

Factoring Review Elementary Algebra Mike Huff

Factoring Out the GCF

Exercise 1: Factoring out the GCF

- a) $-20xy^3 + 35x^2y$
- b) $8x^3 + 20x - 28$
- c) $a(x + 5) - b(x + 5)$
- d) $3y(x + 3) - y^2(x + 3)$

Factoring By Grouping

Exercise 2: Factoring by Grouping

- a) $x^2 + 4x + xy + 4y$
- b) $a^2 - ab - 3a + 3b$
- c) $3x^3 + 6x^2 + 2x + 4$
- d) $x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x - 56$
- e) $x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 6$

Factoring Trinomials of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$

Exercise 3: Factoring Trinomials of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$.

- a) Factor $x^2 - 5x - 6$.
- b) Factor $x^2 - 7x + 6$.
- c) Factor $x^2 + 5x - 6$.
- d) Factor $x^2 - x - 6$.
- e) Factor $6x^2 - 18x + 12$.
- f) Factor $6x^2 + 7x - 20$.
- g) Factor $2x^2 - 7x + 3$.
- h) Factor $3x^2 + 20x + 12$.
- i) Factor $10x^2 + 7x - 12$.
- j) Factor $3x^2 - 11x - 20$.
- k) Factor $6x^2 - xy - 12y^2$.

Special Factoring Formulas

Exercise 4: Factoring the Difference of Two Squares $x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$

- a) $9x^2 - y^2$
- b) $9x^2 - 36y^2$
- c) $16y^2 - 64x^2$
- d) $x^2y^2 - 36$

Exercise 5: Factoring Perfect Square Trinomials

Perfect Square Trinomials: $x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = (x + y)^2$ $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 = (x - y)^2$

- a) Factor $x^2 + 14x + 49$.
- b) Factor $9x^2 + 12x + 4$.
- c) Factor $9x^2 - 12xy + 4y^2$.
- d) Factor $4y^2 - 44xy + 121x^2$.

Exercise 6: Factoring the Sum or Difference of Two Cubes

Sum of two cubes: $x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$

Difference of two cubes: $x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$

- a) Factor $2x^3 - 16y^3$.
- b) Factor $1 - 27y^3$.
- c) Factor $27x^3 + 8y^3$.
- d) Factor $x^3 + 27$.

Exercise 7: Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

Solve the following equations.

- a) $x^2 + x - 2 = 0$
- b) $2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$
- c) $6x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$
- d) $4x^2 + 20x + 25 = 0$
- e) $9x^2 - 42x + 49 = 0$

Factoring Review Answers

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Factoring Out the GCF

Exercise 1: Factoring out the GCF

a) answer: $-5xy(4y^2 - 7x)$

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

c) answer: $(a - b)(x + 5)$

d) answer: $y(x + 3)(3 - y)$

Factoring By Grouping

Exercise 2: Factoring by Grouping

a) answer: $(x + 4)(x + y)$

b) answer: $(a - b)(a - 3)$

c) answer: $(3x^2 + 2)(x + 2)$

d) answer: $(x^2 + 8)(x - 7)$

e) answer: $(x^2 + 3)(x - 2)$

Factoring Trinomials of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$

Exercise 3: Factoring Trinomials of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$.

a) answer: $(x + 1)(x - 6)$

b) answer: $(x - 1)(x - 6)$

c) answer: $(x - 1)(x + 6)$

d) answer: $(x - 3)(x + 2)$

e) answer: $6(x - 1)(x - 2)$

f) answer: $(3x - 4)(2x + 5)$

g) answer: $(2x - 1)(x - 3)$

h) answer: $(3x + 2)(x + 6)$

i) answer: $(5x - 4)(2x + 3)$

j) answer: $(3x + 4)(x - 5)$

k) answer: $(2x - 3y)(3x + 4y)$

Special Factoring Formulas

Exercise 4: Factoring the Difference of Two Squares $x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$

a) answer: $(3x + y)(3x - y)$

b) answer: $9(x + 2y)(x - 2y)$

c) answer: $16(y + 2x)(y - 2x)$

d) answer: $(xy + 6)(xy - 6)$

Exercise 5: Factoring Perfect Square Trinomials

a) Answer: $(x + 7)^2$

b) Answer: $(3x + 2)^2$

c) Answer: $(3x - 2y)^2$

d) Answer: $(2y - 11x)^2$

Exercise 6: Factoring the Sum or Difference of Two Cubes

- a) $2(x - 2y)(x^2 + 2xy + 4y^2)$
- b) $(1 - 3y)(1 + 3y + 9y^2)$
- c) $(3x + 2y)(9x^2 - 6xy + 4y^2)$
- d) $(x + 3)(x^2 - 3x + 9)$

Exercise 7: Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

- a) $x = -2, 1$
- b) $x = -3, \frac{1}{2}$
- c) $x = -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2}$
- d) $x = -\frac{5}{2}$
- e) $x = -\frac{7}{3}$