

6.5: Difference of Two Squares and Perfect Square Trinomials.

Note Title

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6.4: Book covers the AC method (grouping method) for factoring trinomials,

For the 6.4 homework, work the problems using the method we already know.

6.5:

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned}(a+b)(a-b) \\&= a^2 - \cancel{ab} + \cancel{ab} - b^2 \\&= a^2 - b^2\end{aligned}$$

Difference of Two Squares Factorization:

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

Ex: Factor. $x^2 - 25$

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

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

[use $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$ with $a=x$ and $b=5$]

Perfect Squares:

$1^2 = 1$	$5^2 = 25$	$9^2 = 81$
$2^2 = 4$	$6^2 = 36$	$10^2 = 100$
$3^2 = 9$	$7^2 = 49$	$11^2 = 121$
$4^2 = 16$	$8^2 = 64$	$12^2 = 144$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}(x+5)(x-5) \\&= x^2 - 5x + 5x - 25 \\&= x^2 - 25 \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

Ex:

$$y^2 - 16$$

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

$$= (y - 4)(y + 4) \quad \text{OR}$$

$$(y + 4)(y - 4)$$

Check: $y^2 + \cancel{4y} - \cancel{4y} - 16$
 $y^2 - 16 \checkmark$

Ex:

Factor.

$$4x^2 - 9$$

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

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

Check: $4x^2 - \cancel{6x} + \cancel{6x} - 9$
 $= 4x^2 - 9 \checkmark$

Ex: $100y^2 - 81z^2$

$$= (10y)^2 - (9z)^2$$

$$= (10y + 9z)(10y - 9z)$$

OR $(10y - 9z)(10y + 9z)$

check it.

Ex:

$$x^2 - 64$$

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

Ex: $x^2 + 49$

Try: $(x + 7)(x - 7)$

Check: $x^2 - \cancel{7x} + \cancel{7x} - 49$
 $= x^2 - 49 \quad \text{No!}$

Try: $(x + 7)(x + 7)$

check: $x^2 + 7x + 7x + 49$
 $= x^2 + 14x + 49 \quad \text{No!}$

$$x^2 + 49 \text{ is prime.}$$

(It does not factor)

Why is $x^2 + 49$ prime?

write as a trinomial: $x^2 + 0x + 49$

(+) same signs
want a
sum of 0x

49
^
1. 49
7. 7

A sum of 0 is impossible.

Important Fact: $a^2 + b^2$ is always prime.
 $x^2 + \text{positive}$ is always prime.

Ex. Factor.

$$\begin{aligned} & 32x^2 - 50y^2 \\ &= 2(16x^2 - 25y^2) \\ &= 2((4x)^2 - (5y)^2) \\ &= \boxed{2(4x + 5y)(4x - 5y)} \end{aligned}$$

check it..

Ex. Factor.

$$\begin{aligned} & x^5 - x \\ &= x(x^4 - 1) \\ &= x(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1) \\ &= \boxed{x(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. $x^4 - 13x^2 + 36$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4) \quad \text{Check!} \\ &= \boxed{(x + 3)(x - 3)(x + 2)(x - 2)} \end{aligned}$$

Perfect Square Trinomials

6.5.4

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

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

Ex: $x^2 + 12x + 36$ (+) same signs sum at 12x

$= (x+6)(x+6)$

$= \boxed{(x+6)^2}$

x^2	36
$\wedge$	$\wedge$
$x \cdot x$	$1 \cdot 36$
	$2 \cdot 18$
	$3 \cdot 12$
	$4 \cdot 9$
	$6 \cdot 6$

6x 6x

Ex: $(x+9)^2 = x^2 + 18x + 81$

$(x-5)^2 = x^2 - 10x + 25$

$(x-5)(x-5)$
 $= x^2 - 5x - 5x + 25$
 $= x^2 - 10x + 25$

Ex: Factor. $16x^2 - 56xy + 49y^2$

Try: $\boxed{(4x - 7y)^2}$ ← answer

Check: $(4x - 7y)(4x - 7y)$
 $16x^2 - 28xy - 28xy + 49y^2$

$16x^2 - 56xy + 49y^2$ Yes!

Ex.: $4x^2 - 20x + 9$

(b.s.s)

try: $(2x - 3)^2$

check: $(2x-3)(2x-3)$

$$4x^2 - 6x - 6x + 9$$

$$4x^2 - 12x + 9$$

No!

$$4x^2 - 20x + 9$$
$$(2x-1)(2x-9)$$

Check: $4x^2 - 18x - 2x + 9$

$$4x^2 - 20x + 9 \checkmark$$

$4x^2$	9
$\wedge$	$\wedge$
$4x \cdot x$	$1 \cdot 9$
$2x \cdot 2x$	$3 \cdot 3$

2x 18x

6.7: Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring (6.7.1)

A quadratic equation (in x) is an equation that can be written as $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, where a, b, c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$.

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is called standard form for a quadratic equation.

quadratic term (points to ax^2)
linear term (points to bx)
constant term (points to c)

Zero Product Property (or Zero Product Theorem)

If the product of two numbers is 0, then at least one of the numbers must be 0.

In other words, if $AB = 0$, then $A = 0$ or $B = 0$.

Ex:

Solve.

6.7.2

$$x^2 - 24 = 10x$$

-10x -10x

(-) opp signs
difference of 10

$$x^2 - 10x - 24 = 0$$

[write in std. form
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$]

$$(x + 2)(x - 12) = 0$$

$$x + 2 = 0$$

-2 -2

$$x = -2$$

$$\text{or } x - 12 = 0$$

+12 +12

$$x = 12$$

[Apply Zero
Product
Property]

Solution Set:

$$\{-2, 12\}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 1 \\ 1 \cdot 24 \\ \hline 2 \cdot 12 \\ 3 \cdot 8 \\ 4 \cdot 6 \end{array}$$

Check: $(x+2)(x-12)$

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

$$x^2 - 10x - 24$$

✓

Ex:

Solve.

$$2x^3 - 14x^2 + 24x = 0$$

$$2x(x^2 - 7x + 12) = 0$$

$$2x(x - 3)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$2x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{0}{2}$$

$$x = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

$$x = 4$$

Sol'n

Set:

$$\{0, 3, 4\}$$

Ex:

Solve:

$$2x^2 = 18$$

-18 -18

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

$$2(x^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$2(x+3)(x-3) = 0$$

$$2=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+3=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-3=0$$

never true
 $\quad \quad \quad \begin{matrix} -3 & -3 \\ x = -3 \end{matrix}$
 $\quad \quad \quad \begin{matrix} +3 & +3 \\ x = 3 \end{matrix}$

Sol'n set: $\{-3, 3\}$

or $\{\pm 3\}$