

Algebra II

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Factoring Polynomials

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Factoring Order -

- 1) Greatest Monomial Factor $3x^2 - 6x$
 - a) Stuff in Common $3x(x-2)$
 - b) Backwards Distributive Property
- 2) Difference of Squares
 - a) Must have two groups, both perfect squares
 - b) Must be a subtraction $x^2 - 49$
 $(x+7)(x-7)$
 - c) Answer will always be conjugate pairs.
- 3) Backwards FOIL
 - a) 3 groups
- 4) Grouping
 - a) 4 or more groups
- 5) Sum and Difference of cubes

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Factor.

$$1) 16x^3 - 64x^2$$

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

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

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$$15) st^2 - s$$

$$s(t^2 - 1)$$

difference of squares

$$s(t+1)(t-1)$$

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23) $x(y-3) + 2(3-y)$ negative trick

$$\underline{x}(y-3) - \underline{2}(y-3)$$
$$(y-3)(\underline{x} - \underline{2})$$

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27) $ab - 2 - 2b + a$

$$(ab+a) + (-2-2b)$$
$$a(b+1) - 2(1+b)$$
$$a(b+1) - 2(b+1)$$
$$(b+1)(a-2)$$

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29) $x^2 - 6x + 9 - 4y^2$ → odd duck

$$\begin{aligned} & (x^2 - 6x) + (9 - 4y^2) \\ & x(x-6) + (3+2y)(3-2y) \end{aligned} \quad \times$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (9 - 6x) + (x^2 - 4y^2) \\ & 3(3-2x) + (x+2y)(x-2y) \end{aligned} \quad \times$$

$$(x^2 - 6x + 9) - 4y^2$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow (x-3)^2 - 4y^2 \\ & [x-3+2y][x-3-2y] \end{aligned}$$

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