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# Polynomial Equations and Factoring

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# Adding and Subtracting Polynomials

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**monomial:** a real number, a variable, or the product of a real number and one or more variables with whole number exponents

$3, 3x, 3x^2$

**polynomial:** a monomial or the sum of monomials  $3x, 3+3x+3x^2, 5x^0$

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# Adding and Subtracting Polynomials

**degree of a polynomial:** the monomial in the polynomial with the greatest exponent

**standard form of a polynomial:** the degree of the monomial terms are in order from greatest to least

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# **Adding and Subtracting Polynomials**

**leading coefficient:** the constant for the first term in a polynomial expression written in standard form

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# Adding and Subtracting Polynomials

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## Core Concepts **Classifying Polynomials**

Degree	Name	Terms	Name
0	constant	1	monomial
1	linear	2	binomial
2	quadratic	3	trinomial
3	cubic	4 or more	polynomial
4	quartic		

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## Examples

Write the expression in standard form.

Determine the degree and the leading coefficient.

a)  $-8 + 9x^2 - 2x$

b)  $3 + 7a^3$

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## Solutions

a)  $9x^2 - 2x - 8$ , 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 9 is leading coefficient

b)  $7a^3 + 3$ , 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, 7 is leading coefficient

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Write the polynomial in standard form. Then classify the polynomial by its degree and number of terms.

c)  $-b^2 + 2b^4 + 6b$

d)  $12c^2$

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## Solutions

c)  $2b^4 - b^2 + 6b$ , quartic trinomial


d)  $12c^2$ , quadratic monomial


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Find the sum.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } & (3x^2 + 4x + 3) + (2x + 5x^2 + 1) \\ & = (3x^2 + 4x + 3) + (5x^2 + 2x + 1) = 8x^2 + 6x + 4 \end{aligned}$$


$$\text{f) } (-5a^2 + a + 2) + (2a^2 - a - 9) = -3a^2 + 0a - 7$$


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Find the difference.

$$\text{g) } (3y^2 + 8) - (6y^2 + 4y - 2) = -3y^2 - 4y + 10$$

$$\text{h) } (12t^2 + 5t - 7) - (-4t^2 + 3t - 1) = 16t^2 + 2t - 6$$

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# Multiplying Polynomials

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I can multiply binomials and trinomials.

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# Multiplying Polynomials

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**FOIL (First Outer Inner Last) Method:** in order to multiply binomials we can multiply first term with first term, outer with outer, inner with inner and last with last, then simplify

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# Multiplying Polynomials

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Examples (space on page 211 in Student Journal)

Find the product.

a)  $(x + 8)(x + 2) = x^2 + 8x + 2x + 16 = x^2 + 10x + 16$

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

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

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# Multiplying Polynomials

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Find the product.

d)  $(2x - 1)(5x - 4)$

e)  $(x - 3)(x^2 - 4x - 4)$

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# Multiplying Polynomials

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## Solutions

d)  $10x^2 - 13x + 4$

e)  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x + 12$

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# Special Products of Polynomials

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I can use the square of a binomial and sum and difference patterns.

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# Special Products of Polynomials

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The square of a binomial is the square of the first term plus twice the product of the first and last term plus the square of the last term.

The product of the sum and difference of the same 2 terms is the difference of their squares.

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# Special Products of Polynomials

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## Examples

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

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

Find the square.

1.  $(2x + 3)^2 = (2x)^2 + 2(2x)3 + 3^2 = 4x^2 + 12x + 9$

2.  $(3x - 5)^2 = (3x)^2 - 2(3x)5 + 5^2 = 9x^2 - 30x + 25$

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# Special Products of Polynomials

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Find the product.

c)  $(a + 8)(a - 8)$

d)  $(4x + y)(4x - y)$

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# Special Products of Polynomials

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## Solutions

c)  $a^2 - 64$

d)  $16x^2 - y^2$

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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I can factor polynomials using the GCF and use the Zero-Product Property.

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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**factored form:** a polynomial written as a product of factors

**Zero-Product Property:** if the product of 2 factors equals 0, then at least 1 of the factors is equal to 0

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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**roots:** the solutions to a polynomial equation

**repeated roots:** when 2 or more roots for the equation are the same

**greatest common factor (GCF):** a monomial that divides evenly into each term

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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## Examples

Solve the equation.

a)  $3x(x - 6) = 0 \approx 3x = 0 \text{ or } x - 6 = 0 \approx x = 0 \text{ or } x = 6$

b)

$(x + 5)(x - 4) = 0 \approx x + 5 = 0 \text{ or } x - 4 = 0 \approx x = -5 \text{ or } x = 4$

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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Solve the equation.

c)  $(4x + 5)(4x - 5) = 0$

d)  $(c + 6)^2 = 0 \approx (c + 6)(c + 6) = 0 \approx c + 6 = 0$   
*or*  $c + 6 = 0 \approx c = -6$  *or*  $c = -6$ ,  **$c = -6$**   
(repeated root)

e)  $(a + 5)(a - 2)(a - 7) = 0$

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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## Solutions

c)  $x = -5/4, 5/4$

d)  $c = -6$  (repeated root)

e)  $a = -5, 2, 7$

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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Write the polynomial in factored form by factoring out the GCF.

$$\text{f) } 12x^3 + 3x^2 = 3x^2(4x + 1)$$

$$\text{g) } 4x^4 + 24x^3 = 4x^3(x + 6)$$

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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## Solutions

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

g)  $4x^3(x + 6)$

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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Solve the equation.

h)  $4x^2 + 12x = 0$

i)  $-10a^2 = 8a$

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# Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form

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## Solutions

h)  $4x(x + 3) = 0, x = -3, 0$

i)  $-10a^2 = 8a, -10a^2 - 8a = 0, -2a(5a + 4) = 0,$   
 $a = -4/5, 0$

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# Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$

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I can factor  $x^2 + bx + c$ .

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# Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$

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## Core Concepts

In order to factor a trinomial of the form  $x^2 + bx + c$ , we must find 2 numbers that multiply to be  $c$  and add to be  $b$ .

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# Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$

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## Examples

Factor.

a)  $x^2 + 9x + 14 = 0$   $a + b = 9$ ,  $ab = 14$ ,  $a = 7$ ,  $b = 2$

b)  $x^2 - 12x + 27$ ,  $a + b = -12$ ,  $ab = 27$ ,  $a = -9$ ,  $b = -3$

c)  $x^2 + 7x - 8$ ,  $a + b = 7$ ,  $ab = -8$ ,  $a = 8$ ,  $b = -1$

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# Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$

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## Solutions

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

b)  $(x - 9)(x - 3)$

c)  $(x - 1)(x + 8)$

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# Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

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I can factor  $ax^2 + bx + c$ .

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# Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

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## Examples

Factor the polynomial.

$$\text{a) } 4x^2 + 32x + 60 = 4(x^2 + 8x + 15), a = 5, b = 3$$

$$\text{b) } 5x^2 + 15x + 10 = 5(x^2 + 3x + 2), a = 2, b = 1$$

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# Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

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## Solutions

$$\text{a) } 4(x^2 + 8x + 15) = 4(x + 3)(x + 5)$$

$$\text{b) } 5(x^2 + 3x + 2) = 5(x + 1)(x + 2)$$

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# Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

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Factor.

c)  $2x^2 + 7x + 6$

d)  $4x^2 - 7x + 3$

e)  $3x^2 - 7x - 6$

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# Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

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## Solutions

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

d)  $(4x - 3)(x - 1)$

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

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# Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

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Factor.

f)  $-4x^2 - 8x + 5$

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

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# Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

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## Solutions

$$\text{f) } -(4x^2 + 8x - 5) = -(2x + 5)(2x - 1)$$

$$\text{g) } -(9x^2 + 3x - 2) = -(3x + 2)(3x - 1)$$

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# Factoring Special Products

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I can factor the difference of 2 squares and factor perfect square trinomials.

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# Factoring Special Products

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Core Concepts (page 236 in Student Journal)

## Difference of 2 Squares

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

## Perfect Square Trinomial

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

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# Factoring Special Products

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Examples (space on page 236 in Student Journal)

Factor.

$$\text{a) } x^2 - 64 = x^2 - 8^2 = (x - 8)(x + 8)$$

$$\text{b) } 25b^2 - 36 = (5b)^2 - 6^2 = (5b + 6)(5b - 6)$$

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# Factoring Special Products

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## Solutions

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

b)  $(5b + 6)(5b - 6)$

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# Factoring Special Products

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Factor.

$$\text{c) } x^2 + 26x + 169, = x^2 + 26x + 13^2 = x^2 + 2 \cdot 13 \cdot x + 13^2 = (x + 13)^2$$

$$\text{d) } 9x^2 - 24x + 16 = (3x)^2 - 24x + 4^2 = (3x)^2 - 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 3x + 4^2 = (3x - 4)^2$$

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# Factoring Special Products

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## Solutions

c)  $(x + 13)^2$

d)  $(3x - 4)^2$

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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I can factor by grouping and factoring completely.

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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## Vocabulary

**factor by grouping:** a strategy for factoring a polynomial with 4 terms by grouping the terms into pairs and factoring out the GCF from both pairs

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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**factored completely:** a polynomial written as a product of unfactorable polynomials

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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## Examples

Factor by grouping.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 8 &= (x^3 + 4x^2) + (2x + 8) \\ &= x^2(x + 4) + 2(x + 4) = (x^2 + 2)(x + 4) = \left(x^2 + \sqrt{2}^2\right) (x + 4) = x = -4, x^2 = -\sqrt{2}^2 = \end{aligned}$$

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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## Solutions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) b) } & x^2 + 4y + 2x + 2xy = \\ & (x^2 + 2x) + (4y + 2xy) = \\ & x(x + 2) + 2y(2 + x) = \\ & (x + 2y)(x + 2) \end{aligned}$$

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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Factor completely.

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

d)  $5x^4 - 45x^2$

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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## Solutions

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

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

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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Solve.

e)  $3x^3 + 6x^2 = 24x$

f)  $2x^3 + 8x^2 = 10x$

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# Factoring Polynomials Completely

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## Solutions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } 3x^3 + 6x^2 - 24x &= 0, 3x(x^2 + 2x - 8) = 0, \\ 3x(x + 4)(x - 2) &= 0, x = -4, 0, 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{f) } 2x^3 + 8x^2 - 10x &= 0, 2x(x^2 + 4x - 5) = 0, \\ 2x(x + 5)(x - 1) &= 0, x = -5, 0, 1 \end{aligned}$$

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