

Lesson 8.5 Notes (Using the Distributive Property)

Use the Distributive Property to Factor – You can work backward to express a polynomial as the product of a monomial factor and a polynomial factor.

Factoring by Grouping – terms are put into groups and then factored (used to factor polynomials with 4 or more terms)

Multiplying	Factoring
$3(a + b) = 3a + 3b$	$3a + 3b = 3(a + b)$
$x(y - z) = xy - xz$	$xy - xz = x(y - z)$
$6y(2x + 1) = 6y(2x) + 6y(1)$ $= 12xy + 6y$	$12xy + 6y = 6y(2x) + 6y(1)$ $= 6y(2x + 1)$

Example 1: Factor $12mp + 80m^2$.

Find the GCF of $12mp$ and $80m^2$.

Write each term as the product of the GCF and its remaining factors.

$$12mp + 80m^2 = 4m(3p) + 4m(20m)$$

$$= 4m(3p + 20m)$$

Example 2: Factor $6ax + 3ay + 2bx + by$ by grouping.

$$6ax + 3ay + 2bx + by$$

$$= (6ax + 3ay) + (2bx + by)$$

$$= 3a(2x + y) + b(2x + y)$$

$$= (3a + b)(2x + y)$$

Exercises:

Factor each polynomial.

1. $24x + 48y$

$24(x + 2y)$

2. $30mp^2 + m^2p - 6p$

$p(30mp + m^2 - 6)$

3. $q^4 - 18q^3 + 22q$

$q(q^3 - 18q^2 + 22)$

4. $14t^3 - 42t^5 - 49t^4$

$7t^3(2 - 6t^2 - 7t)$

5. $55p^2 - 11p^4 + 44p^5$

$11p^2(5 - p^2 + 4p^3)$

6. $14y^3 - 28y^2 + y$

$y(14y^2 - 28y + 1)$

7. $x^2 + 2x + x + 2$

$(x+1)(x+2)$

$x(x+1) + 2(x+1)$

8. $6y^2 - 4y + 3y - 2$

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

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

9. $4m^2 + 4mp + 3mp + 3p^2$

$(4m + 3p)(m + p)$

$4m(m+p) + 3p(m+p)$

10. $12ax + 3xz + 4ay + yz$

$(3x + y)(4a + z)$

$4a(3x+y) + z(3x+y)$

11. $12a^2 + 3a - 8a - 2$

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

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

12. $xa + ya + x + y$

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

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

Solve Equations by Factoring The Zero Product Property, along with factoring, can be used to solve equations.

Zero Product Property	For any real numbers a and b , if $ab = 0$, then either $a = 0$, $b = 0$, or both a and b equal 0.
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Example: Solve $9x^2 + x = 0$. Then check the solutions.

Write the equation so that it is of the form $ab = 0$.

$$9x^2 + x = 0$$

Original equation

$$x(9x + 1) = 0$$

Factor the GCF of $9x^2 + x$, which is x .

$$x = 0 \text{ or } 9x + 1 = 0$$

Zero Product Property

$$x = 0 \quad x = -\frac{1}{9}$$

Solve each equation.

The solution set is $\left\{0, -\frac{1}{9}\right\}$.

Exercises:

Solve each equation. Check your solutions.

13. $x(x + 3) = 0$ $(0, -3)$

14. $3m(m - 4) = 0$ $(0, 4)$

15. $(r - 3)(r + 2) = 0$ $(-2, 3)$

16. $3x(2x - 1) = 0$ $(0, \frac{1}{2})$

17. $(4m + 8)(m - 3) = 0$ $\{-2, 3\}$

18. $5t^2 = 25t$ $\{0, 5\}$
 $5t^2 - 25t = 0$
 $5t(t - 5) = 0$

19. $12x^2 = -6x$ $\{-\frac{1}{2}, 0\}$
 $12x^2 + 6x = 0$
 $6x(2x + 1) = 0$

20. $(4a + 3)(8a + 7) = 0$ $\{-\frac{3}{8}, -\frac{7}{4}\}$

21. $8y = 12y^2$ $\{0, \frac{2}{3}\}$
 $12y^2 - 8y = 0$
 $4y(3y - 2) = 0$

Lesson 8.6 Notes (Solving $x^2 + bx + c = 0$)**Factor $x^2 + bx + c$**

- Find two integers, m and p , whose sum is equal to b and whose product is equal to c .
- When c is positive, its factors have the same signs.
 - If b is positive, the factors are positive. If b is negative, the factors are negative.
- When c is negative, its factors have opposite signs.
 - The factor with the greater absolute value has the same sign as b .

Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$	$x^2 + bx + c = (x + m)(x + p)$, where $m + p = b$ and $mp = c$
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Example 1: Factor $x^2 + 7x + 10$.

In this trinomial, $b = 7$ and $c = 10$.

Factors of 10	Sum of Factors
1, 10	11
2, 5	7

Since $2 + 5 = 7$ and $2 \cdot 5 = 10$, let $m = 2$ and $p = 5$.

$$x^2 + 7x + 10 = (x + 5)(x + 2)$$

Example 2: Factor $x^2 + 6x - 16$.

In this trinomial, $b = 6$ and $c = -16$. This means $m + p$ is positive and mp is negative. Make a list of the factors of -16 , where one factor of each pair is positive.

Factors of -16	Sum of Factors
1, -16	-15
-1 , 16	15
2, -8	-6
-2 , 8	6

Therefore, $m = -2$ and $p = 8$.

$$x^2 + 6x - 16 = (x - 2)(x + 8)$$

Exercises:

Factor each polynomial.

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

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

2. $m^2 + 12m + 32$

$$(m+4)(m+8)$$

3. $r^2 - 3r + 2$

$$(r-2)(r-1)$$

4. $x^2 - x - 6$

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

5. $x^2 - 4x - 21$

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

6. $x^2 - 22x + 121$

$$(x-11)(x-11)$$

Factor each polynomial.

7. $t^2 - 4t - 12$

$(t+2)(t-6)$

8. $p^2 - 16p + 64$

$(p-8)(p-8)$

9. $9 - 10x + x^2$

$x^2 - 10x + 9$
 ~~$(9-x)(1-x)$~~
 $(x-9)(x-1)$

10. $x^2 + 6x + 5$

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

11. $a^2 + 8a - 9$

$(a-1)(a+9)$

12. $y^2 - 7y - 8$

$(y-8)(y+1)$

Quadratic Equation – can be written in the standard form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

- Factoring and the Zero Product Property can be used to solve many equations of the form $x^2 + bx + c = 0$.

Example: Solve $x^2 + 6x = 7$. Check your solutions.

$x^2 + 6x = 7$

Original equation

$x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0$

Rewrite equation so that one side equals 0.

$(x-1)(x+7) = 0$

Factor.

$x-1 = 0$ or $x+7 = 0$

Zero Product Property

$x = 1$ $x = -7$

Solve each equation.

The solution set is $\{1, -7\}$.**Exercises:**

Solve each equation. Check the solutions.

13. $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$ $\{1, 3\}$
 $(x-3)(x-1) = 0$

14. $y^2 - 5y + 4 = 0$ $\{1, 4\}$
 $(y-4)(y-1) = 0$

15. $m^2 + 10m + 9 = 0$ $\{-1, -9\}$
 $(m+9)(m+1) = 0$

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Solve each equation. Check the solutions.

$$16. x^2 = x + 2 \quad \{-1, 2\}$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$17. x^2 - 4x = 5 \quad \{-1, 5\}$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x+1) = 0$$

$$18. x^2 - 12x + 36 = 0 \quad \{6\}$$

$$(x-6)(x-6) = 0$$

$$19. t^2 - 8 = -7t \quad \{-8, 1\}$$

$$t^2 + 7t - 8 = 0$$

$$(t+8)(t-1) = 0$$

$$20. p^2 = 9p - 14 \quad \{2, 7\}$$

$$p^2 - 9p + 14 = 0$$

$$(p-7)(p-2) = 0$$

$$21. -9 - 8x + x^2 = 0 \quad \{-1, 9\}$$

$$x^2 - 8x - 9 = 0$$

$$(x-9)(x+1) = 0$$

Real-world Applications:

The formula $h = vt - 16t^2$ gives the height h of a rocket after t seconds when the initial velocity v is given in feet per second. Use the formula $h = vt - 16t^2$ to solve each problem.

22. A punter can kick a football with an initial velocity of 48 feet per second. How many seconds will it take for the ball to first reach a height of 32 feet? *1 second*

23. If a rocket is launched with an initial velocity of 1600 feet per second, when will the rocket be 14,400 feet high?

*10 sec
90 sec*

Lesson 8.7 Notes (Solving $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$)**Factor $ax^2 + bx + c$**

- Find two integers m and p whose product is equal to ac and whose sum is equal to b .
- If there are no integers that satisfy these requirements, the polynomial is called a **prime polynomial**.

Example 1: Factor $2x^2 + 15x + 18$.

In this example, $a = 2$, $b = 15$, and $c = 18$. You need to find two numbers that have a sum of 15 and a product of $2 \cdot 18$ or 36. Make a list of the factors of 36 and look for the pair of factors with a sum of 15.

Factors of 36	Sum of Factors
1, 36	37
2, 18	20
3, 12	15

Use the pattern $ax^2 + mx + px + c$, with $a = 2$, $m = 3$, $p = 12$, and $c = 18$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x^2 + 15x + 18 &= 2x^2 + 3x + 12x + 18 \\
 &= (2x^2 + 3x) + (12x + 18) \\
 &= x(2x + 3) + 6(2x + 3) \\
 &= (x + 6)(2x + 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Factor $3x^2 - 3x - 18$.

Note that the GCF of the terms $3x^2$, $3x$, and 18 is 3. First factor out this GCF. $3x^2 - 3x - 18 = 3(x^2 - x - 6)$. Now factor $x^2 - x - 6$. Since $a = 1$, find the two factors of -6 with a sum of -1 .

Factors of -6	Sum of Factors
1, -6	-5
-1 , 6	5
-2 , 3	1
2, -3	-1

Now use the pattern $(x + m)(x + p)$ with $m = 2$ and $p = -3$.

$$x^2 - x - 6 = (x + 2)(x - 3)$$

The complete factorization is
 $3x^2 - 3x - 18 = 3(x + 2)(x - 3)$

Exercises:

Factor each polynomial, if possible. If the polynomial cannot be factored using integers, write *prime*.

1. $2x^2 - 3x - 2$

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

2. $3m^2 - 8m - 3$

$(3m+1)(m-3)$

3. $16r^2 - 8r + 1$

$(4r-1)(4r-1)$

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

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

5. $3x^2 + 2x - 8$

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

6. $18x^2 - 27x - 5$

$(3x-5)(6x+1)$

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7. $3y^2 - 6y - 24$

$$3(y^2 - 2y - 8)$$

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

8. $4x^2 + 26x - 48$

$$2(2x^2 + 13x - 24)$$

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

9. $8m^2 - 44m + 48$

$$4(2m^2 - 11m + 12)$$

$$4(2m-3)(m-4)$$

10. $6x^2 - 7x + 18$

prime

$$\text{Product: } 108$$

$$\text{Sum: } -7$$

11. $2a^2 - 14a + 18$

$$2(a^2 - 7a + 9)$$

12. $18 + 11y + 2y^2$

prime

$$\text{Product: } 36$$

$$\text{Sum: } 11$$

Solve Equations by Factoring: Solve each equation.

13. $8x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$ $\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{4} \right\}$

14. $3n^2 - 2n - 5 = 0$ $\left\{ -1, \frac{5}{3} \right\}$

15. $2d^2 - 13d - 7 = 0$ $\left\{ -\frac{1}{2}, 7 \right\}$

16. $2k^2 - 40 = -11k$ $\left\{ -8, \frac{5}{2} \right\}$

17. $2p^2 = -21p - 40$ $\left\{ -\frac{5}{2}, -8 \right\}$

18. $-7 - 18x + 9x^2 = 0$ $\left\{ \frac{7}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right\}$

Real-world Application:

19. The length of a Charlotte, North Carolina, conservatory garden is 20 yards greater than its width.

The area is 300 square yards. What are the dimensions? $30\text{yd} \times 10\text{yd}$

Lesson 8.8 Notes (Differences of Squares)

Difference of Two Squares – a binomial expression in the form $a^2 - b^2$

Difference of Squares	$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b) = (a + b)(a - b)$
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Example 1: Factor $50a^2 - 72$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 50a^2 - 72 & \\
 = 2(25a^2 - 36) & \quad \text{Find the GCF.} \\
 = 2[(5a)^2 - 6^2] & \quad 25a^2 = 5a \cdot 5a \text{ and } 36 = 6 \cdot 6 \\
 = 2(5a + 6)(5a - 6) & \quad \text{Factor the difference of squares.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Factor $4x^4 + 8x^3 - 4x^2 - 8x$.

$4x^4 + 8x^3 - 4x^2 - 8x$	Original polynomial
$= 4x(x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2)$	Find the GCF.
$= 4x[(x^3 + 2x^2) - (x + 2)]$	Group terms.
$= 4x[x^2(x + 2) - 1(x + 2)]$	Find the GCF.
$= 4x[(x^2 - 1)(x + 2)]$	Factor by grouping.
$= 4x(x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)$	Factor the difference of squares.

Exercises:

Factor each polynomial.

1. $x^2 - 81$

$$(x+9)(x-9)$$

2. $m^2 - 100$

$$(m+10)(m-10)$$

3. $16n^2 - 25$

$$(4n-5)(4n+5)$$

4. $36x^2 - 100y^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 4(9x^2 - 25y^2) \\
 & 4(3x+5y)(3x-5y)
 \end{aligned}$$

5. $49x^2 - 36$

$$(7x+6)(7x-6)$$

6. $16a^2 - 9b^2$

$$(4a-3b)(4a+3b)$$

7. $225b^2 - a^2$

$$(15b-a)(15b+a)$$

8. $72p^2 - 50$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2(36p^2 - 25) \\
 & 2(6p+5)(6p-5)
 \end{aligned}$$

9. $-2 + 2x^2 = 2x^2 - 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2(x^2 - 1) \\
 & 2(x+1)(x-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

10. $-81 + a^4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a^4 - 81 \\
 & (a^2 + 9)(a^2 - 9) \\
 & (a^2 + 9)(a+3)(a-3)
 \end{aligned}$$

11. $6 - 54a^2 = -54a^2 + 6$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -6(9a^2 - 1) \\
 & -6(3a+1)(3a-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

12. $8y^2 - 200$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 8(y^2 - 25) \\
 & 8(y+5)(y-5)
 \end{aligned}$$

13. $169x^3 - x$

$$x(169x^2 - 1)$$

$$x(13x+1)(13x-1)$$

14. $3a^4 - 3a^2$

$$3a^2(a^2 - 1)$$

$$3a^2(a+1)(a-1)$$

15. $3x^4 + 6x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x$

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

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

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

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

Solve Equations by Factoring: Solve $x^2 - \frac{1}{25} = 0$.

$$x^2 - \frac{1}{25} = 0$$

Original equation

$$x^2 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = x \cdot x \text{ and } \frac{1}{25} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{5}\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{5}\right) = 0$$

Factor the difference of squares.

$$x + \frac{1}{5} = 0 \text{ or } x - \frac{1}{5} = 0$$

Zero Product Property

$$x = -\frac{1}{5} \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{5}$$

Solve each equation.

The solution set is $\left\{-\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{5}\right\}$.**Exercises:**

Solve each equation by factoring. Check the solutions.

16. $81x^2 = 49$

$$81x^2 - 49 = 0$$

$$(9x+7)(9x-7) = 0$$

$$\left\{-\frac{7}{9}, \frac{7}{9}\right\}$$

17. $36n^2 = 1$

$$36n^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$(6n+1)(6n-1) = 0$$

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right\}$$

18. $25d^2 - 100 = 0$

$$25(d^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$25(d+2)(d-2) = 0$$

$$\{-2, 2\}$$

19. $\frac{1}{4}x^2 = 25$ $\{10, -10\}$

20. $36 = \frac{1}{25}x^2$ $\{-30, 30\}$

21. $\frac{49}{100} - x^2 = 0$ $\left\{-\frac{7}{10}, \frac{7}{10}\right\}$

22. $16y^3 = 25y$ $\left\{0, -\frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}\right\}$

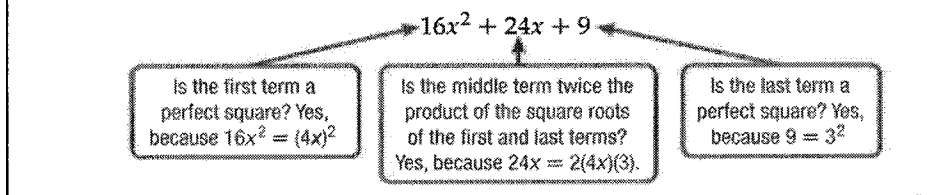
23. $\frac{1}{64}x^2 = 49$ $\{-56, 56\}$

24. $4a^3 - 64a = 0$ $\{0, -4, 4\}$

Lesson 8.9 Notes (Perfect Squares)

Perfect Square Trinomial – a trinomial of the form $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ or $a^2 - 2ab + b^2$

The trinomial $16x^2 + 24x + 9$ is a perfect square trinomial, as illustrated below.



KeyConcept Factoring Perfect Square Trinomials

Symbols $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)(a + b) = (a + b)^2$

$a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)(a - b) = (a - b)^2$

Examples $x^2 + 8x + 16 = (x + 4)(x + 4)$ or $(x + 4)^2$

$x^2 - 6x + 9 = (x - 3)(x - 3)$ or $(x - 3)^2$

Example 1: Determine whether $16n^2 - 24n + 9$ is a perfect square trinomial. If so, factor it.

Since $16n^2 = (4n)(4n)$, it is a perfect square.

Since $9 = 3 \cdot 3$, the last term is a perfect square.

The middle term is equal to $2(4n)(3)$.

$16n^2 - 24n + 9$ is a perfect square trinomial.

$$16n^2 - 24n + 9 = (4n)^2 - 2(4n)(3) + 3^2 \\ = (4n - 3)^2$$

Exercises:

Determine whether each trinomial is a perfect square trinomial. Write *yes* or *no*. If so, factor it.

1. $x^2 - 16x + 64$

2. $m^2 + 10m + 25$

3. $p^2 + 8p + 64$

Selecting the Correct Factoring Method:

ConceptSummary Factoring Methods	
Steps	Number of Terms
Step 1 Factor out the GCF.	any
Step 2 Check for a difference of squares or a perfect square trinomial.	2 or 3
Step 3 Apply the factoring patterns for $x^2 + bx + c$ or $ax^2 + bx + c$ (general trinomials), or factor by grouping.	3 or 4

Example 2: Factor $16x^2 - 32x + 15$.

Since 15 is not a perfect square, use a different factoring pattern.

$$16x^2 - 32x + 15 \quad \text{Original trinomial} \\ = 16x^2 + mx + px + 15 \quad \text{Write the pattern.} \\ = 16x^2 - 12x - 20x + 15 \quad m = -12 \text{ and } p = -20 \\ = (16x^2 - 12x) - (20x - 15) \quad \text{Group terms.} \\ = 4x(4x - 3) - 5(4x - 3) \quad \text{Find the GCF.} \\ = (4x - 5)(4x - 3) \quad \text{Factor by grouping.}$$