

Study Guide Solving $x^2 + bx + c = 0$

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Factor $x^2 + bx + c$ To factor a trinomial of the form $x^2 + bx + c$, find two integers, m and p , whose sum is equal to b and whose product is equal to c .

Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$	$x^2 + bx + c = (x + m)(x + p)$, where $m + p = b$ and $mp = c$
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Example 1: Factor each polynomial.

a. $x^2 + 7x + 10$

In this trinomial, $b = 7$ and $c = 10$.

Factors of 10	Sum of Factors
1, 10	11
2, 5	7

Since $2 + 5 = 7$ and $2 \cdot 5 = 10$, let $m = 2$ and $p = 5$.

$$x^2 + 7x + 10 = (x + 5)(x + 2)$$

b. $x^2 - 8x + 7$

In this trinomial, $b = -8$ and $c = 7$. Notice that $m + p$ is negative and mp is positive, so m and p are both negative.Since $-7 + (-1) = -8$ and $(-7)(-1) = 7$, $m = -7$ and $p = -1$.

$$x^2 - 8x + 7 = (x - 7)(x - 1)$$

Example 2: Factor $x^2 + 6x - 16$.In this trinomial, $b = 6$ and $c = -16$. This means $m + p$ is positive and mp is negative. Make a list of the factors of -16 , where one factor of each pair is positive.

Factors of -16	Sum of Factors
1, -16	-15
-1, 16	15
2, -8	-6
-2, 8	6

Therefore, $m = -2$ and $p = 8$.

$$x^2 + 6x - 16 = (x - 2)(x + 8)$$

Exercises**Factor each polynomial.**

- $x^2 + 4x + 3$ $(x + 3)(x + 1)$
- $x^2 - 4x - 21$ $(x - 7)(x + 3)$
- $t^2 - 4t - 12$ $(t + 2)(t - 6)$
- $x^2 + 6x + 5$ $(x + 5)(x + 1)$
- $x^2 - 2x - 3$ $(x - 3)(x + 1)$
- $x^2 + 12x + 20$ $(x + 10)(x + 2)$
- $x^2 + 2xy + y^2$ $(x + y)(x + y)$

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Study Guide Solving $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Factor $ax^2 + bx + c$ To factor a trinomial of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, find two integers, m and p whose product is equal to ac and whose sum is equal to b . If there are no integers that satisfy these requirements, the polynomial is called a **prime polynomial**.

Example 1: Factor $2x^2 + 15x + 18$.

In this example, $a = 2$, $b = 15$, and $c = 18$. You need to find two numbers that have a sum of 15 and a product of $2 \cdot 18$ or 36. Make a list of the factors of 36 and look for the pair of factors with a sum of 15.

Factors of 36	Sum of Factors
1, 36	37
2, 18	20
3, 12	15

Use the pattern $ax^2 + mx + px + c$, with $a = 2$, $m = 3$, $p = 12$, and $c = 18$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x^2 + 15x + 18 &= 2x^2 + 3x + 12x + 18 \\
 &= (2x^2 + 3x) + (12x + 18) \\
 &= x(2x + 3) + 6(2x + 3) \\
 &= (x + 6)(2x + 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $2x^2 + 15x + 18 = (x + 6)(2x + 3)$.

Example 2: Factor $3x^2 - 3x - 18$.

Note that the GCF of the terms $3x^2$, $3x$, and 18 is 3. First factor out this GCF. $3x^2 - 3x - 18 = 3(x^2 - x - 6)$. Now factor $x^2 - x - 6$. Since $a = 1$, find the two factors of -6 with a sum of -1 .

Factors of -6	Sum of Factors
1, -6	-5
-1, 6	5
-2, 3	1
2, -3	-1

Now use the pattern $(x + m)(x + p)$ with $m = 2$ and $p = -3$.

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

The complete factorization is

$$3x^2 - 3x - 18 = 3(x + 2)(x - 3).$$

Exercises

Factor each polynomial, if possible. If the polynomial cannot be factored using integers, write *prime*.

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

2. $3m^2 - 8m - 3$ $(3m + 1)(m - 3)$

3. $16r^2 - 8r + 1$ $(4r - 1)(4r - 1)$

4. $6x^2 - 7x + 18$ prime

5. $18 + 11y + 2y^2$ prime

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Study Guide Solving $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ (continued)

Solve Equations by Factoring Factoring and the Zero Product Property can be used to solve some equations of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.

Example: Solve $12x^2 + 3x = 2 - 2x$. Check your solutions.

$12x^2 + 3x = 2 - 2x$	Original equation
$12x^2 + 5x - 2 = 0$	Rewrite equation so that one side equals 0.
$(3x + 2)(4x - 1) = 0$	Factor the left side.
$3x + 2 = 0$ or $4x - 1 = 0$	Zero Product Property
$x = -\frac{2}{3}$ $x = \frac{1}{4}$	Solve each equation.

The solution set is $\left\{-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}\right\}$.

Since $12\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 3\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 2 - 2\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)$ and $12\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$, the solutions check.

Exercises

Solve each equation. Check the solutions.

1. $8x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$ $\left\{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}\right\}$

2. $3n^2 - 2n - 5 = 0$ $\left\{-1, \frac{5}{3}\right\}$

3. $2k^2 - 40 = -11k$ $\left\{-8, \frac{5}{2}\right\}$

4. $-7 - 18x + 9x^2 = 0$ $\left\{\frac{7}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right\}$

5. $8x^2 + 5x = 3 + 7x$ $\left\{\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}\right\}$

6. $4a^2 - 18a + 5 = 15$ $\left\{-\frac{1}{2}, 5\right\}$

7. $3b^2 - 18b = 10b - 49$ $\left\{\frac{7}{3}, 7\right\}$

8. The difference of the squares of two consecutive odd integers is 24. Find the integers. $\{-5, -7, 5, 7\}$

9. **GEOMETRY** The length of a Charlotte, North Carolina, conservatory garden is 20 yards greater than its width. The area is 300 square yards. What are the dimensions?

$30 \text{ yd} \times 10 \text{ yd}$

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Study Guide Multiplication Properties of Exponents

Multiply Monomials A monomial is a number, a variable, or the product of a number and one or more variables with nonnegative integer exponents. An expression of the form x^n is called a **power** and represents the product you obtain when x is used as a factor n times. To multiply two powers that have the same base, add the exponents.

Product of Powers	For any number a and all integers m and n , $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$.
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Example 1: Simplify $(3x^6)(5x^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (3x^6)(5x^2) &= (3)(5)(x^6 \cdot x^2) && \text{Group the coefficients and the variables} \\ &= (3 \cdot 5)(x^{6+2}) && \text{Product of Powers} \\ &= 15x^8 && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

The product is $15x^8$.

Example 2: Simplify $(-4a^3b)(3a^2b^5)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (-4a^3b)(3a^2b^5) &= (-4)(3)(a^3 \cdot a^2)(b \cdot b^5) \\ &= -12(a^{3+2})(b^{1+5}) \\ &= -12a^5b^6 \end{aligned}$$

The product is $-12a^5b^6$.

Simplify Expressions An expression of the form $(x^m)^n$ is called a **power of a power** and represents the product you obtain when x^m is used as a factor n times. To find the power of a power, multiply exponents.

Power of a Power	For any number a and any integers m and p , $(a^m)^p = a^{mp}$.
Power of a Product	For any numbers a and b and any integer m , $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$.

We can combine and use these properties to simplify expressions involving monomials.

Example: Simplify $(-2ab^2)^3(a^2)^4$.

$$\begin{aligned} (-2ab^2)^3(a^2)^4 &= (-2ab^2)^3(a^8) && \text{Power of a Power} \\ &= (-2)^3(a^3)(b^2)^3(a^8) && \text{Power of a Product} \\ &= (-2)^3(a^3)(a^8)(b^2)^3 && \text{Group the coefficients and the variables} \\ &= (-2)^3(a^{11})(b^2)^3 && \text{Product of Powers} \\ &= -8a^{11}b^6 && \text{Power of a Power} \end{aligned}$$

The product is $-8a^{11}b^6$.

Exercises. Simplify each expression.

- $x(x^2)(x^4)$ x^7
- $m \cdot m^5$ m^6
- $(-x^3)(-x^4)$ x^7
- $\frac{1}{3}(2a^3b)(6b^3)$ $4a^3b^4$
- $(-4x^3)(-5x^7)$ $20x^{10}$
- $(-3j^2k^4)(2jk^6)$ $-6j^3k^{10}$
- $(-5xy)(4x^2)(y^4)$ $-20x^3y^5$
- $(10x^3yz^2)(-2xy^5z)$ $-20x^4y^6z^3$
- $(y^5)^2$ y^{10}
- $(2a^3b^2)(b^3)^2$ $2a^3b^8$
- $(-4xy)^3(-2x^2)^3$ $512x^9y^3$
- $(-3j^2k^3)^2(2j^2k)^3$ $72j^{10}k^9$
- $(25a^2b)^3(\frac{1}{5}abf)^2$ $625a^8b^5f^2$
- $(2xy)^2(-3x^2)(4y^4)$ $-48x^4y^6$
- $(2x^3y^2z^2)^3(x^2z)^4$ $8x^{17}y^6z^{10}$

Study Guide Division Properties of Exponents

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Divide Monomials To divide two powers with the same base, subtract the exponents.

Quotient of Powers	For all integers m and n and any nonzero number a , $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$.
Power of a Quotient	For any integer m and any real numbers a and b , $b \neq 0$, $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$.

Example 1: Simplify $\frac{a^4b^7}{ab^2}$. Assume that no denominator equals zero.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a^4b^7}{ab^2} &= \left(\frac{a^4}{a}\right)\left(\frac{b^7}{b^2}\right) && \text{Group powers with the same base.} \\ &= (a^{4-1})(b^{7-2}) && \text{Quotient of Powers} \\ &= a^3b^5 && \text{Simplify.}\end{aligned}$$

The quotient is a^3b^5 .

Example 2: Simplify $\left(\frac{2a^3b^5}{3b^2}\right)^3$. Assume that no denominator equals zero.

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{2a^3b^5}{3b^2}\right)^3 &= \frac{(2a^3b^5)^3}{(3b^2)^3} && \text{Power of a Quotient} \\ &= \frac{2^3(a^3)^3(b^5)^3}{(3)^3(b^2)^3} && \text{Power of a Product} \\ &= \frac{8a^9b^{15}}{27b^6} && \text{Power of a Power} \\ &= \frac{8a^9b^9}{27} && \text{Quotient of Powers}\end{aligned}$$

The quotient is $\frac{8a^9b^9}{27}$.

Exercises

Simplify each expression. Assume that no denominator equals zero.

1. $\frac{5^5}{5^2}$ $5^3 = 125$

2. $\frac{m^6}{m^4}$ m^2

3. $\frac{p^5n^4}{p^2n}$ p^3n^3

4. $\frac{xy^6}{y^4x}$ y^2

5. $\left(\frac{2a^2b}{a}\right)^3$ $8a^3b^3$

6. $\left(\frac{4p^4r^4}{3p^2r^2}\right)^3$ $\frac{64}{27}p^6r^6$

7. $\left(\frac{2r^5w^3}{r^4w^3}\right)^4$ $16r^4$

8. $\left(\frac{3r^6n^3}{2r^5n}\right)^4$ $\frac{81}{16}r^4n^8$

9. $\frac{r^7n^7t^2}{n^3r^3t^2}$ r^4n^4

Study Guide Division Properties of Exponents (continued)

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Division Properties of Exponents

Negative Exponents Any nonzero number raised to the zero power is 1; for example, $(-0.5)^0 = 1$. Any nonzero number raised to a negative power is equal to the reciprocal of the number raised to the opposite power; for example, $6^{-3} = \frac{1}{6^3}$. These definitions can be used to simplify expressions that have negative exponents.

Zero Exponent	For any nonzero number a , $a^0 = 1$.
Negative Exponent Property	For any nonzero number a and any integer n , $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ and $\frac{1}{a^{-n}} = a^n$.

The simplified form of an expression containing negative exponents must contain only positive exponents.

Example: Simplify $\frac{4a^{-3}b^6}{16a^2b^6c^{-5}}$. Assume that no denominator equals zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4a^{-3}b^6}{16a^2b^6c^{-5}} &= \left(\frac{4}{16}\right)\left(\frac{a^{-3}}{a^2}\right)\left(\frac{b^6}{b^6}\right)\left(\frac{1}{c^{-5}}\right) && \text{Group powers with the same base.} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(a^{-3-2})(b^{6-6})(c^5) && \text{Quotient of Powers and Negative Exponent Properties} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}a^{-5}b^0c^5 && \text{Simplify.} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{a^5}\right)(1)c^5 && \text{Negative Exponent and Zero Exponent Properties} \\ &= \frac{c^5}{4a^5} && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

The solution is $\frac{c^5}{4a^5}$.

Exercises

Simplify each expression. Assume that no denominator equals zero.

- $\frac{2^2}{2^{-3}}$ $2^5 = 32$
- $\frac{m}{m^{-4}}$ m^5
- $\frac{(-x^{-1})^0}{4w^{-1}y^2}$ $\frac{1}{4wy^2}$
- $\frac{(a^2b^3)^2}{(ab)^{-2}}$ a^6b^8
- $\frac{x^4y^0}{x^{-2}}$ x^6
- $\frac{(6a^{-1}b)^2}{(b^2)^4}$ $\frac{36}{a^2b^6}$
- $\frac{(4m^2n^2)^0}{8m^{-1}l}$ 1
- $\frac{(-2mn^2)^{-3}}{4m^{-6}n^4}$ $-\frac{m^3}{32n^{10}}$

Study Guide Simplifying Radical Expressions

Product Property of Square Roots The Product Property of Square Roots and prime factorization can be used to simplify expressions involving irrational square roots. When you simplify radical expressions with variables, use absolute value to ensure nonnegative results.

Product Property of Square Roots

For any numbers a and b , where $a \geq 0$ and $b \geq 0$, $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$.

Example 1: Simplify $\sqrt{180}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{180} &= \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} && \text{Prime factorization of 180} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2} \cdot \sqrt{3^2} \cdot \sqrt{5} && \text{Product Property of Square Roots} \\ &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{5} && \text{Simplify.} \\ &= 6\sqrt{5} && \text{Simplify.}\end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Simplify $\sqrt{120a^2 \cdot b^5 \cdot c^4}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{120a^2 \cdot b^5 \cdot c^4} &= \sqrt{2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot a^2 \cdot b^5 \cdot c^4} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{a^2} \cdot \sqrt{b^4} \cdot \sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt{c^4} \\ &= 2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot |a| \cdot b^2 \cdot \sqrt{b} \cdot c^2 \\ &= 2|a|b^2c^2\sqrt{30b}\end{aligned}$$

Exercises

Simplify each expression.

1. $\sqrt{28}$ $2\sqrt{7}$
2. $\sqrt{162}$ $9\sqrt{2}$
3. $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{5}$ $\sqrt{10}$
4. $\sqrt{4a^2}$ $2a$
5. $\sqrt{300a^4}$ $10a^2\sqrt{3}$
6. $4\sqrt{10} \cdot 3\sqrt{6}$ $24\sqrt{15}$
7. $\sqrt{24a^4b^2}$ $2a^2b\sqrt{6}$
8. $\sqrt{150a^2b^2c}$ $5ab\sqrt{6c}$

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Simplifying Radical Expressions

Quotient Property of Square Roots A fraction containing radicals is in simplest form if no radicals are left in the denominator. The **Quotient Property of Square Roots** and **rationalizing the denominator** can be used to simplify radical expressions that involve division. When you rationalize the denominator, you multiply the numerator and denominator by a radical expression that gives a rational number in the denominator.

Quotient Property of Square Roots

For any numbers a and b , where $a \geq 0$ and $b > 0$, $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$.

Example: Simplify $\sqrt{\frac{56}{45}}$.

$$\sqrt{\frac{56}{45}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot 14}{9 \cdot 5}}$$

Factor 56 and 45.

$$= \frac{2 \cdot \sqrt{14}}{3 \cdot \sqrt{5}}$$

Simplify the numerator and denominator.

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{14}}{3\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Multiply by $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}}$ to rationalize the denominator.

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{70}}{15}$$

Product Property of Square Roots

Exercises

Simplify each expression.

1. $\frac{\sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{18}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

2. $\frac{\sqrt{100}}{\sqrt{121}}$

$$\frac{10}{11}$$

3. $\frac{8\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{8}}$

$$2$$

4. $\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{30}}{4}$$

5. $\sqrt{\frac{3a^2}{10b^6}}$

$$\frac{a\sqrt{30}}{10b^3}$$

6. $\sqrt{\frac{100a^4}{144b^8}}$

$$\frac{5a^2}{6b^4}$$

7. $\frac{\sqrt{4}}{3-\sqrt{5}}$

$$\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

8. $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5+\sqrt{5}}$

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}$$