

Factoring Practice

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Factor out the common monomial

1. $6x^3 + 3x$

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

2. $10x^4 + 3x^2 + 2x$

$$x(10x^3 + 3x + 2)$$

3. $8x^2 + 4$

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

4. $26x^3 + 13x$

$$13x(2x^2 + 1)$$

Factor using reverse FOIL

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

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

6. $x^2 + x - 12$

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

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

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

8. $3x^2 - 21x + 30$

$$3(x^2 - 7x + 10)$$

$$3(x-2)(x-5)$$

9. $2x^2 + 18x + 40$

$$2(x^2 + 9x + 20)$$

$$2(x+5)(x+4)$$

10. $x^2 - 8x + 15$

$$(x-3)(x-5)$$

Or using sum/difference of cubes

11. $125 - x^3$

$$(5)^3 - (x)^3$$

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

12. $-27x^3 + 64$

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

$$(-3x+4)(9x^2 + 12x + 16) \Rightarrow (-3x+4)(9x^2 + 12x + 16)$$

13. $x^3 - 1$

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

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

Factor using grouping.

15. $x^3 - 2x^2 - 9x + 18$

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

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

16. $12x^3 - 9x^2 + 4x - 3$

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

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

17. $35xy - 5x - 56y + 8$

$$5x(7y-1) - 8(7y-1)$$

$$(5x-8)(7y-1)$$

18. $2x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x + 15$

$$x^2(2x+5) + 3(2x+5)$$

$$(x^2 + 3)(2x+5)$$