

Polynomials

1. Polynomial

is an expression consisting of variables and real numbers. The exponents of the variables must be whole numbers.

Ex. Circle the polynomials within the expressions below:

$$(3x + 11)$$

$$(x + \sqrt{2})$$

$$\sqrt{x}$$

$$(7x^2y - 3)$$

$$\frac{x}{y^2}$$

$$-3x^{\frac{1}{3}} + x - 7$$

$$(1.02x^3 + x^2 + 2.54)$$

$$(x - 7)(x + 3)$$

2. Coefficient

is the number immediately preceding a variable in a term.

Ex. a) $-4x^2 + 7x$, the coefficients are -4, +7.

b) $x^3 - x^2 - 3$, the coefficients are 1, -1, -3.

3. Degree of a term

The sum of the exponents of the variables in the term.

Ex:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 9x^4 & + & 3x^2 + 7 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{ex. 2 } 9x^4 + 3x^2y^2 + 7$$

Degree = 4 2 0

4. Degree of a polynomial.

Degree of a polynomial is determined by the term with the highest degree.

Ex:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 4y^{10} & - & 6y^7 & + & 2y^3 - 4 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ & & & & \end{array}$$

Degree = 10 7 3 0

Degree of this polynomial is 10.

5. Constant term.

The term which has no variable.

Ex:

a. $3x^3 + 7x^2 - 6$

Constant term is -6

b. $7x^5$

Constant term is 0

Multiples

3 → 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33
11 → 11, 22, 33, 44 --

The *least common multiple* (LCM) of two or more numbers is the smallest number that can be divided by each number.

Again, determine the prime factorization of each number. Determine the *prime multiplicity* for each number; three 2's, two 5's, etc. The LCM will have at least one of all the primes, with the quantity of each prime equal to the largest prime multiplicity (look at exponent) found in any of the numbers. Example:

Find the LCM of 72 and 132.

$72 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3$ Primes are 2 and 3:

- three 2's

- two 3's

← 2^3
← 3^2

$132 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 11$ Primes are 2, 3 and 11:

- two 2's (2^2)

- one 3 (3^1)

- one 11

← 11^1

LCM will contain at least one of 2, 3, and 11. LCM will need to have:

- three 2's

- two 3's

- one 11

$$\text{LCM} = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 11 = 792$$

Or – list the multiples of each number until the same multiple appears in all three lists (Method 1, page 137.)

6. Classifying polynomials according to the degree of the polynomial.

Degree	Name	Examples
0	constant	-11
1	linear	$7x + 2$
2	quadratic	$2x^2 - 7x + 3$
3	cubic	$5x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x - 6$

Questions

	Number of terms	Degree of polynomial	Name according to # of terms	Name according to Degree
$7m + 2$	2	1	linear ✓	binomial
$5x^3 + 21x^2 - x$	3	3	cubic ✓	trinomial
454	1	0	constant	constant
$6x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x - 66$	4	3	cubic ✓	quartic polynomial
$n^2 + 5n + 6$	3	2	quadratic ✓	trinomial
$7x$	1	1	linear ✓	monomial

ADDING & SUBTRACTING POLYNOMIALS

A. To add polynomials, group like terms, then combine the terms by adding their coefficients.

- To add: $(8x + 7) + (3x^2 + 2x - 3)$

$$\begin{aligned}(8x + 7) + (3x^2 + 2x - 3) \\&= 8x + 7 + 3x^2 + 2x - 3 \\&= 3x^2 + 8x + 2x + 7 - 3 \\&= 3x^2 + 10x + 4\end{aligned}$$

- ① Remove the brackets. ~~***~~
- ② Collect like terms.
- ③ Combine like terms.

B. To subtract polynomials, use the properties of integers.

Subtracting an integer is the same as adding the opposite integer.

So, to subtract a term, add the opposite term.

- To subtract: $(3n^2 + 7n) - (2n^2 - 4n)$

$$\begin{aligned}(3n^2 + 7n) - (2n^2 - 4n) \\&= 3n^2 + 7n - (2n^2) - (-4n) \\&= 3n^2 + 7n - 2n^2 + 4n \\&= 3n^2 - 2n^2 + 7n + 4n \\&= n^2 + 11n\end{aligned}$$

Subtract each term.

Multiply the -1 through the brackets!

Collect like terms.

Combine like terms.

Check Your Understanding

1. Add or subtract.

a) $(6x + 3) + (2x + 5)$

b) $(2x^2 + 6x - 5) + (-4x^2 - 3x + 7)$

c) $(5a - 8) - (2a + 3)$

d) $(3a^2 - 2a + 6) - (-2a^2 + 7a - 9)$

e) $(-7 + 3d^2 - 2d) + (8 - 4d^2 + 3d)$

f) $(5e - 9 + 2e^2) - (2e^2 - 9 + 5e)$

g) $(10v - 5v^2 - 2) + (3v - 7v^2 - 1)$

h) $(m - 3m^2 - 5) - (3m^2 + 5 - m)$

Answers

1. a) $8x + 8$ b) $-2x^2 + 3x + 2$
 c) $3a - 11$ d) $5a^2 - 9a + 15$
 e) $1 - d^2 + d$ f) 0
 g) $13v - 12v^2 - 3$
 h) $-6m^2 + 2m - 10$

Assignment:

Practice Adding & Subtracting Polynomials (MathAids)

Or Algebra 2

3.7 MULTIPLYING POLYNOMIALS

✓ A. Multiplication Monomial by Monomial

Ex: 1. $(3x^3)(2x^2) = 6x^5$

2. $(-4a^2b^3)(2ab) = -8a^3b^4$

3. $(8x^3y^2)\left(\frac{1}{2}xy\right) = 4x^4y^3$

4. $(-4x^3y^2)(2xy^3)(-2xy) = 16x^5y^6$

B. Distributive Property - Monomial multiplied by a Binomial/Trinomial.

1. $3x^2(2x - 7y + 2)$

$= 6x^3 - 21x^2y + 6x^2$

2. $3(2x^2 - 7) + x(2x + 5) - (8x^2 + 5x - 7)$

$6x^2 - 21 + 2x^2 + 5x - 8x^2 - 5x + 7$
 $= -14$

3. $9 - 2(3x + 5)$

$9 - 6x - 10$
 $= -6x - 1$

4. $4a(a + 3) + 2a(a - 1) - a(2a + 4)$

$4a^2 + 12a + 2a^2 - 2a - 2a^2 - 4a$
 $4a^2 + 6a$

5. $3x - 2[3 + 4(2x + 6)] - [2 + 3(x + 1)]$

$3x - 2(3 + 8x + 24) - (2 + 3x + 3)$

$3x - 6 - 16x - 48 - 2 - 3x - 3$

$= -16x - 59$

Complex Question!

Distribute the 4 and the 3.

Distribute the -2 and the -.

Clean up.

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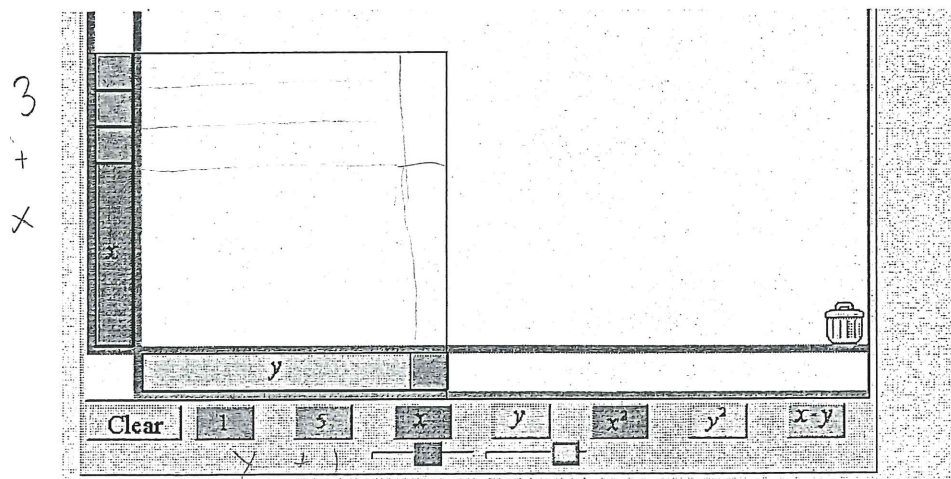
C. Multiplying Binomial x Binomial

Multiply $(x + y)(a + b)$

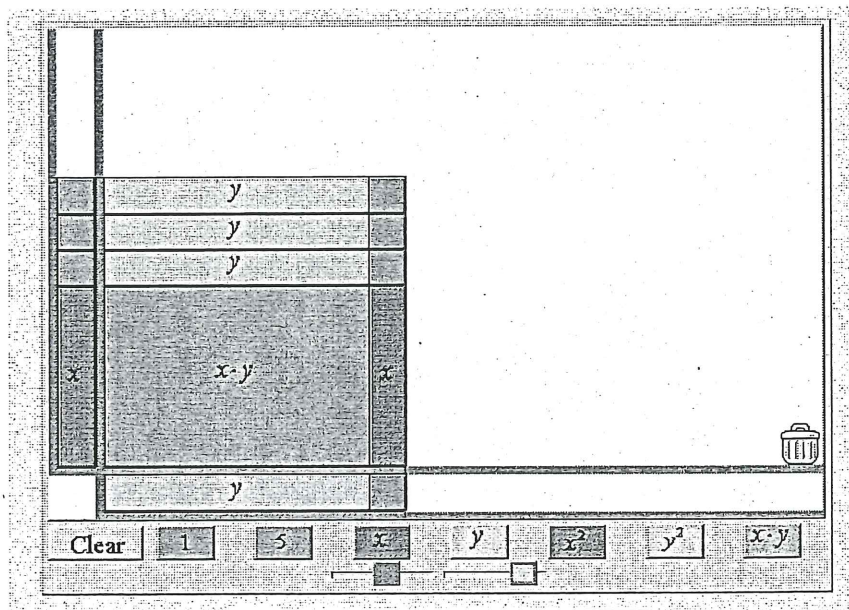
Method 1 – Algebra Tiles

a) $(x+3)(y+1)$

Step 1 – Draw $(x + 3)$ on the vertical axis and $(y + 1)$ on the horizontal axis.



Step 2 – Multiply the vertical and horizontal values and fill in the rectangle.



Step 3 – Determine your final product.

There is 1 xy , 1 x , 3 y 's and 3 ones. So, the answer is $xy + x + 3y + 3$

Method 2 – Area model

Step 1 – Create a square grid with $(x + 3)$ on the vertical axis and $(y + 1)$ on the horizontal axis.

	y	+1
x		
+3		

Step 2 – Fill in the grid

	y	+1
x	xy	x
+3	3y	3

Step 3 – Determine your final product.

There is 1 xy, 1 x, 3 y's and a 3. So, the answer is $xy + x + 3y + 3$

Write in the order of x, then xy, then y. $(x + 3)(y + 1) = x + xy + 3y + 3$

Method 3 – FOIL (First, Outer, Inner, Last)

$$(x+3)(y+1)$$

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First x times y = xy

$$(x+3)(y+1)$$

Outer x times 1 = x

$$(x+3)(y+1)$$

Inner 3 times y = 3y

$$(x+3)(y+1)$$

Last 3 times 1 = 3

You now collect your terms.

There is 1 xy, 1 x, 3 y's and a 3. So, the answer is $x + xy + 3y + 3$

Method 4

$$(x+3)(y+1)$$

$$xy + x + 3y + 3$$

$$x + xy + 3y + 3$$

Practice

$$(x+3)(x-11)$$

$$x^2 - 8x - 33$$

$$(x+5)(x+5)$$

$$x^2 + 10x + 25$$

$$(x+4)(x-4)$$

$$(2x+3)(x-1)$$

$$2x^2 + x - 3$$

Step

Multiply $(x+y)(x-y)$

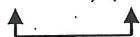
Two binomials that "are the same" but different signs.

a) $(2a-3b)(2a+3b)$

FOIL (First, Outer, Inner, Last)

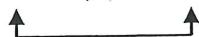
$$(2a-3b)(2a+3b)$$

$$(2a-3b)(2a+3b)$$



First $2a$ times $2a = 4a^2$

$$(2a-3b)(2a+3b)$$



Outer $2a$ times $3b = 6ab$

$$(2a-3b)(2a+3b)$$



Inner $-3b$ times $2a = -6ab$

$$(2a-3b)(2a+3b)$$



Last $-3b$ times $3b = -9b^2$ error

$$\begin{array}{l} (2a-3b) \\ (2a+3b) \end{array}$$

$$4a^2 + 6ab - 6ab - 9b^2$$
$$4a^2 - 9b^2$$

Answer: $4a^2 - 9b^2$

b) $(x-3)(x+3)$

When dealing with **conjugates** (that's what $(x+y)(x-y)$ are called), you can save some time by using the "shortcut"

$$(x-3)(x+3)$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 3x - 9$$

$$x^2 - 9$$

$$(x-3)(x+3)$$

$$x^2 - 9$$

Perfect square

c) $(5x^3+4y)(5x^3-4y)$

$$25x^6 - 16y^2$$

Multiply $(x+y)^2$ Squaring a binomial.

a) $(2m+5n)^2$

Let's realize that $(2m+5n)^2$ is no different than $(2m+5n)(2m+5n)$ and we know how to multiply two binomials

$$\begin{aligned} & (2m+5n)(2m+5n) \\ & 4m^2 + 10mn + 10mn + 25n^2 \\ & 4m^2 + 20mn + 25n^2 \end{aligned}$$

But wait! Squaring a binomial $(x+y)^2$ has a shortcut!

Let's try the previous question again.

a) $(2m+5n)^2$ When you are squaring a binomial, here is the shortcut... square the first, square the last, multiply the two terms and double the coefficient. Easy, right?

$$4m^2 + \overset{2(10)}{20mn} + 25n^2$$

b) $(7c^6 - 8d^3)^2$ $2(-56)$ $\leftarrow (x-3)^2$

$$49c^{12} - 112c^6d^3 + 64d^6$$

YouTube?

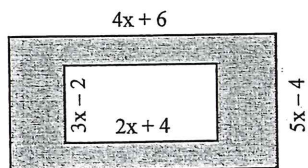
Applications

Find the area of the shaded region.

$$A = A_{\text{Large}} - A_{\text{Small}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (4x+6)(5x-4) - [(2x+4)(3x-2)] \\ & 20x^2 + 14x - 24 - (6x^2 + 8x - 8) \\ & 20x^2 + 14x - 24 - 6x^2 - 8x + 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = 14x^2 + 6x - 16$$



Multiplication and simplifying of:

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- ✓ 1. Monomial x Polynomial
- ✓ 2. Binomial x Binomial
- 3. Polynomial x Polynomial

Examples

1. $(3x - 2)(x^2 + 5x - 7)$

Distribute the $(3x - 2)$ into the trinomial

The $3x$ multiplies into the trinomial and then the -2 multiplies into the trinomial.

$$= 3x^3 + 15x^2 - 21x - 2x^2 - 10x + 14$$

$$= 3x^3 + 13x^2 - 31x + 14$$

2. $4a(a + 3) + 2a(a - 1) - a(2a + 4)$

$$4a^2 + 12a + 2a^2 - 2a - 2a^2 - 4a$$

$$4a^2 + 6a$$

3. $(2x - 1)(x + 3) - [(x - 4)(x - 5)]$ square brackets.

$$= 2x^2 + 5x - 3 - (x^2 - 9x + 20)$$

$$= 2x^2 + 5x - 3 - x^2 + 9x - 20$$

$$= x^2 + 14x - 23$$

4. $(x + 3)(x + 2)(x - 1)$

$$(x + 3)(x^2 + x - 2)$$

$$x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 3x^2 + 3x - 6$$

$$x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$$

5. $-(x - 3)^2 - [(x + 5)(x - 5)]$ Insert square brackets

$$- (x^2 - 6x + 9) - (x^2 - 25)$$

$$-x^2 + 6x - 9 - x^2 + 25$$

$$-2x^2 + 6x + 16$$

Keep the negative out of the squaring of $(x - 3)$ and out of FOILing $(x + 5)(x - 5)$

Distribute the -1 into the brackets.

Collect like terms.

6. $3t^2 - (3 - 2t)^2 + 5(2t - 1)(2t + 1)$

$$3t^2 - (9 - 12t + 4t^2) + 5(4t^2 - 1)$$

$$3t^2 - 9 + 12t - 4t^2 + 20t^2 - 5$$

$$19t^2 + 12t - 14$$

7. $2(a + 3)(a - 3) + 3(a + 2)^2$

$$2(a^2 - 9) + 3(a^2 + 4a + 4)$$

$$2a^2 - 18 + 3a^2 + 12a + 12$$

$$5a^2 + 12a - 6$$

8. $(3x - 4y)^3$

$$(3x - 4y)(9x^2 - 24xy + 16y^2)$$

$$27x^3 - 72x^2y + 48xy^2 - 36x^2y + 96xy^2 - 64y^3$$

$$27x^3 - 108x^2y + 144xy^2 - 64y^3$$

9. $(2x + 3y - z)(x - 2y + 4z)$

Here we have a trinomial times a trinomial.

We can look at it in a couple of ways.

Area Model

	x	-2y	4z
2x	$2x^2$	$-4xy$	$8xz$
3y	$3xy$	$-6y^2$	$12yz$
-z	$-xz$	$2yz$	$-4z^2$

$$\text{Collect like terms} = 2x^2 - xy + 7xz - 6y^2 + 14yz - 4z^2$$

Distributive Property

Distribute the $2x$, $3y$ and the $-z$ into the trinomial $(x - 2y + 4z)$

$$(2x + 3y - z)(x - 2y + 4z)$$

3.3 Common Factors of a Polynomial

Recall what a GCF is from section 3.1 When we remove/pull out a GCF, we are DIVIDING EACH term by the GCF

When dealing with polynomials, always look to see if there is a GCF for the polynomial.

A. Factor using GCF. Note: **Always look for GCF! Always!**

1. $5x^2 + 10x$

$$= 5x(x+2)$$

2. $x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x$

$$x(x^2 + 7x - 3)$$

3. $8a^2b + 16a^2b^2 + 32a^2bc$

$$8a^2(b + 2b^2 + 4bc)$$

4. $x(a+b) + 7(a+b)$

$$(x+7)(a+b)$$

5. $7a(x-1) + 2(x-1)$

$$(x-1)(7a+2)$$

6. $3x^2(y+5) + 2x(y+5)$

$$(y+5)(3x^2+2x)$$

7. $3x(5-x) - 9(5-x) + 8y(5-x)$

$$(3x-9+8y)(5-x)$$

B. Division of Monomial by Monomial

Ex: 1. $\frac{50x}{10x} = 5$

2. $\frac{20x^2}{5x} = 4x$

3. $\frac{20x^3y^4}{-5x^2y^2} = -4xy^2$

4. $\frac{(3x^2y^2)(5xy)}{-3xy} = \frac{15x^3y^3}{-3xy} = -5x^2y^2$

C. Division of Polynomial by Monomial

Rule: Take **EACH** term in the numerator (top) and divide it by the term in the denominator.

$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{6}{2} = \frac{3+6}{2}$ Ex: 1. $\frac{4t^2 + 8t}{4t} =$ Think $\frac{4t^2}{4t} + \frac{8t}{4t} = \boxed{t + 2}$

2. $\frac{10m^3 + 5m^2 + 15m}{5m} = \boxed{2m^2 + m + 3}$ or $\frac{\cancel{5m}(2m^2 + m + 3)}{\cancel{5m}}$

3. $\frac{6r^4 - 3r^3 + 9r^2}{3r^2} = \boxed{2r^2 - r + 3}$

4. $\frac{8x^2 + 16x + 24}{8} = \boxed{x^2 + 2x + 3}$

R Assign: 155 / 7 bdf
8-10 acc GCP
12a
14ac
16acc
18

had to
know what
for it is first?

3.5 Trinomial Factorization ($ax^2 + bx + c$), $a=1$

Recall: $(x + 4)(x + 3) = x^2 + 7x + 12$

- The middle term's coefficient is the sum of the last terms of each binomial.
- The end term is the product of the last terms of each binomial.

Ex: 1) $x^2 + 8x + 16$

$$= (x + 4)(x + 4)$$

$$= (x + 4)^2$$

Perfect square!

All positive
1 6
2 3

2) $x^2 + 5x + 6$

$$= (x + ?)(x + ?)$$

$$(x + 3)(x + 2)$$

Find two binomials that are factors of this trinomial. The ? must be replaced by numbers that are factors of 6 and ALSO add up to 6. Try 2 and 3.

Pos / Neg. (-8)

1 15
-3 -5

3) $x^2 - 8x + 15$

$$(x^2 - 3)(x^2 - 5)$$

Watch for exponent on the x.
Watch the signs.

Practice
Sheet

on SB - white boards

4) $x^{10} + 3x^5 - 28$

$$(x^5 + 7)(x^5 - 4)$$

First try $x^2 + 3x - 28$ $\begin{matrix} +7 \\ -4 \end{matrix} \} +3$
 $(x + 7)(x - 4)$

5) $x^2 - 10xy + 21y^2$

$$(x - 7y)(x - 3y)$$

First try $(x^2 - 10xy + 21y^2)$ $\begin{matrix} -7 \\ -3 \end{matrix}$
 $(x - 7y)(x - 3y)$

6) $x^{10} - 7x^5y^3 - 30y^6$

$$(x^5 - 10y^3)(x^5 + 3y^3)$$

Try $x^2 - 7x - 30$ $\begin{matrix} -10 \\ +3 \end{matrix}$
 $(x - 10y^3)(x + 3y^3)$

$$x^{10} + 3x^5y^3 - 10x^5y^3 - 30y^6$$

$$x^{10} - 7x^5y^3 - 30y^6$$

GCF

$$\begin{array}{l}
 7) \quad 2x^2 + 10x - 28 \\
 \quad \quad 2(x^2 + 5x - 14) \quad \begin{array}{l} +7 \\ -2 \end{array} \\
 \quad \quad \boxed{2(x+7)(x-2)} \\
 \quad \quad 2(x^2 + 5x - 14) \\
 \quad \quad \checkmark 2x^2 + 10x - 28
 \end{array}$$

GCF

$$\begin{array}{l}
 8) \quad x^3 - 2x^2y^2 - 8xy^4 \quad \begin{array}{l} -4 \\ +2 \end{array} \\
 \quad \quad x(x^2 - 2xy^2 - 8y^4) \\
 \quad \quad \boxed{x(x - 4y^2)(x + 2y^2)} \\
 \quad \quad x(x^2 + 2xy^2 - 4xy^2 - 8y^4) \\
 \quad \quad x(x^2 - 2xy^2 - 8y^4) \\
 \quad \quad = x^3 - 2x^2y^2 - 8xy^4 \quad \checkmark
 \end{array}$$

Remember:

- Both terms positive (middle and last), then both parts are positive.
 $x^2 + 12x + 32 = (x + 8)(x + 4)$

- Last term positive, middle term negative, then both parts are negative.
 $x^2 - 12x + 32 = (x - 8)(x - 4)$

- Last term is negative, then one part is negative and the other is positive.
 $x^2 - 4x - 32 = (x - 8)(x + 4)$
 $x^2 + 4x - 32 = (x + 8)(x - 4)$

- The middle term contains the variables that are found in the first and last terms. The exponents are half of what they are in the first and last terms.

3.6 Factoring trinomials ($ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 1$)

There are different methods to factoring these types of trinomials.

Remember to look for a GCF EVERY time...it's the first thing you should do.

Note that there are polynomials that are not factorable. Use decomposition: 2 Methods

1. $2x^2 + 13x + 15$

$2x^2 + 10x + 3x + 15$

$2x(x+5) + 3(x+5)$

$(2x+3)(x+5)$

$2 \times 15 = 30$
Find Factors of 30 -
that give you 13 $\rightarrow 10, 3$
Split middle term
GCF: Group.

Method 2

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 2x^2 + 13x + 15 & \\ \hline 2x & + \\ 1x & + \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r|l} 3 & +3 \\ 5 & +15 \end{array}$$

$(2x+3)(x+5)$

2. $5x^2 + 16x + 3$

$5x^2 + 15x + x + 3$

$5x(x+3) + 1(x+3)$

$(5x+1)(x+3)$

$5 \times 3 = 15$
15, 1

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 5x^2 + 16x + 3 & \\ \hline 5x & + \\ 1x & + \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r|l} 1 & +1 \\ 3 & +15 \end{array}$$

$(5x+1)(x+3)$

3. $12x^4 - 16x^2 + 5$

$12x^4 - 6x^2 - 10x^2 + 5$

$6x^2(2x^2-1) - 5(2x^2-1)$

$(6x^2-5)(2x^2-1)$

60
10, 6

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 12x^4 - 16x^2 + 5 & \\ \hline 6x^2 & - \\ 2x^2 & - \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r|l} 5 & -10 \\ 1 & -5 \end{array}$$

$(6x^2-5)(2x^2-1)$

4. $8x^{20} + 10xy - 3y^2$

$4x^{10} + 3y \quad | \quad +6$

$2x^{10} + 1y \quad | \quad +4$

$(4x^{10} + 3y)(2x^{10} + 1y)$

5. $10x^2 - 44xy - 30y^2$

$$2(5x^2 - 22xy + 15y^2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10x^2 \quad - \quad 22xy \quad + \quad 15y^2 \\ 10x^2 \quad - \quad 5y^2 \quad - \quad 25y^2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$2(5x + 3y)(x - 5y)$$

6. $2x^2 + 11x + 12$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 \quad + \quad 11x \quad + \quad 12 \\ 2x^2 \quad + \quad 3x \quad + \quad 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(2x + 3)(x + 4)$$

24
8, 3

$$2x^2 + 8x + 3x + 12$$

$$2x(x + 4) + 3(x + 4)$$

$$(2x + 3)(x + 4)$$

Lizie method

7. $6m^2 + 13m - 5$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6m^2 \quad + \quad 13m \quad - \quad 5 \\ 6m^2 \quad + \quad 5m \quad - \quad 15 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(m + \frac{5}{2})(2m - 1)(2m + 5)$$

8. $4x^2 - 5xy - 6y^2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^2 \quad - \quad 5xy \quad - \quad 6y^2 \\ 4x^2 \quad - \quad 8xy \quad + \quad 3y^2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(4x + 3y)(x - 2y)$$

$$4x^2 - 8xy + 3xy - 6y^2$$

$$4x(x - 2y) + 3y(x - 2y)$$

$$(4x + 3y)(x - 2y)$$

9. $6x^2 - 5x - 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2 \quad - \quad 5x \quad - \quad 4 \\ 6x^2 \quad - \quad 4x \quad - \quad 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(3x - 4)(2x + 1)$$

3.8 Factoring Special Trinomials

I. Factoring a difference of squares. Let's go back to $(3x+2y)(3x-2y)$. If we remember, multiplying conjugates was quite simple. Factoring these binomials is quite simple as well. $(x+y)(x-y) = (x^2 - y^2)$ There are three things to notice about the answer:

1. The answer is a **binomial**.
2. The answer has **subtraction**.
3. Both terms are **perfect squares**.

Remember, if you notice the three things mentioned above, you have what's called A **Difference of Squares**.

Let's Factor

Ex: 1. $x^2 - 16$

$$= (x-4)(x+4)$$

2. $x^2 - 25y^2$

$$(x-5y)(x+5y)$$

3. $49x^2 - 64$

Each answer has a (-) and a (+)

4. $x^4 - 81$

$$(x^2 + 9)(x^2 - 9)$$

$$(x^2 + 9)(x-3)(x+3)$$

5. $x^2y^3 - y$ (GCF)

$$y(x^2y^2 - 1)$$

$$y(xy-1)(xy+1)$$

6. $3y^6 - 12d^2$

$$3(y^6 - 4d^2)$$

$$3(y^3 - 2d)(y^3 + 2d)$$

7. $x^{20} - 16$

$$(x^{10} - 4)(x^{10} + 4)$$

$$(x^5 - 2)(x^5 + 2)(x^{10} + 4)$$

II. Factoring Perfect squares.

Recall that $(a + 3)^2 = a^2 + 6a + 9$

We learned that we could FOIL the binomial, or we could square the first term, square the last term, multiply the two terms and double the product.

Thus, in general $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

So, when we have a trinomial of the form $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$, it is called a **Perfect Square Trinomial** and can easily be factored back to a single binomial squared.

- Ex: 1. $a^2 + 8a + 16 = (a + 4)^2$
2. $9a^2 + 120a + 400 = (3a + 20)^2$
3. $81a^2 - 72ab^3 + 16b^6 = (9a - 4b^3)^2$

Notice in the first three questions how the first and last terms were perfect squares. That's a requirement for **Perfect Square Trinomials**.

4. $28a^2 + 28a + 7$ GCF? *Result:*
 $7(4a^2 + 4a + 1)$
 $7(2a + 1)^2$
 $(2a + 1)(2a + 1)$
 $4a^2 + 2a + 2a + 1$

5. $15ax^2 + 90ax + 135a$
 $15a(x^2 + 6x + 9)$
 $15a(x + 3)^2$

6. $1 - 12a + 36a^2$ This question can be left as is and factored or rearranged in descending order of x , then factored.

Option 1 - Leave as is.

Option 2 - Rewrite

$$1 - 12a + 36a^2$$
$$= (1 - 6a)^2$$

$$36a^2 - 12a + 1$$
$$= (6a - 1)^2$$

* These two answers appear different yet they are the same. One answer is negative while the other answer is positive. Think about it, $\sqrt{36} = 6$ and -6 . Thus, if your answer is squared, then the number being squared could be positive or negative.

Creating Factorable Trinomials.

We know that when we factor $ax^2 + bx + c$, if $a = 1$ then we need two numbers that multiply to c and add up to b .

$$x^2 + 11x + 30 = (x + 5)(x + 6) \quad \text{5 times 6 = 30 and 5+6 = 11}$$

Question: Fill in the box to create factorable trinomials.

a. $x^2 + \square x + 6$ We need two numbers that multiply to 6. (1&6) or (2&3)

If we use 1&6, then our answer is $x^2 + 7x + 6$

If we use 2&3, then our answer is $x^2 + 5x + 6$

But wait! Doesn't $-1 \times -6 = 6$? Or $-2 \times -3 = 6$? Yes! So... we also have....

If we use -1&-6, then our answer is $x^2 - 7x + 6$

If we use -2&-3, then our answer is $x^2 - 5x + 6$

Final Answer could be, 7 or 5 or -7 or -5. Any of the four will make the trinomial factorable.

b. $x^2 + \square x - 14$ We need two numbers that multiply to 6. (1&-14) or (-1&14) or (2,-7) or (-2&7)

If we use 1&-14, then our answer is $x^2 - 13x - 14$

If we use -1&14, then our answer is $x^2 + 13x - 14$

If we use 2&-7, then our answer is $x^2 - 5x - 14$

If we use -2&7, then our answer is $x^2 + 5x - 14$

Final Answer could be, 13 or 5 or -13 or -5. Any of the four will make the trinomial factorable.

c. $x^2 + 4x + \square$ Now we need two numbers that add to 4.
(1+3)(2+2)(-1+5)(-2+6)... There are an infinite number!

So choose a pair. Let's try 1 and 3.

$$(x+1)(x+3) = x^2 + 4x + 3$$

Or we could try -1 and 5.

$$(x-1)(x+5) = x^2 + 4x + 4$$

So choose a pair of numbers that add to 4 and FOIL away!

d. $x^2 - 5x + \square$

Now we need two numbers that add to -5 .
Again, infinite possibilities.

Let's try -8 and 3 .

$$(x-8)(x+3) = x^2 - 5x - 24$$

Some Tricky Factorization

Factor the following:

1. $x^4 - 81$

$$= (x^2 + 9)(x^2 - 9)$$

$$= (x^2 + 9)(x-3)(x+3)$$

A difference of squares question.

The $(x^2 - 9)$ can be factored again!

Rule = factor until you can factor no more.

2. $x^4 - x^2 - 12$

$$= (x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 3)$$

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

Need two numbers that multiply to -12 and add to -1

First binomial is a difference of squares.

3. $x^4 - 120x^2 - 121$

$$= (x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 121)$$

$$= (x^2 + 1)(x-11)(x+11)$$

Need two numbers that multiply to -121 and add to -1

Second binomial is a difference of squares.

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Square and Cube Roots

Volume of Cube

Neat Factoring Question

Determining b and c values to make trinomials factorable

Two step factorization

Practicing all types of Factoring.

YouTube video of what to look for when factoring.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDoHYS4dX1s>

I. All types of factoring.

Ex:

1. $x^2 - 7x - 18$

$$= (x - 9)(x + 2)$$

2. $6m^2 + 19mn + 10n^2$

$$= (3m + 2n)(2m + 5n)$$

3. $2x^2 - 8$

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

$$= 2(x - 2)(x + 2)$$

4. $x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x$

$$= x(x^2 - 4x + 4)$$

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

5. $x(m - 2) - 4(m - 2)$

$$= (m - 2)(x - 4)$$

6. $3ab - 9ab^2 + 6a^2b$

$$= 3ab(1 - 3b + 2a)$$

7. $2y^2 + 7y - 4$

$$= (2y - 1)(y + 4)$$

8. $x^4 - 7xy + 12y^4$

$$= (x^2 - 4y^2)(x^2 - 3y^2)$$

$$= (x - 2y)(x + 2y)(x^2 - 3y^2)$$