

Find the greatest common factor of the polynomial.

1.  $9y + 3xy^2$

$3y(3y + xy^2)$

2.  $6r^3s - 8rs$

$2rs(3r^2 - 4)$

3.  $3x + 3xy - 3xz$

$3x(1 + y - z)$

4.  $4y^2z + 4yz - 5y^2z$

$y^2(4y + 4 - 5y^2)$

5.  $5ab^3 - 5a^3b + 11a^3b$

$ab(5b^2 - 5a^2 + 11a^2)$

6.  $-x^2y + xy - xy$

Warm Up

Graph the function. Label the vertex and the axis of symmetry.

1.  $y = 4x^2 + 4x - 5$

2.  $y = -4x^2 + 5x$

3.  $y = 5x^2 - 23x + 8$

4.  $y = x^2 + 2x - 1$

5.  $y = x^2 - x + 3$

6.  $y = 2x^2 + 3x + 1$

Cumulative Warm Up

**Essential Question**

How can you factor a polynomial?

- Find the greatest common factor (GCF)
- Use the ac method
- Factor by grouping (4 terms)

Essential Question

• find the Greatest Common factor  $\rightarrow$  what is the largest factor that the terms share

• factor must be in all terms in order to factor out.

• Once you have GCF  $\rightarrow$  divide each term by it.

Axis of symmetry:

$$x = -b/2a$$

Vertex: use the x value of axis of symmetry and plug into quadratic and solve for y.

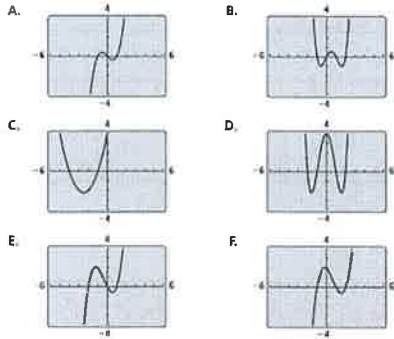
• remember that a polynomial is only fully factored when the remaining terms have nothing more in common.

What you will learn:

- Factor polynomials
- Use factor theorem.

Work with a partner. Match each polynomial equation with the graph of its related polynomial function. Use the x-intercepts of the graph to write each polynomial in factored form. Explain your reasoning.

- a.  $x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$
- b.  $x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 = 0$
- c.  $x^3 + x^2 - 2x = 0$
- d.  $x^3 - x = 0$
- e.  $x^4 - 5x^2 + 4 = 0$
- f.  $x^4 - 2x^2 - x^2 + 2x = 0$



Exploration 1

\* Work in pairs matching with a graphing calculator.

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Work with a partner. Use the x-intercepts of the graph of the polynomial function to write each polynomial in factored form. Explain your reasoning. Check your answers by multiplying.

- a.  $f(x) = x^2 - x - 2$
- b.  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 2x$
- c.  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x$
- d.  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3$
- e.  $f(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 - 2x$
- f.  $f(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 9$

Exploration 2

\* additions student practice

$ax^2 + bx + c = ( \quad + ) ( \quad + )$   
 $ax^2 - bx + c = ( \quad - ) ( \quad - )$   
 $ax^2 - bx - c = ( \quad + ) ( \quad - )$   
 $ax^2 + bx - c = ( \quad - ) ( \quad + )$

largest factor

largest factor

Factor each polynomial completely.

- a.  $x^3 - 4x^2 - 5x$
- b.  $3y^5 - 48y^3$
- c.  $5z^4 + 30z^3 + 45z^2$

GCF = x

$5 \cdot 1 = 5$   
 $\frac{1}{5}$

$x(x^2 - 4x - 5)$   
 $x[(x^2 - 5x) + 1(x - 5)]$   
 $x[x(x - 5) + 1(x - 5)]$   
 $x(x - 5)(x + 1)$

Example 1

- begin by finding a GCF
- divide out of each term
- Use ac method - multiply c term by a term
- find all factors of the product
- rewrite polynomial in 4 terms
- factor by grouping
- factor common binomial
- write what is left over

Factor the polynomial completely.

1.  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 10x$  GCF =  $x \rightarrow x(x^2 - 7x + 10)$   
 $x[(x^2 - 2x)(5x + 10)] = x[x(x-2) - 5(x-2)]$   
 $x(x-2)(x-5)$

2.  $3n^7 - 75n^5$  GCF  $3n^5 \rightarrow 3n^5(n^2 - 25)$   
 $n^2 + 5n - 25 \rightarrow (n+5)(n-5)$   
 $n(n+5) - 5(n+5) = 3n^5(n+5)(n-5)$

3.  $8m^5 - 16m^4 + 8m^3$  GCF =  $8m^3$   
 $m^2 - 2m + 1 (8m^3 [m(m-1) - 1(m-1)])$   
 $(m^2 - 1)m(1m+1) \quad 8m^3(m-1)(m-1)$

If a term is missing you can use a place holder (0x or whatever variable) to help w/ factoring

Special case  $\rightarrow$  difference of two squares

Perfect square trinomial

Monitoring Progress 1-3

**Core Concept**

**Special Factoring Patterns**

**Sum of Two Cubes**

$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$

**Example**

$64x^3 + 1 = (4x)^3 + 1^3$   
 $= (4x + 1)(16x^2 - 4x + 1)$

**Difference of Two Cubes**

$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

**Example**

$27x^3 - 8 = (3x)^3 - 2^3$   
 $= (3x - 2)(9x^2 + 6x + 4)$

Core Concept

Factor (a)  $x^3 - 125$  and (b)  $16s^3 + 54s^2$  completely.

Cubes:

Remember SOAP

Same opposite Always positive

Example 2

Factor  $z^3 + 5z^2 - 4z - 20$  completely.

Example 3

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Factor (a)  $16x^4 - 81$  and (b)  $3\rho^6 + 15\rho^5 + 18\rho^2$  completely.

Example 4

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Factor the polynomial completely.

4.  $a^3 + 27$

5.  $6z^5 - 750z^2$

6.  $x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 4$

7.  $3y^3 + y^2 + 9y + 3$

8.  $-16n^4 + 625$

9.  $5w^3 - 25w^4 + 30w^2$

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