

C.01 Quadratic forms

The solution to equations of the form

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}. \quad (1)$$

Completing the square

This is accomplished by re-writing the quadratic formula in the form of the left-hand-side (LHS) of this equality, which describes factorization

$$x^2 + 2xh + h^2 = (x + h)^2. \quad (2)$$