

8.6 Factoring Trinomials ax^2+bx+c

* 1st need to make sure
the 1st term does not have a
coefficient of 1

Review \Rightarrow Simplify $(2x+5)(3x+4)$

$$\begin{array}{r} F \quad O \quad I \quad L \\ 6x^2 + 8x + 15x + 20 \\ \hline 6x^2 + 23x + 20 \end{array}$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

Set-up your quantities:

• $ax^2+bx+c = (-x + _)(-x + _)$

* since the last sign is (+) both
signs in the quantities will be the
same

* since the 1st sign is (+) both quantities
will have (+) signs

• $ax^2-bx+c = (-x - _)(-x - _)$

* since the last sign is (+) both signs in
the quantities will be the same

* since the 1st sign is (-), both quantities
will have (-) signs

$$ax^2 - bx - c = (-x + _)(-x - _)$$

or

$$ax^2 + bx - c = (-x + _)(-x - _)$$

* Since the last sign is (-) the signs in the quantities will be different

Steps 1) Set up your quantities

2) Find factors of ac that have a sum of b

3) Use the factors you found to rewrite bx

4) Factor out the GCF of each pair of terms

Example:

A) Factor $2x^2 - 7x - 4$

5) Rewrite with Distributive Property

1) $(-x + _)(-x - _)$

6) Check with FOIL

2) Factors of AC
($2 \cdot -4 = -8$)

Sum of B
(-7)

1, -8

YES

8, -1

NO

2, -4

NO

-4, 2

NO

$$3) 2x^2 + 1x - 8x - 4$$

$$4) \begin{array}{l} (2x^2 + 1x) - (8x + 4) \\ x(2x + 1) - 4(2x + 1) \end{array}$$

$$5) (x - 4)(2x + 1)$$

$$6) \begin{array}{cccc} F & O & I & L \\ x^2 + 1x & -8x & -4 & \\ x^2 - 7x - 4 & & & \checkmark \end{array}$$

Answer: $(x - 4)(2x + 1)$

Example B:

Factor $2x^2 + 5x + 3$

$$1) (-x + _)(-x + _)$$

2) Factors of AC (6)	Sum of B (5)
2, 3	yes

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

$$4) \begin{array}{l} (2x^2 + 2x) + (3x + 3) \\ 2x(x + 1) + 3(x + 1) \end{array}$$

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

Check \checkmark
w/ FOIL

Example C: Factor $6m^2 + 7m - 5$

Factors of AC	Sum of B
(-30)	(7)
$5, -6$	NO
$+10, -3$	YES

$$6m^2 + 10m - 3m - 5$$

$$2m(3m+5) - 1(3m+5)$$

$$(2m-1)(3m+5)$$

check F O I L

$$6m^2 + 10m - 3m - 5$$

$$6m^2 + 7m - 5 \quad \checkmark$$

* Got it (a) on pg. 519

$$6x^2 + 13x + 5$$

Factors of 30	Sum of 13
$6, 5$	NO
$10, 3$	YES

$$6x^2 + 10x + 3x + 5$$

$$2x(3x+5) + 1(3x+5)$$

$$(2x+1)(3x+5) \text{ Check}$$

F	0	1	L
$6x^2 + 10x + 3x + 5$			
$6x^2 + 13x + 5 \checkmark$			

* Got it 1B) Both factors are negative

* Got it 2) $10x^2 + 31x - 14$

Factors of -140	Sum of 31
10, 14	NO
7, 20	NO
5, 28	NO
-4, 35	YES

$$10x^2 - 4x + 35x - 14$$

$$2x(5x-2) + 7(5x-2)$$

$$(2x+7)(5x-2)$$

Check

F	0	1	L
$10x^2 - 4x + 35x - 14$			
$10x^2 + 31x - 14$			

$$4(2x^2 - 10x + 1x - 5)$$

$$4(2x(x-5) + 1(x-5))$$

$$4(2x+1)(x-5)$$

check w/ FOIL $4(2x^2 - 10x + 1x - 5)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \checkmark 8x^2 - 40x + 4x - 20 \\ \checkmark 8x^2 - 36x - 20 \end{array}$$

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Practice

Form G

Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$ **Factor each expression.**

1. $2w^2 + 13w + 15$

2. $3d^2 + 20d + 12$

3. $4n^2 + 62n - 32$

4. $3p^2 - 7p - 40$

5. $6r^2 - 10r - 24$

6. $5z^2 - 17z + 14$

7. $14k^2 - 67k + 63$

8. $2m^2 - m - 15$

9. $3x^2 + 9x - 84$

10. $4y^2 + 26y + 30$

11. $5t^2 - 24t - 5$

12. $7c^2 - 2c - 9$

13. $8k^2 - 42k + 27$

14. $6g^2 - 2g - 20$

15. $2c^2 - 23c + 11$

16. The area of a rectangular computer screen is $4x^2 + 20x + 16$. The width of the screen is $2x + 8$. What is the length of the screen?
17. The area of a rectangular granite countertop is $12x^2 + 10x - 12$. The width of the countertop is $2x + 3$. What is the length of the countertop?
18. The area of a rectangular book cover is $4x^2 - 6x - 40$. The width of the book cover is $2x - 8$. What is the length of the book cover?
19. The area of a rectangular parking lot is $21x^2 - 44x + 15$. The width of the parking lot is $3x - 5$. What is the length of the parking lot?

Factor each expression completely.

20. $6x^2 - 10x - 4$

21. $6d^2 + 21d + 15$

22. $8n^2 + 68n + 84$

23. $20p^2 - 115p - 30$

24. $15r^2 + 141r - 90$

25. $12z^2 - 14z + 4$

26. $20k^2 + 110k + 120$

27. $9m^2 - 66m + 21$

28. $40x^2 - 136x - 96$

29. $42y^2 + 28y - 14$

30. $8t^2 - 16t - 90$

31. $24c^2 + 96c + 90$

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(continued)

Open-Ended Find two different values that complete each expression so that the trinomial can be factored into the product of two binomials. Factor your trinomials.

32. $4x^2 + \square x + 12$

33. $6t^2 - \square t - 4$

34. $9m^2 - \square m + 8$

35. $8n^2 + \square n - 10$

36. $12v^2 - \square v + 15$

37. $5w^2 - \square w - 24$

38. **Error Analysis** Describe and correct the error made in factoring the expression at the right.

~~$$\begin{aligned}
 (6x^2 + 3x - 9) &= 3(2x^2 + x - 3) \\
 &= 3(2x^2 - 3x + 2x - 3) \\
 &= 3(2x^2 - 3x + (2x - 3)) \\
 &= 3[x(2x - 3) + 1(2x - 3)] \\
 &= 3(x + 1)(2x - 3)
 \end{aligned}$$~~

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- b. **Writing** Explain how factoring the trinomial helps you solve the problem.

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Key

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EVENS

#1-30
skip 24
& 38 &
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Review =>

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

$4(x^2 + 5x + 4)$
 $4(x+1)(x+4)$
 $2 \cdot 2(x+1)(x+4)$
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Answers may vary. Sample:
19, 16; $(4x + 3)(x + 4)$;
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23, -5; $(6t + 1)(t - 4)$;
 $(3t + 4)(2t - 1)$

34. $9m^2 - \square m + 8$

Answers may vary. Sample:
73, 27; $(9m - 1)(m - 8)$;
 $(3m - 8)(3m - 1)$

35. $8n^2 + \square n - 10$

Answers may vary. Sample:
11, -11; $(8n - 5)(n + 2)$;
 $(n - 2)(8n + 5)$

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29, 27; $(4v - 3)(3v - 5)$;
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26, 14; $(5w + 4)(w - 6)$;
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*Product of -6
Sum of 1* 3/2

In the second step, the student wrote $-1x$ instead of $1x$. x should be written as $3x - 2x$. Answer: $3(2x + 3)(x - 1)$

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Factor to find h : $(x + 3)(4x - 5) = 4x^2 + 7x - 15$; $h = 4x - 5$

$4x^2 + 7x - 15$

*Product of 60
Sum of 7* 5/2

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slip

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