide by leading coef.

$$3x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0 \quad (2 \text{ complex})$$

$$\frac{3x^2 - 9x}{3} = \frac{-8}{3}$$

$$x^2 - 3x = \frac{-8}{3}$$

$$\text{CTS} \begin{cases} \# = -\frac{3}{2} & \leftarrow \text{use in factor} \\ \#^2 = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4} & \leftarrow \text{add to both sides} \end{cases}$$

$$x^2 - 3x + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{-8}{3} + \frac{9}{4}$$

MATH >frac is your friend!!

$$\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{-5}{12}$$

$$x - \frac{3}{2} = \pm \frac{i\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

Simplify $\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 3} = 2\sqrt{3}$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{15}}{6}$$

2 complex solutions