Toni is solving this equation by completing the square.

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$
 (where $a \ge 0$)

Step 1:
$$ax^2 + bx = -c$$

Step 2:
$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x = -\frac{c}{a}$$

Which should be Step 3 in the solution?

$$\mathbf{A} \qquad x^2 = -\frac{c}{b} - \frac{b}{a}x$$

$$\mathbf{B} \qquad x + \frac{b}{a} = -\frac{c}{ax}$$

C
$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b}{2a}$$

$$\mathbf{D} \qquad x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$$

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64 Four steps to derive the quadratic formula are shown below.

$$x^{2} + \frac{bx}{a} = \frac{-c}{a}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^{2} = \frac{b^{2} - 4ac}{4a^{2}}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^{2} - 4ac}{4a^{2}}} - \frac{b}{2a}$$

$$x^{2} + \frac{bx}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^{2} = \frac{-c}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^{2}$$

What is the correct order for these steps?

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65 Which is one of the solutions to the equation $2x^2 - x - 4 = 0$?

A
$$\frac{1}{4} - \sqrt{33}$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} + \sqrt{33}$$

$$C \frac{1+\sqrt{33}}{4}$$

$$D \frac{-1-\sqrt{33}}{4}$$

$$D = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{33}}{4}$$

Answers

63	D
64	A
65	C