

9.2 Factor Trinomials

PRACTICE

Check the work! Multiply out the factored form to see if it matches the polynomial.

1. Is $(x+6)(x-5)$ the factored form of $x^2 - 3x - 30$?

$$x^2 - 5x + 6x - 30$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + 1x - 30}$$

NO

2. Is $(x+4)(x-7)$ the factored form of $x^2 - 3x - 28$?

$$x^2 - 7x + 4x - 28$$

$$\boxed{x^2 - 3x - 28}$$

YES

3. Is $(x-4)(x+3)$ the factored form of $x^2 - x - 12$?

$$x^2 + 3x - 4x - 12$$

$$\boxed{x^2 - 1x - 12}$$

YES

4. Is $m(m-3)$ the factored form of $m^2 - 3m$?

$$m^2 - 3m$$

NO

5. Is $(d-7)(d-5)$ the factored form of $d^2 - 12d - 35$?

$$d^2 - 5d - 7d + 35$$

$$\boxed{d^2 - 12d + 35}$$

NO

6. Is $(t+3)(t-3)$ the factored form of $t^2 - 9$?

$$t^2 - 3t + 3t - 9$$

$$\boxed{t^2 - 9}$$

YES

Factor the following if possible. Check your answer by multiplying!

7. $x^2 - 2x - 48$

$$(x-8)(x+6)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -8 \times 6 \\ \hline -48 \end{array}$$

CHECK: $(x-8)(x+6)$

$$x^2 + 6x - 8x - 48$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 48 \checkmark$$

8. $x^2 + 14x + 24$

$$(x+12)(x+2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 12 \times 2 \\ \hline 24 \end{array}$$

CHECK: $(x+12)(x+2)$

$$x^2 + 2x + 12x + 24$$

$$x^2 + 14x + 24 \checkmark$$

9. $m^2 - 10m + 16$

$$(m-8)(m-2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ -8 \times 2 \\ \hline 16 \end{array}$$

CHECK: $(m-8)(m-2)$

$$m^2 - 8m - 2m + 16$$

$$m^2 - 10m + 16 \checkmark$$

10. $p^2 - 4p - 5$

$$(p-5)(p+1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4 \\ -5 \times 1 \\ \hline -5 \end{array}$$

CHECK: $(p-5)(p+1)$

$$p^2 + p - 5p - 5$$

$$p^2 - 4p - 5 \checkmark$$

11. $x^2 - 64$

$$(x+8)(x-8)$$

Difference of Squares!

CHECK: $(x+8)(x-8)$

$$x^2 - 8x + 8x - 64$$

$$x^2 - 64 \checkmark$$

12. $h^2 + 3h - 54$

$$(h+9)(h-6)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 9 \times -6 \\ \hline -54 \end{array}$$

CHECK: $(h+9)(h-6)$

$$h^2 - 6h + 9h - 54$$

$$h^2 + 3h - 54 \checkmark$$

13. $x^2 - 8x$

$$x(x-8)$$

Greatest Common Factor!

CHECK:

$$x(x-8)$$

$$x^2 - 8x \checkmark$$

14. $x^2 + 2x + 12$

NOT POSSIBLE!

CHECK:

15. $t^2 - 49$

$$(t+7)(t-7)$$

Difference of Squares!

CHECK: $(t+7)(t-7)$

$$t^2 - 7t + 7t - 49$$

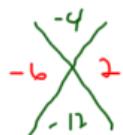
$$t^2 - 49$$

Solve the following by factoring.

16. $x^2 - 4x - 12 = 0$

$$(x-6)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x-6=0 & x+2=0 \\ \underline{+6} \quad \underline{-6} & \underline{-2} \quad \underline{+2} \\ x=6 & x=-2 \end{array}$$



$$x = -2, 6$$

18. $2a^2 - 8a = 0$

$$2a(a-4) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 2a=0 & a-4=0 \\ \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} & \underline{+4} \quad \underline{+4} \\ a=0 & a=4 \end{array}$$

Greatest Common Factor!

$$a = 0, 4$$

17. $0 = x^2 + 3x - 40$

$$0 = (x+8)(x-5)$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x+8=0 & x-5=0 \\ \underline{-8} \quad \underline{-8} & \underline{+5} \quad \underline{+5} \\ x=-8 & x=5 \end{array}$$



$$x = -8, 5$$

19. $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

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

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x+1=0 & x+1=0 \\ \underline{-1} \quad \underline{-1} & \underline{-1} \quad \underline{-1} \\ x=-1 & x=-1 \end{array}$$



$$x = -1$$

Solve the following by factoring.

20. $g^2 - 16 = 0$

$$(g+4)(g-4) = 0$$

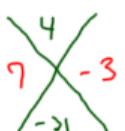
$$\begin{array}{l|l} g+4=0 & g-4=0 \\ \underline{-4} \quad \underline{-4} & \underline{+4} \quad \underline{+4} \\ g=-4 & g=4 \end{array}$$

Difference of Squares!

$$g = -4, 4$$

21. $y^2 + 4y - 21 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} y^2 + 4y - 21 = 0 & \\ \underline{-21} \quad \underline{-21} & \\ (y+7)(y-3) = 0 & \\ \begin{array}{l|l} y+7=0 & y-3=0 \\ \underline{-7} \quad \underline{-7} & \underline{+3} \quad \underline{+3} \\ y=-7 & y=3 \end{array} & \end{array}$$



$$y = -7, 3$$

22. $x^2 = 9x - 18$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1x \quad -7x \\ \hline x^2 - 9x = -18 \\ \underline{+18} \quad \underline{+18} \end{array}$$



$$x^2 - 9x + 18 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-6) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x-3=0 & x-6=0 \\ \underline{+3} \quad \underline{+3} & \underline{+6} \quad \underline{+6} \\ x=3 & x=6 \end{array}$$

$$x = 3, 6$$

23. $42 = c^2 + c - 42$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 42 = c^2 + c - 42 & \\ \underline{-42} & \\ 0 = (c+7)(c-6) & \\ \begin{array}{l|l} c+7=0 & c-6=0 \\ \underline{-7} \quad \underline{-7} & \underline{+6} \quad \underline{+6} \\ c=-7 & c=6 \end{array} & \end{array}$$



$$c = -7, 6$$

24. $x^2 + 12x + 20 = 3x$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x \\ \hline x^2 + 9x + 20 = 0 \\ (x+4)(x+5) = 0 \\ x+4=0 \quad | \quad x+5=0 \\ \underline{x+4} \quad \underline{x+5} \\ x=-4 \quad x=-5 \end{array}$$

$x = -5, -4$

25. $0 = 2 + h^2 + 3h$

$$\begin{array}{l} 0 = h^2 + 3h + 2 \\ 0 = (h+2)(h+1) \\ h+2=0 \quad | \quad h+1=0 \\ \underline{h+2} \quad \underline{h+1} \\ h=-2 \quad h=-1 \end{array}$$

$h = -2, -1$

Answer the following.

26. Simplify
 $(3x^2 - 2x + 1) - (3x^2 - x + 5)$
 ~~$3x^2 - 2x + 1 - 3x^2 + x - 5$~~
 $-x - 4$

27. Multiply $(x+5)^2$
 $(x+5)(x+5)$
 $x^2 + 5x + 5x + 25$
 $x^2 + 10x + 25$

28. Solve $\frac{2}{x} + 5 = 7$
 $x \cdot \frac{2}{x} = 2 \cdot x$
 $2 = 2x$
 $1 = x$

29. Write the equation of the linear function for the situation below.
Bob has 47 dollars and spends 3 dollars every 2 weeks.
 $m(t) = 47 - \frac{3}{2}t$

30. Write the equation of the exponential function for the situation.
Bob has 47 dollars and doubles his money every 3 weeks.
 $m(t) = 47(2)^{\frac{t}{3}}$

31. If $f(x) = x^2 - x$, find $2f(3) + 1$
 $f(3) = 3^2 - 3$
 $f(3) = 6$
 $2 \cdot 6 + 1$
 $12 + 1$
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