

5-5 COMPLETING THE SQUARE

Trinomial Squares $A^2 + 2AB + B^2 = (A + B)^2$
 $A^2 - 2AB + B^2 = (A - B)^2$

ex. 1 Complete the trinomial squares and factor. CTS

a) $x^2 - 16x + \frac{16^2}{2^2} = (x - 8)^2$
b) $x^2 + 50x + \frac{50^2}{2^2} = (x + 25)^2$
c) $x^2 + 7x + \frac{7^2}{2^2} = (x + \frac{7}{2})^2$

Solve by completing the square (CTS)

ex. 2 $x^2 + 6x - 8 = 0$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = 8 + 9$$

$$\sqrt{(x+3)^2} = \sqrt{17}$$

$$x+3 = \pm\sqrt{17}$$

$$x = -3 \pm\sqrt{17}$$

ex. 3 $x^2 - 12x + 44 = 0$

$$x^2 - 12x + 36 = -44 + 36$$

$$\sqrt{(x-6)^2} = \sqrt{-8} = i\sqrt{8}$$

$$x-6 = \pm 2i\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = 6 \pm 2i\sqrt{2}$$

ex. 4

$$4x^2 - 12x + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$$

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

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

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

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

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$