

Match the domains

1.  $[-3, \infty)$       B
2.  $(-\infty, -3]$       A
3.  $(-\infty, \infty)$       D TR
4.  $(-3, \infty)$       C

- A.  $x \leq -3$
- B.  $x \geq -3$
- C.  $x > -3$
- D. all real #

# Factoring

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# Factoring

- Reverses the multiplication process
- Think of “unfoiling”



## GCF

- Check to see if there is a common factor in each term
- Factor it out



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

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

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

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

$$27b^5c^2 - 18b^8c$$
$$9b^5c(3c - 2b^3)$$



## Factoring the Difference of Perfect Squares



$$36x^4 - 4x^2$$

① GCF

$$4x^2(9x^2 - 1)$$

② 2 sets of parentheses

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

③  $\sqrt{\quad}$  of the 1st term

factored form.

④  $\sqrt{\quad}$  of last term

⑤ Make one ( ) plus & the other minus

⑥ check to see if it can factor again.

$$256x^4 - 1$$

$$(16x^2 + 1)(16x^2 - 1)$$

$$(16x^2 + 1)(4x + 1)(4x - 1)$$

## Factoring **Difference** of Squares

Degree must be even #
# of terms must be 2 (Binomial)
Must be able to take the $\sqrt{\quad}$ of a & c

$$ax^2 - c$$

Must be a minus sign

Steps for Factoring Success
1. GCF?
2. Sq. root of 1 <sup>st</sup> & Last
3. Make one addition & one subtr.

Example:  $162x^2 - 72$

$$18(9x^2 - 4)$$

$$18(3x+2)(3x-2)$$



## Factor by grouping (4 terms)

$$2x^3 + 8x^2 - 8x - 32$$

$$2((x^3 + 4x^2) - 4x - 16)$$

$$2 \left[ \underbrace{x^2(x+4)} - 4 \underbrace{(x+4)} \right]$$

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

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

① GCF  
Rewrite!!!

② Group into  
2 sets of ( )

③ Pull out a  
GCF from both  
sets of parenth.

Check to make  
sure the ( ) are  
identical twins.

④ Rewrite

⑤ Can you factor  
anything else?

**Factor:**

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

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

check

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

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

$$10x^2 + 5x - 4x - 2$$

$$10x^2 + x - 2$$



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

$$9x^2(x-1) - 4(x-1)$$

$$(9x^2 - 4)(x-1)$$

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

# Factoring by Grouping

a.k.a. Factoring in "Pairs"

Who? 4 terms

What? Polynomials

How? Very Carefully ☺

Steps	
**	GCF!
1)	Pair up terms
2)	Factor out GCF from Pairs
3)	Check that the parentheses are identical
4)	Rewrite

Example:  $9x^3 - 9x^2 - 4x + 4$

①  $(9x^3 - 9x^2)(-4x + 4)$

②  $9x^2(x - 1) - 4(x - 1)$

③  $(9x^2 - 4)(x - 1)$

④  $(3x + 2)(3x - 2)(x - 1)$

Factor again if you can!

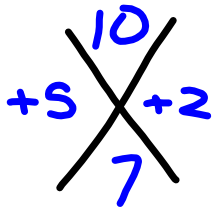


Factor:  $x^2 + 7x + 10$

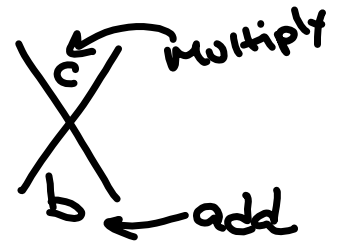
When  $a=1$

$(x + 5)(x + 2)$  **OGCF**

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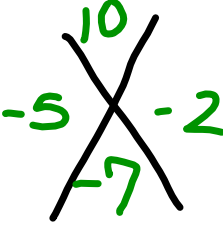


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**Factor:**  $x^2 - 7x + 10$

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





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

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

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

$$\begin{array}{r} -8 \\ +4 \quad -2 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$



## Factoring Polynomials When...

The degree is 2 (Quadratic)
The # of terms is 3 (Trinomial)
The leading coefficient is 1 (a)

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

(x      )(x      )

$\begin{array}{c} \text{c} \leftarrow \text{multiply} \\ \times \\ \text{b} \leftarrow \text{Add} \end{array}$

<b>GCF!</b> Steps for factoring success
1. Draw Parentheses & fill in X
2. What # multiply to get c and add or subtract to get b
3. What are your signs?

Example:

Factor  $r^2 + 4r + 3$

$$(r + 1)(r + 3)$$

factored form

$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \times \\ +3 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$

check:

$$(r+1)(r+3)$$

$$r^2 + 3r + r + 3$$

$$r^2 + 4r + 3 \checkmark$$



Factor:  
 $a \neq 1$

$$3x^2 - 7x + 2$$

$3 \cdot 2 = 6$


$$\begin{array}{cc} & 6 \\ \textcircled{-1} & \textcircled{-6} \\ & -7 \end{array}$$

$$3x^2 - x - 6x + 2$$

$$(3x^2 - x)(-6x + 2)$$

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

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



① GCF

② Multiply  
 $a \cdot c$

③ use the X  
 method w/ the  
 answ to step 2  
 & "b"

④ Rewrite the  
 problem as 4  
 terms

⑤ factor by  
 grouping