

Complete the Square

2. Let x, y be the real numbers. Find the minimum value of the following expression.

$$x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 5y + 15$$

$$= x^2 - 8x + y^2 - 5y + 15$$

$$= (x - 4)^2 - 16 + (y - \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{25}{4} + 15$$

$$= (x - 4)^2 + (y - \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{29}{4} \geq -\frac{29}{4}$$

Since $(x - 4)^2, (y - \frac{5}{2})^2 \geq 0$ 