

**10.1 “Adding and Subtracting Polynomials”**

**Polynomial**- an expression where terms are being either added and/or subtracted together

Ex:  $6x^4 + 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 7x + 3$

**Standard Form of a Polynomial**- the terms are placed in descending order, from largest exponent to smallest exponent.

Ex:  $2x^2 + x + 3x^3 + 9 \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree of Each Term**- the exponent of the variable

Ex:  $5x^3 \dots$  \_\_\_ is the degree

**Degree of a Polynomial**- the largest degree of its terms

Ex:  $9x^4 + 5x^3 + x^2 + x + 7 \dots$  \_\_\_ is the degree of the polynomial

**Leading Coefficient**- the coefficient of the first term of a polynomial written in standard form

Ex:  $7x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 8 \dots$  \_\_\_ is the leading coefficient

**Classification by Number of Terms:**

**Monomial**- a polynomial with only 1 term    Ex:  $3x$  or  $6$

**Binomial**- A polynomial with 2 terms        Ex:  $3x + 4$  or  $2x^2 + 5x$

**Trinomial**- a polynomial with three terms    Ex:  $2x^2 + 4x + 1$

- Beyond trinomial, we just use the generic word “polynomial” to classify...

**Classification by Degree:**

0: constant	Ex: $5$
1: linear	Ex: $5x + 2$
2: quadratic	Ex: $5x^2 - 4$
3: cubic	Ex: $5x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 1$
4: quartic	Ex: $5x^4 + x - 7$

Polynomial	Degree	Classified by Degree	Classified by # of Terms
$3$			
$6x$			
$6x + 2$			
$3x^2 + 6x + 2$			
$x^3$			
$x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 1$			
$x^4 + 2x^2 + -x - 1$			

**Ex 1: Adding Polynomials**

$(3x^2 - 2x + 4) + (4x^2 + 7x - 5) + (2x^2 - 3)$

Horizontal Adding

Vertical Adding

### **Ex 2: Subtracting Polynomials**

\*You have to distribute the negative sign to all terms in the parentheses!

$$(-2x^3 + 5x^2 - x + 8) - (-2x^3 + 3x - 4)$$

### **Ex 3:**

$$(9x^3 + 12) + (6x^2 - 4x + 5)$$

### **Ex 4:**

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

<b>10.2 “Multiplying Polynomials”</b>
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### **Remember the distributive property?**

Ex 1:  $6x(x^2 + 3x + 6) =$

\*This is multiplying a monomial by a polynomial\*

### **What if we have 2 Binomials?**

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

We have to do the distributive property TWICE!

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

**In math, we call this the FOIL method...(First, Outer, Inner, Last)**

### **Ex 3:**

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

### **Ex 4:**

$$(2x + 4)(x - 3) =$$

**\*Note: FOIL only works with 2 binomials...what if we have BIGGER polynomials?**

### **Ex 5:**

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

### **Ex 6:**

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

### 10.3 “Special Products of Polynomials”

**\*FOIL always works to multiply binomials, but some pairs of binomials have special products, and you can take a shortcut by memorizing the pattern!**

**Sum and Difference Pattern:  $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$**

\*There is no middle term!

Ex1:  $(x + 4)(x - 4) =$

Ex2:  $(3x - 5)(3x + 5) =$

Ex3:  $(x + y)(x - y) =$

**Square of an Addition Binomial:  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$**

\*The middle term is twice the product of the two terms!

Ex4:  $(x + 5)^2 =$

Ex5:  $(2x + 4)^2 =$

Ex6:  $(x + y)^2 =$

**Square of a Subtraction Binomial:  $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$**

\*The middle term is Negative twice the product of the two terms!

Ex7:  $(x - 2)^2 =$

Ex8:  $(2x - 5)^2 =$

Ex9:  $(x - y)^2 =$

### 10.4 “Solving Polynomial Equations in Factored Form”

Standard Form:  $2x^2 + 7x - 15 = 0$

→ We can solve this using the  
Quadratic Formula!

**Factored Form**: a polynomial is in factored form if it is written as the product of two or more linear factors

Factored Form:  $(2x - 3)(x + 5) = 0$

→ How do we solve this?

\*We use the Zero Product Property!

**Zero Product Property**- the product of two factors is zero only when at least one of the factors is zero!

If  $ab = 0$ , then either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

**Ex 1:** If  $(2x - 3)(x + 5) = 0$ , then either  $2x - 3 = 0$  or  $x + 5 = 0$

Ex 2:  $y = 5x(x - 3)(2x + 6)$

Ex 3:  $y = 3(2x - 5)$

**\*If you have “repeated factors” you only have to solve the factor once....**

Ex 4:  $(x + 3)^2 = 0$

Ex 5:  $(2x - 6)^3 = 0$

**\*You will have as many solutions for x as the number of factors you have in your factored equation!**

Ex 6:  $(2x + 3)(x + 4)(3x - 5) = 0$

Ex 7:  $8(2x + 1)(x - 5)^2 = 0$

**\*When you factor an equation the solutions are the roots to the graph!**

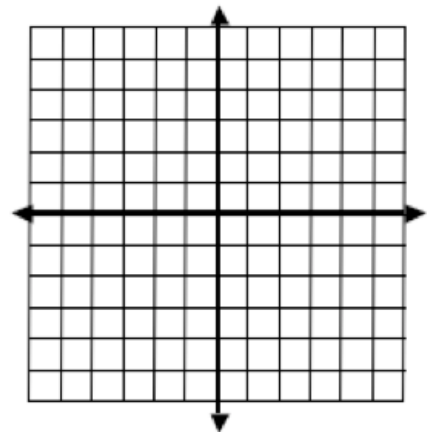
Ex 8: Solve  $(x - 3)(x + 2) = 0$

Write  $(x - 3)(x + 2) = 0$  in standard form:

The parabola opens \_\_\_\_\_

AOS: \_\_\_\_\_

Vertex: \_\_\_\_\_



## 10.8 “Factoring GCF & Grouping”

### **GCF (greatest common factor)**

Integer and/or variable factors that can be factored out of **all** terms in a polynomial expression.

- 1) Take out the GCF of the coefficients
- 2) Take out the minimum variables available in each term
- 3) Reverse the distributive property, the “leftovers” go in parentheses

**Ex 1:** Factor  $15x^4 + 3x^2$

GCF of 15 & 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum x-values in each term: \_\_\_\_\_

The GCF of the polynomial = \_\_\_\_\_

**Ex 2:** Factor  $6x^3 + 18x^2 - 24x$

**Ex 3:** Factor  $3x^2 - 5$

**Prime Polynomial-** a polynomial that is NOT the product of multiple polynomials having integer coefficients (it can't be nicely factored)

**Factoring by Grouping-** when there are four terms, try factoring by grouping!

- 1) Factor GCF
- 2) Factor by grouping the first two terms and the last two terms

**Ex4:** Factor  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 6$

There is no GCF that can be pulled out of all 4 terms, but the first 2 terms have a common factor, and the second 2 terms have a common factor.

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

**\*Notice that the terms in parentheses are THE SAME! This should always be the case when you factor by grouping, and if they are NOT the same, something is WRONG!**

\*The terms need to be the same, because you can now re-write the answer as two factors multiplied together, using the Distributive Property:

**Ex5:** Factor  $9x^2 - 15x + 6x - 10$  (Remember to check for GCF first!)

**Ex 6:**  
Factor  $4x^4 + 10x^3 - 12x - 30$  (Check for a GCF first!)

**Factor the following:**

**Ex 7:**  
 $18x^2 - 15x$

**Ex 8:**  
 $x^4 + 2x^3 + x + 2$

**Ex 9:**  
 $x^4 + 5x^3 + 3x - 15$

**Ex 10:**  
 $10x^7 - 5x^5 + 15x^3 - 20x^2$

## 10.5 "Factoring $x^2 + bx + c$ "

**Factor a Quadratic Expression-** Write it as the product of 2 linear expressions

\*FOIL tells us that  $(x + 2)(x + 3) = x^2 + 5x + 6$

We are trying to factor a polynomial:  $x^2 + bx + c$  so that  $b = 5 = 2 + 3$  and  $c = 6 = (2)(3)$

\*We are looking for 2 numbers that when added together give us the x-term (b), and when multiplied together give us the constant term (c) .

**HINT:** Look at the last term and list the factors...

- If the last term is POSITIVE, both numbers must be + or both must be - because  $(+)(+) = +$  and  $(-)(-) = +$
- If the last term is NEGATIVE, one number must be + and the other must be -

**Ex 1:** Factor  $x^2 + 7x + 10$

\*Which 2 number when multiplied give us +10, and when added give us +7?

You can check by FOILING the factors =  $x^2 + 7x + 10$

**Ex 2:** Factor  $x^2 - 7x + 12$

**Ex 3:** Factor  $x^2 - 6 + x$

**Ex 4:** Factor  $-10 + x^2 - 3x$

**Ex 5:** Factor  $x^2 + 3x - 6$

\***NOTE-** A Quadratic Polynomial is sometimes PRIME (it cannot be factored).

**Solve by factoring.**

Remember to write in standard form 1<sup>st</sup>!  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

**Ex 6:**  $x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0$

**Ex 7:**  $x^2 - 2x = 24$

## 10.6 “Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$ ”

\*Last time we learned to factor  $x^2 + bx + c$ , where the coefficient on the  $x^2$  term was ALWAYS 1...now it may not be 1 anymore!

### **The “Super Cool Method” for Factoring Quadratic Polynomial when $a \neq 1$ :**

- 1) Write the polynomial in standard form, with all terms on the left side (set it equal to 0)
- 2) Simplify by pulling out any GCF from all terms (if any exist)
- 3) Multiply (a)(c)
- 4) List the factors of (a)(c) that when added would equal b term
- 5) Rewrite the polynomial with the two terms for “b” in the center (with “x” variable)
- 6) Factor the polynomial by GROUPING

**Ex 1:** Factor  $2x^2 + 11x + 5$

**Ex 2:** Factor  $3x^2 - 4x - 7$

**Ex 3:** Factor  $6x^2 - 19x + 15$

**Ex 4:** Factor  $6x^2 - 2x - 8$      **\*We can simplify by pulling out a GCF!**

\*AGAIN, if you are struggling to factor a quadratic polynomial, it might be PRIME!

## 10.7 "Factoring Special Products"

**\*We can use our special product patterns to factor polynomials!**

**1) Difference of 2 Squares Pattern:  $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$**

Ex 1:  $4x^2 - 25 =$

**2) Perfect Square Trinomial (Addition):  $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)^2$**

Ex 2:  $x^2 + 6x + 9 =$

**3) Perfect Square Trinomial (Subtraction):  $a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)^2$**

Ex 3:  $x^2 - 10x + 25 =$

**\*Remember to always try GCF first!**

Ex 4: Factor and Solve  $50 - 98x^2$

Ex 5: Factor and Solve  $x^2 - 4x + 4$

Ex 6: Factor and Solve  $16x^2 + 24x + 9$