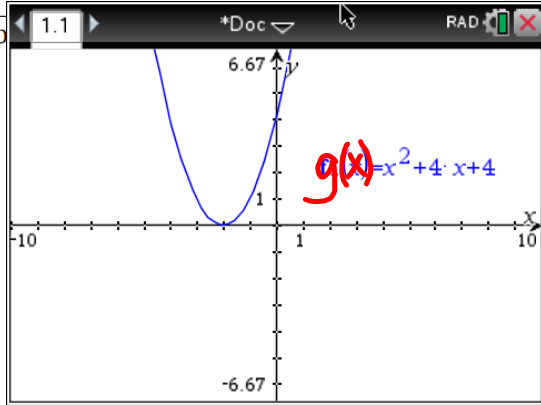
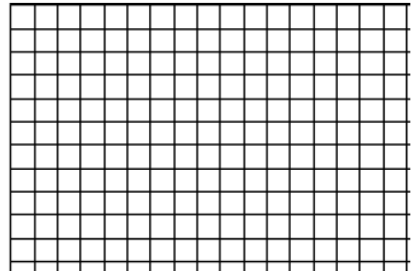


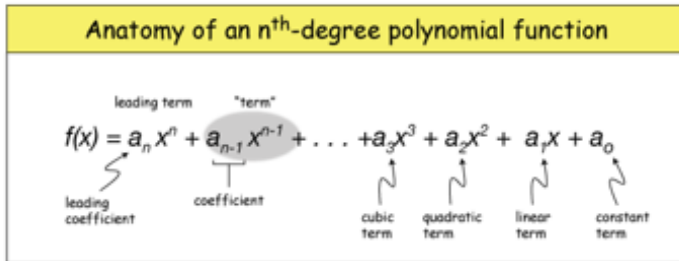
No quiz today, 3.2 HW is due
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Questions on 3.3 HW??

<p>8. Equation: $g(x) = x^2 + 4x + 4$</p> <p>What I know about this function:</p> <p>End behavior:</p> <p> $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{as } x \rightarrow -\infty, \quad g(x) \rightarrow \infty \\ \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty, \quad g(x) \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right]$ </p>	<p>Graph</p> 
<p>9. Equation $y = -x^2 - 1$</p> <p>What I know about this function:</p> <p>End behavior:</p>	<p>Graph:</p> 

Factoring Review

Notation for polynomials:



A **trinomial** has three terms.

A **binomial** has two terms

Greatest common factor:

The first thing you should do when factoring a polynomial is to look for the largest factor common to every term. The greatest common factor of a polynomial is the greatest common factor of the coefficients times the greatest common factor of the variable(s) in the terms.

EXAMPLE: Factor $8p^6q^2 - 4p^5q^3 + 10p^4q^4$.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 (2) 2 \cdot 2 \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot q \cdot q - (2) 2 \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot q \cdot q \cdot q + \\
 (2) 5 \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot q \cdot q \cdot q \cdot q
 \end{array}$$

GCF: $2p^4q^2$

$$2p^4q^2(4p^2 - 2pq + 5q^2)$$

The greatest common factor of the coefficients 8, -4, and 10 is 2.

The greatest common factor of p^6 , p^5 , and p^4 is p^4 .

The greatest common factor of q^2 , q^3 , and q^4 is q^2 .

So we can factor out $2p^4q^2$, and

$$8p^6q^2 - 4p^5q^3 + 10p^4q^4 = 2p^4q^2 \cdot 4p^2 - 2p^4q^2 \cdot 2pq + 2p^4q^2 \cdot 5q^2 = 2p^4q^2(4p^2 - 2pq + 5q^2)$$

Check your factorization by distributing. You should end up with your original polynomial.

If the terms of a polynomial have no common factors, the polynomial is **prime**.

When the leading coefficient is a negative number, we generally factor out a common factor with a negative coefficient. Thus: $-2x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x = -2x(x^2 - 3x + 1)$

YOUR TURN: Factor out the greatest common factor.

a) $6a^2x^3 + 20a^3x^8 - 4a^5x^3$

$$2a^2x^3(3 + 10ax^5 - 2a^3)$$

b) $-4x - 24$

$$-4(x + 6)$$

c) $-3a^4 - 6a^2 + 3a$

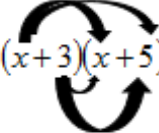
$$-3a(a^3 + 2a - 1)$$

d) $16t^8 + 40t^5 - 24t$

$$8t(2t^7 + 5t^5 - 3)$$

Factoring trinomials of the type $x^2 + bx + c$:

Recall the FOIL method of multiplying two binomials:

$$(x+3)(x+5) = x \cdot x + x \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot x + 3 \cdot 5 = x^2 + 3x + 5x + 15 = x^2 + 8x + 15$$


To factor a trinomial in the form $x^2 + bx + c$, we undo the FOILing process. If a trinomial in this form can be factored, the factorization will look like this: $(x+p)(x+q)$, where p and q are two numbers whose product is c and whose sum is b .

EXAMPLE: Factor $x^2 + 9x + 8$.

$x^2 + 9x + 8 = (x + \underline{\quad})(x + \underline{\quad})$. To fill in the blanks, find two numbers whose product is 8 and whose sum is 9.

Factors of 8: 2, 4 and 8, 1

$2 + 4 = 6$, $8 + 1 = 9$. The two numbers we are looking for are 8 and 1

So $x^2 + 9x + 8 = (x + 8)(x + 1)$

Use these patterns when factoring a trinomial in the form $x^2 + bx + c$:

If c is **negative**, one of its factors will be negative, one will be positive.

If c is **positive** and b is **negative**, both factors of c will be negative.

If c is **positive** and b is **positive**, both factors of c will be positive.

If a trinomial cannot be factored, it is **prime**.

Check your factorization by FOILING it out. You should get the original trinomial.

YOUR TURN: Factor each of the following trinomials.

a) $y^2 + 5y + 6$

$$(y+2)(y+3)$$

b) $x^2 - 7x + 12$

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

c) $y^2 + 5y - 36$

$$(y+9)(y-4)$$

d) $x^2 - 7x - 30$

$$(x-10)(x+3)$$

e) $x^3 - x^2 - 30x$ (HINT: Factor out the greatest common factor first.)

$$x(x^2 - x - 30) = x(x-6)(x+5)$$

Factoring trinomials of the type $ax^2 + bx + c$:

Let's work through this using the trinomial $3x^2 - 10x - 8$. If this factors, it will factor to two binomials $(\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad})(\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad})$

1. List possible First terms whose product is ax^2 . Write them as the first terms in each binomial factor.

$3x^2 = 3x \cdot x$ so the factorization starts looking like this: $(3x + \underline{\quad})(x + \underline{\quad})$

2. List possible Last terms whose product is c .

Factors of -8 :	1, -8	-8, 1	2, -4	-4, 2
	-1, 8	1, -8	-2, 4	4, -2

3. Use the correct set of factors, in the correct order, so that the sum of the products of the Outside terms and the Inside terms is equal to bx .

Try: $(3x+1)(x-8)$. Since $(3x)(-8) + (1)(x) = -23x \neq -10x$, this doesn't work

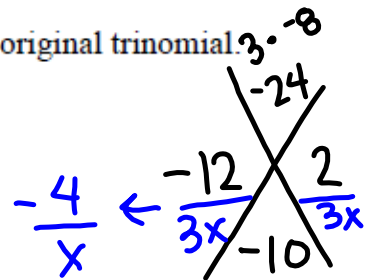
HINT: Changing the signs on 1 and -8 will give $23x$, which also won't work.

$(3x-8)(x+1)$. Since $(3x)(1) + (-8)(x) = -5x \neq -10x$, this doesn't work.

$(3x+2)(x-4)$. Since $(3x)(-4) + (2)(x) = -10x$, this is the correct factorization!

Check your factorization by FOILING it out. You should get your original trinomial.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3x^2 - 10x - 8 \\
 &(3x^2 - 12x) + (2x - 8) \\
 &\underline{3x}(x - 4) + 2(x - 4) \\
 &\quad (x-4)(3x+2)
 \end{aligned}$$



YOUR TURN: Factor each of the following trinomials.

a) $2y^2 - y - 6$

b) $8x^2 + 6x - 5$

c) $6t^2 + t - 15$

d) $2y^2 + 9y + 9$

Special patterns to watch for:

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

EXAMPLE: $16 + 8x + x^2$ - Notice that $16 = 4^2$, so $a = 4$ and $x^2 = b^2$, so $b = x$. In addition, $8x = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot x = 2ab$. This fits the pattern, so the factorization is $(4 + x)^2$.

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

EXAMPLE: $25x^2 - 20x + 4$ - Notice that $25x^2 = (5x)^2$, so $a = 5x$ and $4 = 2^2$, so $b = 2$. In addition, $20x = 2 \cdot 5x \cdot 2 = 2ab$. This fits the pattern, so the factorization is $(5x - 2)^2$.

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

EXAMPLE: $9t^2 - 64$ - Notice that $9t^2 = (3t)^2$, so $3t = a$, and $64 = 8^2$, so $8 = b$. This fits the pattern, so the factorization is $(3t + 8)(3t - 8)$.

YOUR TURN: Factor each of the following.

a) $x^2 - 49$

b) $36y^2 - 12y + 1$

c) $n^2 + 18n + 81$

d) $25y^4 - 100$

Summary:

- Always factor out any common factors first.
- Factor any remaining trinomials or binomials, if possible, using the instructions given above. If the remaining trinomial or binomial cannot be factored, leave it.

Homework

Factoring Worksheet