

What you will learn about:  
Factoring Trinomials when  
The leading coefficient is 1

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

Factoring when  $a = 1$

$$x^2 + bx + c$$

Write the factors as two binomials with the first terms  $x$ .

$$(x \quad)(x \quad)$$

Find two numbers  $m$  and  $n$  that

Multiply to  $c$ ,  $m \cdot n = c$

Add to  $b$ ,  $m + n = b$

Use  $m$  and  $n$  as the last terms of the factors.

$$(x + m)(x + n)$$

If  $c$  is positive then  $m$  and  $n$  will have the same sign. The sign of  $b$  will determine the sign.

If  $c$  is negative then  $m$  and  $n$  will have different signs.

mult  $\rightarrow 8$

8·1

9·2

Add/subt  $\rightarrow 6$

15

$$\text{Factor: } x^2 + 6x + 8$$

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

$$\text{Factor: } y^2 + 8y + 15$$

$$(y + 3)(y + 5)$$

$$\text{Factor: } u^2 + 11u + 24$$

$$(u + 8)(u + 3)$$

$$\text{Factor: } t^2 - 11t + 28$$

$$(t - 4)(t - 7)$$

$$\text{Factor: } z^2 + 4z - 5$$

$$(z + 5)(z - 1)$$

$$\text{Factor: } h^2 + 4h - 12$$

$$(h - 2)(h + 6)$$

$$\text{Factor: } x^2 - 4x - 12$$

$$(x-6)(x+2)$$

$$\text{Factor: } r^2 - 3r - 40$$

$$(r+5)(r-8)$$

$$\text{Factor: } 2x + x^2 - 48$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 48$$

$$(x+8)(x-6)$$

$$\text{Factor: } -7n + 12 + n^2$$

$$n^2 - 7n + 12$$

$$(n-4)(n-3)$$

$$\text{Factor: } x^2 + 12xy + 36y^2$$

$$(x+6y)(x+6y)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ 6 \cdot 6 \\ 9 \cdot 4 \\ 12 \cdot 2 \\ \hline 16 \cdot 2 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Factor: } \cancel{x^2 + 12xy + 36y^2}$$

$$\text{Factor: } u^2 + 12uv + 28v^2$$

Prime

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ 7 \cdot 4 \\ 14 \cdot 2 \\ 28 \cdot 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Factor: } u^2 - 9uv - 12v^2$$

$$(u-v)(u+v)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -12 \\ -4 \cdot 3 \\ -3 \cdot 4 \end{array}$$

Prime

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \cdot 2 \\ -2 \cdot 6 \\ -12 \cdot 1 \\ -1 \cdot 12 \end{array}$$

What you will learn about:  
Factoring Trinomials when  
The leading coefficient is not 1

Factoring trinomials with a GCF

Factor:  $2x^2 - 8x - 42$

$$2(x^2 - 4x - 21)$$
$$\downarrow$$
$$2(x-7)(x+3)$$

Factor:  $4m^2 - 4m - 8$

$$4(m^2 - m - 2)$$
$$4(m-2)(m+1)$$

Factor:  $5k^2 - 15k - 50$

$$5(k^2 - 3k - 10)$$
$$5(k-5)(k+2)$$

Factor:  $4y^2 - 36y + 56$

$$4(y^2 - 9y + 18)$$
$$4(y-6)(y-3)$$

Factor:  $4u^3 + 16u^2 - 20u$

$$4u(u^2 + 4u - 5)$$
$$4u(u+5)(u-1)$$

Factor:  $6y^3 + 18y^2 - 60y$

$$6y(y^2 + 3y - 10)$$
$$6y(y+5)(y-2)$$

Factor by guess and check

$$\text{Factor: } 3x^2 + 5x + 2$$

$$(3x+2)(x+1)$$
$$\begin{array}{r} +2 \\ +1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} +1 \\ +2 \end{array}$$

$$3x+2x = 5x$$
$$6x+x = 7x$$

$$\text{Factor: } 3y^2 + 22y + 7$$

$$(3y+1)(y+7)$$
$$\begin{array}{r} +1 \\ +7 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} +7 \\ +1 \end{array}$$

$$3y+7y = 10y$$
$$21y+y = 22y$$

$$\text{Factor: } 4b^2 + 5b + 1$$

$$(4b+1)(b+1)$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 4b \\ +1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} b+1 \\ \cancel{2b+1} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Factor: } 10y^4 + 55y^3 + 60y^2$$

$$5y^2(2y^2+11y+12)$$

$$\frac{24}{8 \cdot 3}$$

$$(2y^2+8y+3y+12)$$
$$2y(y+4)+3(y+4)$$

$$5y^2(2y+3)(y+4)$$

$$\text{Factor: } 15x^3 - 85x^2 + 100x$$

$$5x(3x^2-17x+20) \quad \begin{array}{r} 60 \\ -12 \cdots 5 \end{array}$$

$$(3x^2-5x)(-12x+20) \quad (3x^2-12x)(-5x+20)$$

$$\times (3x-5)-4(3x-5) \quad 3x(x-4)-5(x-4)$$
$$5x(3x-5)(x-4)$$

Split the Middle Term  
 $ax^2 + bx + c$

Factor any GCF

Find the product of ac.

Find two numbers m and n  
Multiply to ac  $m \cdot n = a \cdot c$   
Add to b  $m + n = b$

Split the middle term using m  
and n

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$
$$ax^2 + mx + nx + c$$

Factor by grouping

Factor:  $8u^2 - 17u - 21$

$$(8u^2 - 24u) + (7u - 21)$$
$$8u(u-3) + 7(u-3)$$
$$(u-3)(8u+7)$$

Factor:  $6x^2 + 19x - 20$

$$(6x^2 + 24x) - (5x - 20)$$
$$6x(x+4) - 5(x+4)$$

$$(6x-5)(x+4)$$

Factor:  $3t^2 + 8t + 5$

$$(3t^2 + 3t) + (5t + 5)$$
$$3t(t+1) + 5(t+1)$$
$$(3t+5)(t+1)$$

Factor:  $10y^2 - 55y + 70$

$$5(2y^2 - 11y + 14)$$
$$(2y^2 - 7y) + (-4y + 14)$$
$$y(2y-7) - 14(2y-7)$$
$$\frac{28}{-7 \cdot -4}$$
$$5(2y-7)(y-4)$$

Factor:  $16x^2 - 32x + 12$

$$4(4x^2 - 8x + 3)$$
$$(4x^2 - 6x) + (-2x + 3)$$
$$2x(2x-3) - 1(2x-3)$$
$$\frac{12}{-4 \cdot -2}$$
$$4(2x-1)(2x-3)$$

$$a \cdot c = \frac{-168}{-84 \cdot 2}$$
$$-2 \cdot 84$$
$$-42 \cdot 4$$
$$-41 \cdot 42$$
$$-21 \cdot 8$$
$$-8 \cdot 21$$

$-24 \cdot 7$

What you will learn about:  
Factoring Special Cases

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

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

$$(2x)^2 \quad (3)^2$$

Factor:  $4x^2 + 12x + 9$

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

$$(3x)^2 \quad (4)^2$$

Factor:  $9x^2 - 24x + 16$

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

$$(2x)^2 \quad (5)^2$$

Factor:  $4x^2 + 20x + 25$

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

$$(3x)^2 \quad (1)^2$$

Factor:  $9x^2 - 6x + 1$

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

$$(2x)^2 \quad (7y)^2$$

Factor:  $4x^2 - 28xy + 49y^2$

$$(2x-7y)^2$$

Factor:  $16x^2 + 8xy + y^2$

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

Factor:  $50x^2 + 60x + 18$

$$2(25x^2 + 30x + 9)$$
$$2(5x+3)^2$$

$$(5x)^2 - (2)^2$$
$$9y^2 - 12y + 4$$

Factor:  $36y^2 - 48y + 16$

$$4(9y^2 - 12y + 4)$$
$$4(3y-2)^2$$

Factor:  $8x^2y - 24xy + 18y$

$$2y(4x^2 - 12x + 9)$$

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

Difference of Squares

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

Factor:  $x^2 - 4$

$$(x-2)(x+2)$$

Factor:  $h^2 - 121$

$$(h-11)(h+11)$$

Factor:  $64y^2 - 1$

$$(8y+1)(8y-1)$$

Factor:  $121x^2 - 49y^2$

$$(11x-7y)(11x+7y)$$

Factor:  $144p^2 - 9q^2$

$$(12p-3q)(12p+3q)$$

$$x^2 + 4$$

Factor:  $x^4 - y^4$   
 $(x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2$

$$(x^2 + y^2)(\underline{x^2 - y^2})$$
$$(x^2 + y^2)(x+y)(x-y)$$

Factor:  $x^4 - 16$

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

Factor:  $8x^2y - 18y$   
 $2y(4x^2 - 9)$

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

Factor:  $6x^2 + 96$   
 $6(x^2 + 16)$

Factor:  $45a^2b - 80b$   
 $5b(9a^2 - 16)$

Sum and Difference of cubes

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

Factor:  $x^3 + 64$

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