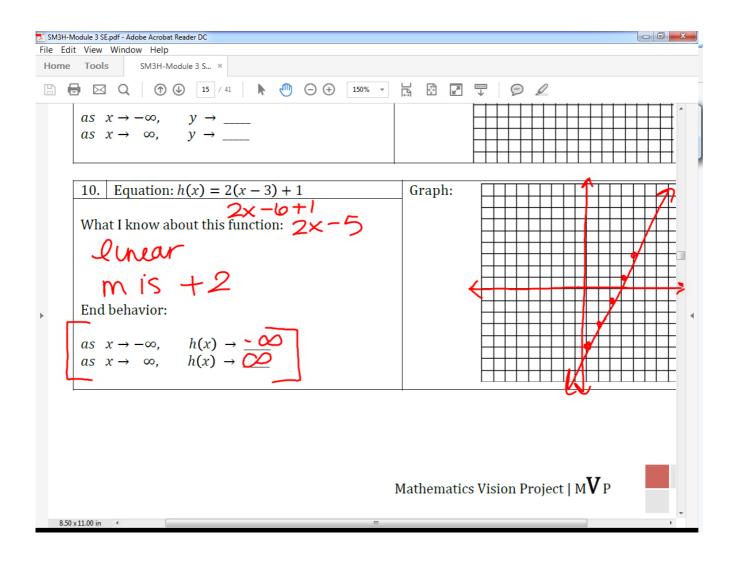
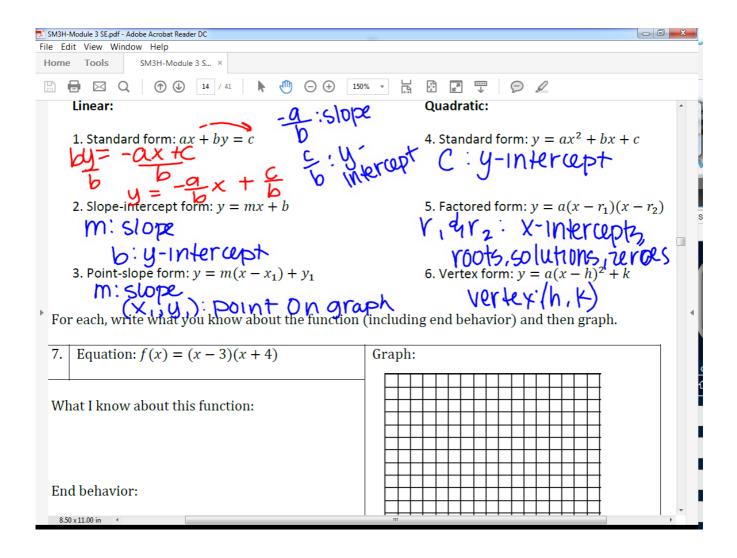
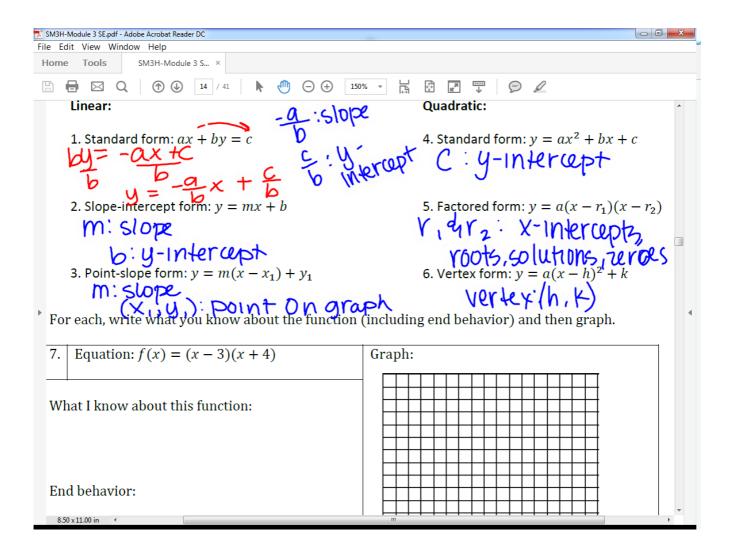
No quiz today, 3.2 HW is due today.

Questions on 3.3 HW??

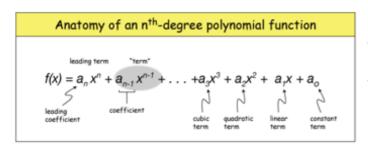






Factoring Review

Notation for polynomials:

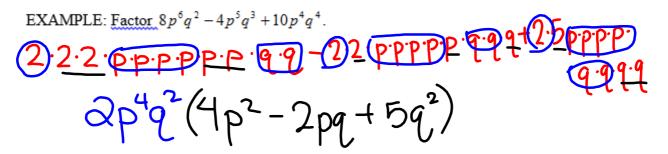


A trinomial has three terms.

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.



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

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

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

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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 $x^2 + 9x + 8$.

 $x^2 + 9x + 8 = (x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$. 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)
$$y^2 + 5y - 36$$

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

$$\int_{0}^{0} x^{2} - 7x - 30 \left(\chi - 10 \right) \left(\chi + 3 \right)$$

e)
$$x^3 - x^2 - 30x$$
 (HINT: Factor out the greatest common factor first.)
 $\times (x^2 - x - 30) = \times (x - 4)(x + 5)$

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

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: $(3x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})$

2. List possible Last terms whose product is c.

Factors of -8:1, -8 -8

-8, 1 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.

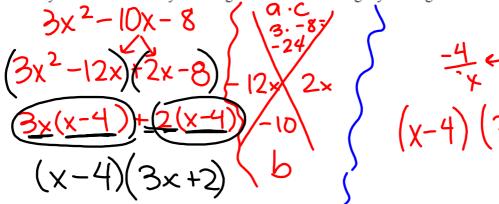
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HINT: Changing the signs on 1 and -8 will give 23x, which also won't work.

(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.



YOUR TURN: Factor each of the following trinomials.

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

$$(5x^{2}-4x)+6x-5$$

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

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

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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