

Snow Day Packets 11 – 17

Algebra/Algebra Support

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9.8 Solving Equations by Factoring

◆ Skill A Using the Zero-Product Property

Recall If a and b are real numbers such that $ab = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

◆ Example

Solve the equation $(x + 3)(x - 1) = 0$.

◆ Solution

Use the Zero-Product Property. If the product of two factors is equal to 0, then one of the factors must be 0. Set each factor equal to 0 and solve.

First factor

$$\begin{aligned}(x + 3) &= 0 \\ x &= -3\end{aligned}$$

Second factor

$$\begin{aligned}(x - 1) &= 0 \\ x &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Check by substituting in the original equation.

Substitute -3 for x : $(-3 + 3)(-3 - 1) = 0(-4) = 0$

Substitute 1 for x : $(1 + 3)(1 - 1) = 4(0) = 0$

The equation $(x + 3)(x - 1) = 0$ has two solutions. The solutions are -3 and 1 .

Solve by factoring.

1. 3 and 2

5. 2.8 and -5.2

1. $(x - 3)(x - 2) = 0$

2. -5 and 4

2. $(x + 5)(x - 4) = 0$

6. $-\frac{2}{3}$ and 1

3. -4 and 4

7. 2

4. 6

8. $-\frac{3}{5}$ and $-\frac{7}{4}$

3. $(x + 4)(x - 4) = 0$

4. $(x - 6)(x - 6) = 0$

9. -10 and $\frac{8}{7}$

10. -3 and 1.5

5. $(x - 2.8)(x + 5.2) = 0$

6. $\left(x + \frac{2}{3}\right)(x - 1) = 0$

7. $(2x - 4)(3x - 6) = 0$

8. $(5x + 3)(4x + 7) = 0$

9. $\left(\frac{3}{5}x + 6\right)\left(\frac{7}{8}x - 1\right) = 0$

10. $(4.7x + 14.1)(2.4x - 3.6) = 0$

Factoring Quadratic Equations

Quadratic Form: $ax^2 + bx + c$

a is the leading coefficient

Let us look at when $a=1$ so, $x^2 + bx + c$

There are four different operation patterns to look at to make things easier for yourself

1) $x^2 + bx + c$ both b & c are positive
So the factors will be $(x+)(x+)$

2) $x^2 - bx + c$ c is positive. Because c is the product of two numbers the only way of getting a positive is both are positive or both are negative
 $(+)(+) = (+)$ $(-)(-) = (+)$

And adding two negatives gives you a negative which is what b is.

So the factors are $(x-)(x-)$

$$3) X^2 + bX - c$$

This time c is negative and the only way to get a negative product is by having one positive and one negative
 $(+)(-) = (-)$ or $(-)(+) = (-)$

but which one is which,
 Look at b . b is positive so the larger factor must be positive.

$$(X + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{larger \#}}}{\quad})(X - \quad)$$

$$4) X^2 - bX - c$$

c is still negative, but so is b
 this time the larger factor is negative

$$(X + \quad)(X - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{larger \#}}}{\quad})$$

Let us recap and do some examples

$$x^2 + bx + c$$
$$(x + \quad)(x + \quad)$$

$$x^2 - bx + c$$
$$(x - \quad)(x - \quad)$$

$$x^2 + bx - c$$
$$(x + \quad)(x - \quad)$$

larger #

$$x^2 - bx - c$$
$$(x + \quad)(x - \quad)$$

larger #

Example 1

$$x^2 + 16x + 63$$
 notice it will be $(x + \quad)(x + \quad)$

Write down the factors of 63:

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{63} \\ 1, 63 \\ 3, 21 \\ 7, 9 \end{array}$$

b is 16 so you want the factors to have a sum of 16.

$$1 + 63 = 64$$

$$3 + 21 = 24$$

$$7 + 9 = 16$$

the factors you want are 7 and 9

$$(x + 7)(x + 9) \text{ or } (x + 9)(x + 7)$$

you can check your work:

$$(x+7)(x+9)$$

$$x(x) + x(9) + 7(x) + 7(9)$$

$$x^2 + 9x + 7x + 63$$

$$x^2 + 16x + 63 \quad \checkmark$$

Example 2

$$r^2 - 10r + 24$$

notice it will be $(x-)(x-)$

factors of 24

$$1, 24 \quad 1+24=25$$

$$2, 12 \quad 2+12=14$$

$$3, 8 \quad 3+8=11$$

$$4, 6 \quad 4+6=10$$

because the factors are both negative you will still add them together to get 10

$$(r-4)(r-6) \text{ or}$$

$$(r-6)(r-4)$$

Example 3

$$b^2 + b - 30$$

be careful because
the factors are $(x+)(x-)$
because b is positive
the larger factor will be
positive

factors of 30

1, 30	$30-1=29$
2, 15	$15-2=13$
3, 10	$10-3=7$
5, 6	$6-5=1$

because the factors are $(+)(-)$
you must subtract the smaller
number from the bigger number

$$(b+6)(b-5) \text{ or } \textcircled{(b-5)(b+6)}$$

Example 4

$$m^2 - 4m - 12$$

the factors are $(x+)(x-)$
but the larger number
is negative this time
because b is negative,

factors of 12

1, 12	$1-12=-11$
2, 6	$2-6=-4$
3, 4	$3-4=-1$

now you must subtract
the larger number from the
smaller number to get -4

$$(m+2)(m-6) \text{ or } (m-6)(m+2)$$

Take a close look at the FOIL Method to see where a , b , & c come from in a quadratic equation.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 (3x + 2)(x + 5) \\
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{F: } 3x(x) = 3x^2 \\
 \text{O: } 3x(5) = 15x \\
 \text{I: } 2(x) = 2x \\
 \text{L: } 2(5) = 10
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 3x^2 + 15x + 2x + 10 \\
 \text{Combine} \\
 3x^2 + 17x + 10
 \end{array}$$

- c comes from the factors
- a comes from the factors with x
- b comes from the products of the constant and leading coefficients

So now what happens when a is not 1?

Let us look at when a is prime.

Example 1

$$5x^2 + 34x + 24$$

factors are $(x+)(x+)$

$a=5$ so its factors are only 1 & 5.

Factors of 24

1, 24

2, 12

3, 8

4, 6

$$1(5) + 24(1)$$

$$= 29$$

$$1(1) + 24(5)$$

$$= 121$$

$$2(5) + 24(1)$$

$$= 34$$

now we must multiply
the 1 and 5 to the
factors of 24 and
then add to get 34.

Remember FOIL

$$(5x + 24)(x + 2)$$

$$24(x) = 24x$$

$$24x + 10x = 34x$$

$$2(5x) = 10x$$

Looks like a smiley face with a
nose!

Example 2

$$2x^2 - 25x + 63$$

factors of 2 are 2 & 1

factors of 63

1, 63
3, 21
9, 7

start with 9 & 7

$$9(1) + 7(2) = 29$$

$$9(2) + 7(1) = 25$$

factors will be $(x-)(x-)$

you will still add to get 25 for b.

* you know you are adding so look for a good starting point
63 is over 25
and 21 is almost 25

$$(2x - 7)(x - 9)$$

$-7x$
 $-18x$

$$-7x + 18x = 25x$$

Example 3

$$3m^2 - 11m - 4$$

factors of 3 are 3 & 1

factors of 4

1, 4
2, 2

~~1, 4~~

$$4(1) - 1(3) = 1$$

$$4(3) - 1(1) = 11 \text{ correct \#}$$

Wrong sign

so switch it

$$1(1) - 4(3) = -11$$

factors will be $(x+)(x-)$

because it is $(+)(-)$ you will subtract to get b

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

$1x$
 $-12x$

$$\text{because } 1x - 12x = -11x$$

We want the $3x$ & 4 to have the negative

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

Example 4

$$7x^2 + 60x - 27$$

factors of 7 are 7 & 1

factors $(x+)(x-)$

you must subtract

* again, look at b
it is 60. Use trial
and error but think
first some numbers
will be way off.

Factors of 27

1, 27
3, 9

$$7(3) - 1(9) = 13$$

$$7(9) - 1(3) = 60$$

Correct # and sign

$$(7x \quad 3)(x \quad 9)$$

$$63x - 3x = 60x$$

So $3\frac{1}{2}X$ make up the negative

$$(7x-3)(x+9)$$

* Note if the leading coefficient is negative, then treat the negative as a common factor and factor it out

$$-5x^2 - 23x - 12 = -(5x^2 + 23x + 12)$$

then factor $5x^2 + 23x + 12$
and bring down negative
 $-(5x+3)(x+4)$

$$-3x^2 - 14x + 24 = -(3x^2 + 14x - 24)$$
$$= (3x - 4)(x + 6)$$

Special Factors

Take a look at $9x^2 - 16$

notice two things

- bx is missing, so $b=0$

- 9 & 16 are perfect squares

$$4^2 = 16$$

$$3^2 = 9$$

for $b=0$

the factor products must be the same but opposite signs.

So the factors are $(x+)(x-)$

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

Check answer

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

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

$$9x^2 - 12x + 12x - 16$$

$$9x^2 - 16 \quad \checkmark$$

C must be negative

$$25b^2 - 30b + 9$$

$$(5b-3)(5b-3)$$

$$\text{So } (5b-3)^2$$

This one is not
as easy to see.

- a & c are perfect
squares $5^2 = 25$
 $3^2 = 9$

- factors $(x+)(x-)$

- $5(3)(2) = 30$
always 2

try another

$$16x^2 - 40x + 25$$

$$- 4^2 = 16$$

$$5^2 = 25$$

$$- 4(5)(2) = 40$$

- factors $(x-)(x-)$

$$\text{So, } (4x-5)^2$$

One more

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

$$- 3^2 = 9$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$- 3(2)(2) = 12$$

- factors $(x+)(x+)$

$$\text{So, } (3x+2)^2$$

Common Factors

$$6x^2 + 4x + 8$$

6, 4, & 8 all have 2 in common

So $2(3x^2 + 2x + 4)$

$$5x^3 + 25x^2 - 30x$$

all terms have an x

and 5, 25, & 30 have a 5 in common.

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

$$x^3y^4z^2 + x^2y^2z^2 - xz^2$$

all three terms have an x & y
you can only pull out the
smallest degree of each

$$xz^2(x^2y^4 + xy^2 - 1)$$

Solving Polynomials in Factored Form

Solve each equation by factoring.

1) $(5a + 2)(a - 4) = 0$

2) $(r + 4)(2r - 1) = 0$

3) $5(n - 4)(n + 2) = 0$

4) $(5n + 2)(n - 5) = 0$

5) $(n + 2)^2 = 0$

6) $(r + 1)(4r - 5) = 0$

7) $2(n - 2)^2 = 0$

8) $(n - 4)(n - 5) = 0$

9) $(k + 2)(4k + 1) = 0$

10) $(x - 3)(x + 1) = 0$

11) $2(n - 5)(n - 2) = 0$

12) $4(3x - 2)(5x + 2) = 0$

$$13) (5r - 2)(r + 4) = 0$$

$$14) (x - 3)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$15) 2(p + 2)(p - 5) = 0$$

$$16) 2(a - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$17) (v - 4)(3v - 4) = 0$$

$$18) (5n + 1)(n - 2) = 0$$

$$19) 5(v - 5)(3v - 2) = 0$$

$$20) (a + 4)(a - 2) = 0$$

$$21) 3(r + 2)^2 = 0$$

$$22) 3(b - 4)(2b - 5) = 0$$

$$23) 2(5k - 4)(k - 1) = 0$$

$$24) 2(x + 5)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$25) 3(3n - 2)(n - 1) = 0$$

Factoring by Common Factor

Factor the common factor out of each expression.

1) $-36a^3 - 32a - 16$

2) $-12 - 12p + 24p^3 - 27p^6$

3) $54x^3 + 54x^2 + 42x + 54$

4) $10n^3 - 30n^2$

5) $-6x + 2$

6) $15m^2n^2 + 3m^2n^3 + 15m^3n^4$

7) $-9x^2y + 81x^2$

8) $-12x^2y^2 + 3x^3 + 12y^2$

9) $-9x^3y - 18xy$

10) $3a^2b^2 + 7a^2b - 3ab + 5a^2$

11) $-4p^7q - 4p^6qr$

12) $4pq^5r^2 - 3pq^4r^4 + 10pq^4r^2 + p^3q^5r^2$

13) $14m^5p - 21m^3pq$

14) $7a^2c^2 + 2ac^2 + 8ab^2$

15) $36j^5k^5 + 32j^3k^5h + 16j^3k^4h^2 + 16j^3k^5$

16) $35z^2x - 40zy - 25zx$

17) $30n^4 + 15n^3 + 35n^2 + 30$

18) $-8m^6 - 8m^2 + 24m + 8$

19) $-72x^5 - 27x^3 - 18x^2$

20) $-4n^6 + 2n^3 + 4n + 2$

21) $21x^7 + 15x^4 - 24x^2 - 15x$

22) $4x^3 - 32x^2 + 12x$

23) $-63n + 7nmp^3 + 42n^2$

24) $21mn^4 + 6mn^2 + 15m^3$

25) $-30k - 80 - 50h^3j^6k^2$

Factoring when $a = 1$ **Factor each completely.**

1) $v^2 + v - 90$

2) $p^2 + 2p - 3$

3) $x^2 + 8x + 15$

4) $m^2 - 2m - 3$

5) $x^2 - 16x + 63$

6) $v^2 - 5v + 6$

7) $v^2 - 13v + 40$

8) $n^2 + 6n - 7$

9) $v^2 + 3v - 10$

10) $r^2 - 8r - 9$

11) $n^2 + 3n - 4$

12) $a^2 + 13a + 30$

13) $n^2 - 16n + 60$

14) $b^2 - 5b + 6$

15) $a^2 + 5a - 6$

16) $6k^2 + 42k + 72$

17) $x^2 - 17x + 72$

18) $4x^2 - 36x + 32$

19) $4x^2 + 48x + 140$

20) $5n^2 + 5n - 280$

21) $b^2 - 4b - 45$

22) $a^2 - 7a + 6$

23) $x^2 + 7x - 18$

24) $n^2 + 7n + 6$

25) $5x^2 - 30x + 25$

Review of Factoring Form, Common Factors, and when $a=1$ Date _____**Solve each equation by factoring.**

1) $4(3a + 4)(a - 2) = 0$

2) $(x + 2)(3x + 5) = 0$

3) $(m - 1)(m + 4) = 0$

4) $4(x + 2)(x - 3) = 0$

5) $2(x + 5)(x - 4) = 0$

6) $4(5x - 3)(x - 1) = 0$

7) $2(n - 5)(n - 4) = 0$

Factor the common factor out of each expression.

8) $54x^4 + 81x^3 + 36x$

9) $24b^4 + 6b^2 + 3b$

10) $-15 + 40x^4 - 40x + 30x^2$

11) $-56x^2y^2 + 35x^2y + 7x^2 - 14$

$$12) 40m^2n^{11} + 30mn^8$$

$$13) -24x^8y - 42x^3y^2$$

$$14) 2x^2zy + 2x^2z$$

$$15) -45x^4z^6 - 27x^2z^3y^4 - 45x^3z^3 + 90xz^3y^2$$

$$16) -32mpq^2 - 72p^2q + 32mq^2 + 72m$$

$$17) -8b - b^3 + 5b^5 + 10b^6$$

$$18) 2x^4 + 10x^2$$

$$19) 12v^6 + 18v^2u - 4v^3$$

Factor each completely.

$$20) v^2 + 19v + 90$$

$$21) k^2 + 13k + 36$$

$$22) k^2 + k - 12$$

$$23) n^2 - 2n - 80$$

$$24) b^2 + 3b - 70$$

$$25) n^2 - 14n + 48$$

Factoring Form, Common Factors, and when a=1 Quiz

Date _____

Solve each equation by factoring.

1) $3(n+5)(3n-2)=0$

2) $4(a-5)^2=0$

3) $(3x+5)(5x+3)=0$

4) $4(3x-4)(x+5)=0$

Factor the common factor out of each expression.

5) $9x^7 - 5x^6 - 2x^5 + 3x^4$

6) $35x + 49y$

7) $-36xy^5z^3 + 4x^2y^2z^3$

8) $-63m^3n^4p^2 + 27m^4$

Factor each completely.

9) $x^2 + x - 42$

10) $4x^2 - 68x + 280$

Factoring When Leading Coefficient is Prime

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Factor each completely.

1) $7r^2 - 15r + 2$

2) $5x^2 - 39x - 54$

3) $5a^2 + 39a - 8$

4) $7a^2 - 60a - 100$

5) $7a^2 + 52a + 60$

6) $7x^2 - 5x - 2$

7) $3x^2 + 19x - 72$

8) $5r^2 - 39r + 54$

9) $3x^2 - 4x + 1$

10) $7n^2 - 34n - 5$

11) $7a^2 + 3a - 10$

12) $3x^2 - 25x + 8$

13) $3m^2 - 20m - 32$

14) $5n^2 + 23n + 12$

15) $3m^2 + m - 24$

16) $2v^2 + 15v + 18$

17) $3k^2 - 17k + 20$

18) $35n^2 - 5n - 40$

19) $7k^2 + 60k - 100$

20) $5b^2 + 31b - 72$

21) $30v^2 - 102v - 72$

22) $10v^2 + 65v - 225$

23) $10x^2 + 65x + 30$

24) $5p^2 + 2p - 7$

25) $30n^2 - 84n - 18$

Factoring Specials

Factor each completely.

1) $a^2 - 1$

2) $m^2 - 16$

3) $n^2 - 25$

4) $v^2 - 4$

5) $m^2 - 36$

6) $25v^2 - 81$

7) $4m^2 - 49$

8) $49n^2 - 16$

9) $16r^2 - 49$

10) $9x^2 - 49$

11) $b^2 + 10b + 25$

12) $x^2 - 8x + 16$

13) $b^2 - 6b + 9$

14) $x^2 + 8x + 16$

15) $r^2 + 2r + 1$

16) $4r^2 + 20r + 25$

17) $25x^2 + 40x + 16$

18) $25x^2 - 30x + 9$

19) $16x^2 - 40x + 25$

20) $25x^2 + 20x + 4$

21) $r^2 - 6r + 9$

22) $9n^2 + 30n + 25$

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

24) $r^2 - 16$

25) $25k^2 - 9$

Review When Leading Coefficient is Prime and Specials

Date _____

Factor each completely.

1) $7n^2 - 39n - 70$

2) $2k^2 - 9k + 7$

3) $2n^2 + 5n + 3$

4) $5b^2 - 36b - 32$

5) $3v^2 - 4v + 1$

6) $14k^2 + 2k - 12$

7) $30x^2 + 6x - 108$

8) $5b^2 - 38b + 21$

9) $6n^2 + 40n + 24$

10) $3v^2 - 26v + 48$

11) $a^2 - 1$

12) $x^2 - 144$

13) $p^2 - 25$

14) $9x^2 - 1$

15) $49b^2 - 1$

16) $16x^2 - 25$

17) $x^2 + 2x + 1$

18) $k^2 + 10k + 25$

19) $b^2 + 6b + 9$

20) $4n^2 + 20n + 25$

21) $m^2 - 2m + 1$

22) $16x^2 + 40x + 25$

23) $9a^2 - 1$

24) $16x^2 + 40x + 25$

25) $4n^2 - 12n + 9$