

# Ch 6 notes filled out

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## 6.1 The Greatest Common Factor

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**OBJECTIVES**

- 1 Find the greatest common factor of a list of terms.
- 2 Factor out the greatest common factor.
- 3 Factor by grouping.

Factor a number that divides another number evenly. Common factor a factor multiple numbers have in common  
 ex: 2 is a factor of 6. ex: 2 is a common factor of 6, 18, and 36  
 Greatest common factor (GCF) The largest factor multiple numbers share.  
 ex: The GCF of 6, 36, and 18 is 6

1) Find the greatest common factor for each list:

(a)  $30, 45$

$30: \underline{3} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{5}$

$45: \underline{3} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot \underline{5}$

$30$  and  $45$  have a  $3$  and a  $5$  in common, so their GCF is  $15$ .

(b)  $72, 120, 432$

$72: \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot \underline{3}$

$120: \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot \underline{5}$

$432: \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot \underline{3}$

$GCF = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 24$

(c)  $10, 11, 14$

$10: \underline{2} \cdot \underline{5}$

$11: \underline{1} \cdot \underline{11}$

$14: \underline{2} \cdot \underline{7}$

NO common factors  
 $\Rightarrow GCF = 1$

d)  $21m^7, 18m^6, 54m^8, 24m^5$

$21m^7: \underline{3} \cdot \underline{7} \cdot \underline{m^5} \cdot \underline{m^2}$

$18m^6: \underline{3} \cdot \underline{6} \cdot \underline{m^5} \cdot \underline{m}$

$54m^8: \underline{3} \cdot \underline{18} \cdot \underline{m^5} \cdot \underline{m^3}$

$24m^5: \underline{3} \cdot \underline{8} \cdot \underline{m^5}$

$GCF = 3m^5$

e)  $x^4y, x^7y^5, x^3y^7, y^8$

$x^4y: \underline{x^4} \cdot y$

$x^7y^5: \underline{x^7} \cdot \underline{y} \cdot y^4$

$x^3y^7: \underline{x^3} \cdot \underline{y} \cdot y^6$

$y^8: \underline{y^7} \cdot \underline{y}$

$GCF = y$

Factoring out the greatest common factor

Pull out GCF, in ( ) write leftover factors

ex:  $6+12 = 6(1+2)$

Factor using the GCF:

a)  $5y^2 + 10y$   
 ~~$5 \cdot y \cdot y + 5 \cdot 2 \cdot y$~~

$5y(y+2)$

b)  $20m^5 + 10m^4 + 15m^3$   
 ~~$5 \cdot 4 \cdot m^3 \cdot m^2 + 5 \cdot 2 \cdot m \cdot m + 5 \cdot 3 \cdot m^5$~~

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

c)  $x^5 + x^3$

d)  $-4x^3 - 12x^2$

$-4 \cdot x^2 \cdot x - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot x^2$  \* whenever front term is negative, pull out a -.  
This will change the sign of every term

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

e)  $-15x + 3$

$-3 \cdot 5 \cdot x - 3 \cdot 1$   
 $-3(5x-1)$

f)  $16x^2 - 12x$

$4 \cdot 4 \cdot x \cdot x - 3 \cdot 4 \cdot x$   
 $4x(4x-3)$

g)  $36x^4 - 42x^2$

$6 \cdot 6 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2 - 7 \cdot 6 \cdot x^2$   
 $6x^2(6x^2-7)$

h)  $20m^7p^2 - 36m^3p^4$

$4 \cdot 5 \cdot m^3 \cdot m^4 \cdot p^2 - 9 \cdot 4 \cdot m^3 \cdot p^2 \cdot p^4$   
 $4m^3p^2(5m^4 - 9p^2)$

i)  $15x^3y^2 - 20x^2y^3 + 12x^4y$

$15 \cdot x^3 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y - 20 \cdot x^2 \cdot y \cdot y^2 + 12 \cdot x^4 \cdot x \cdot y$   
 $x^2y(15xy - 20y^2 + 12x^2)$

j)  $4x^5 - 8x^4 - 4x^3$

$4 \cdot x^3 \cdot x^2 - 2 \cdot 4 \cdot x^3 \cdot x - 1 \cdot 4 \cdot x^3$   
 $4x^3(x^2 - 2x - 1)$

## 6.2 Factoring Trinomials

Multiply the following binomials:  
 $(x+3)(x-1)$

$1x^2 - 1x + 3x - 3$

$x^2 + 2x - 3$

\*middle term:  
add two constants

\*end term:  
multiply two constants

Factor the following trinomials:

1)  $x^2 + 9x + 14$

$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 1 \quad 14 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 2 \quad 7 \end{array}$

$(x+2)(x+7)$

$\boxed{+2x \quad +7x}$

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

$(x-5)(x-4)$

$\boxed{-5x \quad -4x}$

$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 20 \quad 1 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 10 \quad 2 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 5 \quad 4 \end{array}$

3)  $x^2 + x - 6 = x^2 + 1x - 6$

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

$+3x \quad -2x$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 1 \\ \hline 2 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

4)  $p^2 - 2p - 15$

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

$+3x \quad -5x$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 1 \\ \hline 5 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

5)  $x^2 - 5x + 12$

Not  
factorable

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 1 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ \hline 4 \quad 3x \end{array}$$

6)  $k^2 - 8k + 11$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 1 \\ \hline 11x \end{array}$$

Not factorable

7)  $z^2 - 2z - 3$

$$(z+1)(z-3)$$

$+z \quad -3z$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 1 \\ \hline z \end{array}$$

\*Need to factor out  
the  $-$

$$\begin{aligned} & -(x^2 - 3x - 28) \\ & \downarrow \\ & -(x-7)(x+4) \end{aligned}$$

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

9)  $w^3 - 10w^2 + 25w$

$w(w^2 - 10w + 25)$

$\downarrow$

$$w(w-5)(w-5)$$

$-5w \quad -5w$

$$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ 25 \\ 1 \\ \hline 5 \quad 5 \end{array}$$

10)  $-2x^2 + 14x - 24$

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

$\downarrow$

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

$-3x \quad -4x$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 12 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ \hline 3 \quad 4 \end{array}$$

11)  $2a^2b - 10ab + 8b$

$2b(a^2 - 5a + 4)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 1 \quad 4 \\ \hline 2 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$\downarrow$

$$2b(a-1)(a-4)$$

$-1a \quad -4a$

12)  $3x^2 - 24x + 12$

$3(x^2 - 8x + 4)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ \hline 2 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

can't be factored  
further

13)  $4x^5 - 28x^4 + 40x^3$

$4x^3(x^2 - 7x + 10)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 10 \\ 1 \\ \hline 5 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$\downarrow$

$$4x^3(x-5)(x-2)$$

$-5x \quad -2x$

## 6.2 Day 2

-Dice Game

-Practice problems

Extra examples if needed:

For #1 – 9, factor out the greatest common factor.

1)  $10x - 10y$

$10(x-y)$

4)  $2m^2 + 6mn$

$2m(m+3n)$

7)  $+11x^3y - 33xy + 44xy^2$

$-11xy(x^2 - 3 + 4y)$

2)  $8x^2 + 20y$

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

5)  $9a^5 + a^3$

$a^3(9a^2 + 1)$

8)  $5a^2b^2 - 9cd + 15a$

Not factorable

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

$4x(x-1)$

6)  $6w^3 - 14w^2$

$2w^2(3w-7)$

9)  $18xy - 24xz + 21z$

$3(6xy - 8xz + 7z)$

For #10 – 21, factor each expression completely.

10)  $x^2 + 8x + 7$

$(x+1)(x+7)$

11)  $k^2 - 7k + 10$

$(k-5)(k-2)$

12)  $w^2 - 12w - 13$

$(w-13)(w+1)$

13)  $y^2 - 4y - 45$

$(y-9)(y+5)$

14)  $x^2 - 6x + 9$

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

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

$\cancel{x}(x^2 + 2x - 15)$   
 $\cancel{x}(x+5)(x-3)$

16)  $5y^2 - 25y - 120$

$5(y^2 - 5y - 24)$   
 $5(y-8)(y+3)$

17)  $-x^2 - 13x - 30$

$-(x^2 + 13x + 30)$   
 $-(x+10)(x+3)$

18)  $3x^2 + 30x + 75$

$3(x^2 + 10x + 25)$   
 $3(x+5)(x+5)$   
or  $3(x+5)^2$

19)  $-8x^2 + 16x - 8$

$-8(x^2 - 2x + 1)$

$-8(x-1)(x-1)$

or  $-8(x-1)^2$

20)  $x^2 + 12x + 36$

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

or  $(x+6)^2$

21)  $-2x^2 - 2x + 84$

$-2(x^2 + 1x - 42)$   
 $-2(x+7)(x-6)$

## 6.3 More on Factoring Trinomials

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Factor the following trinomials completely:

1)  $2x^2 - 11x + 5$        $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \diagup \\ 5 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$

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

$\boxed{-1x \quad -10x} \checkmark$

2)  $2y^2 - 13y - 7$        $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ \diagup \\ 7 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$

$$(2y + 1)(1y - 7)$$

$\boxed{+1y \quad -14y} \checkmark$

3)  $6r^2 + 1r - 1$        $\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \diagup \\ 6 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagup \\ 1 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$

$$(2r + 1)(3r - 1)$$

$\boxed{+3r \quad -2r} \checkmark$

4)  $9y^2 + 6y + 1$        $\begin{array}{c} 9 \\ \diagup \\ 9 \\ \diagdown \\ 3 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagup \\ 1 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$

$$(3y + 1)(3y + 1)$$

$\boxed{+3y \quad +3y} \checkmark$

5)  $3x^2 - 5x + 2$        $\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$

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

$\boxed{-2x \quad -3x} \checkmark$

6)  $15x^2 - 1x - 6$        $\begin{array}{c} 15 \\ \diagup \\ 15 \\ \diagdown \\ 3 \\ \diagup \\ 5 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \diagup \\ 6 \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \end{array}$

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

$\boxed{-10x \quad +9x} \checkmark$

7)  $6x^2 + 5xy - 6y^2$        $\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \diagup \\ 6 \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagup \\ 1 \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \end{array}$

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

$\boxed{+9xy \quad -4xy} \checkmark$

8)  $8x^2 + 14x - 15$        $\begin{array}{c} 8 \\ \diagup \\ 8 \\ \diagdown \\ 4 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 15 \\ \diagup \\ 15 \\ \diagdown \\ 3 \\ \diagup \\ 5 \end{array}$

$$(4x - 3)(2x + 5)$$

$\boxed{-6x \quad +20x} \checkmark$

9)  $2m^2 + 1mn - 21n^2$        $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 21 \\ \diagup \\ 21 \\ \diagdown \\ 3 \\ \diagup \\ 7 \end{array}$

$$(2m + 7n)(1m - 3n)$$

$\boxed{+7mn \quad -6mn} \checkmark$

Factor each trinomial completely (take out GCF first if necessary):

10)  $6x^2 - 2x - 4$        $\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$ 

$\overbrace{2(3x^2 - x - 2)}$

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

$\boxed{-3x \quad +2x} \checkmark$

11)  $3r^3 - 21r^2 + 30r$

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

$$3r(r - 5)(r - 2)$$

$\boxed{-5r \quad -2r} \checkmark$

12)  $-4x^3 + 4x^2y + 3xy^2$        $\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \diagup \\ 4 \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$

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

$\downarrow$

$$-x(2x - 3y)(2x + 1y)$$

$\boxed{-6x \quad +2x} \checkmark$

13)  $28x^2 + 38xw - 6w^2$        $\begin{array}{c} 14 \\ \diagup \\ 14 \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \\ \diagup \\ 2 \end{array}$        $\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ 3 \\ \diagdown \\ 1 \end{array}$

$$2(14x^2 + 19xw - 3w^2)$$

$\boxed{+21xw \quad -2w^2} \checkmark$

14)  $-6x^2 + 12x + 90$

$$-6(x^2 - 2x - 15)$$

$$-6(x - 5)(x + 3)$$

$\boxed{-5x \quad +3x} \checkmark$

**6.4 Special Factoring Techniques Part 1**

Factor the following binomials:

\* Difference of Squares  $x^2 - a^2 = (x-a)(x+a)$

a)  $a^2 - 49$

$$a^2 + 0a - 49$$

$$(a+7)(a-7)$$

$+7a$      $-7a$  ✓

b)  $y^2 - 36$

$$y^2 - 6^2$$

$$(y+6)(y-6)$$

c)  $x^2 - 121$

$$x^2 - 11^2$$

$$(x+11)(x-11)$$

d)  $25m^2 - 16$

$$(5m)^2 - 4^2$$

$$(5m+4)(5m-4)$$

e)  $z^2 - r^2$

$$(z+r)(z-r)$$

$$(9y+6)(9y-6)$$

f)  $81y^2 - 36$

$$(9y)^2 - 6^2$$

$$(9y+6)(9y-6)$$

g)  $9x^2 - 64$

$$(3x)^2 - 8^2$$

$$(3x+8)(3x-8)$$

h)  $25p^2 - 49q^2$

$$(5p)^2 - (7q)^2$$

$$(5p+7q)(5p-7q)$$

i)  $x^3 - 4x$

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

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

j)  $36a^5 - 9a^3$

$$9a^3(4a^2 - 1)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$9a^3(2a+1)(2a-1)$$

k)  $25x^4 - 100x^2$

$$25x^2(x^2 - 4)$$

$$\downarrow$$

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

l)  $5a^2 - 405$

$$5(a^2 - 81)$$

$$5(a+9)(a-9)$$

## 6.4 Day 2 Mixed Factor practice

Step 1: Look for GCF

Step 2: a. If 3 terms - guess and check b. If 2 terms: diff. of squares.

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

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

2)  $2x^2 - 8x - 10$

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

3)  $y^2 - y - 20$

$$(y-5)(y+4)$$

4)  $16x^2 - 1$

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

5)  $x^2 - 7x - 8$

$$(x-8)(x+1)$$

6)  $8x^2 - 2x - 45$

$$(4x+9)(2x-5)$$

7)  $3a^2 + 24a + 45$

$$3(a^2 + 8a + 15)$$

$$3(a+3)(a+5)$$

8)  $25w^2 - 20w + 4$

$$(5w-2)(5w-2)$$
  
$$(5w-2)^2$$

9)  $x^2 + 6x - 27$

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

10)  $8x^2 - 63x - 81$

$$(8x+9)(x-9)$$

11)  $49x^2 - 25$

$$(7x-5)(7x+5)$$

12)  $2x^2 + 11x + 12$

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

13)  $x^2 - 4$

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

14)  $7x^2 + 32x - 60$

$$(7x-10)(x+6)$$

15)  $x^3 + x^2 - 12x$   
$$-x(x^2 + \underline{x} - 12)$$

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

16)  $3x^3 - 3x$

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

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

17)  $n^2 - 8n - 20$

$$(n-10)(n+2)$$

18)  $z^2 - 7z + 6$

$$(z-6)(z-1)$$

19)  $a^2 + 10ab + 24b^2$

$$(a+6b)(a+4b)$$

20)  $2x^2 + 5xy + 2y^2$

$$(2x+y)(x+2y)$$