

Aim How do we factor trinomials by using special cases?

DoNow

1. $(x + 1)(x - 1) =$

3. $(x + 1)(x + 1) =$

5. $(x - 1)(x - 1) =$

2. $(x + 2)(x - 2) =$

4. $(x + 2)(x + 2) =$

6. $(x - 2)(x - 2) =$

Lesson**1. Factoring the difference of two perfect squares**

- a. When two binomials have the form $A + B$ and $A - B$, they can be quickly multiplied together as $A^2 - B^2$.
- b. Therefore, whenever you encounter a binomial that has the form $A^2 - B^2$, you can reverse the multiplication by factoring the binomial as $(A + B)(A - B)$.

c. **Example:** Multiplication— $(x + 3)(x - 3) = x^2 - 3^2 = x^2 - 9$
 Factoring— $x^2 - 9 = x^2 - 3^2 = (x + 3)(x - 3)$

- d. **Exercise:** Factor the following polynomials as the products of two binomials:

1) $x^2 - 100$

2) $9x^2 - 49$

3) $16x^2 - 25$

2. Factoring a perfect square trinomial

- a. When you multiply a binomial by itself, you are *squaring a binomial*. The result is a *perfect square trinomial*.
- b. When you factor a perfect square trinomial, the two binomial factors are the same.
- c. For all real numbers a and b :

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)(a + b) = (a + b)^2$$

$$a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)(a - b) = (a - b)^2$$

- d. **Example:**

1) $x^2 + 10x + 25 = (x + 5)(x + 5) = (x + 5)^2$

2) $x^2 - 10x + 25 = (x - 5)(x - 5) = (x - 5)^2$

- e. **Exercise:** Factor the following polynomials as the products of two binomials:

1) $x^2 + 4x + 4$

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

3) $x^2 - 20x + 100$

6) $4x^2 + 12x + 9$

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

7) $25x^2 - 40x + 16$

5) $9x^2 + 24x + 16$

8) $16x^2 - 56x + 49$

3. Factoring polynomials completely

a. A polynomial is factored completely when each of its factors cannot be factored further.

b. **Example:**

1) $10x^2 - 40 = 10(x^2 - 4) = 10(x + 2)(x - 2)$

2) $2x^3 - 72x = 2x(x^2 - 36) = 2x(x + 6)(x - 6)$

c. **Exercise:** Factor the following polynomials completely:

1) $2x^3 - 50x$

4) $2x^3 - 72x$

2) $3x^3 + 18x^2 - 48x$

5) $2x^2 + 14x + 20$

3) $10x^4 + 50x^3 - 500x^2$

6) $3x^2 + 15x + 12$

1. $x^2 - 4 =$	2. $x^2 + 8x + 16 =$
3. $3x^3 - 9x^2 + 6x =$	4. $9x^2 - 49 =$
5. $x^2 - 6x + 9 =$	6. $4x^2 + 12x + 9 =$
7. $5x^2 + 10x - 15 =$	8. $4x^2 - 100 =$
9. $2x^3 - 8x^2 + 8x =$	10. $x^2 - 8x + 16 =$
11. $-x^2 - 2x + 15 =$	12. $x^2 - 36 =$