

Algebra 1 8.8

Factor binomials that are the difference of squares

Use the difference of squares to solve equations

difference

factor

solve

zero product property

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$$\left(\quad \right)^2 - \left(\quad \right)^2$$

Easter Egg scavenger hunt (if time)

KeyConcept Difference of Squares

Symbols $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$ or $(a - b)(a + b)$

Examples $x^2 - 25 = (x + 5)(x - 5)$ or $(x - 5)(x + 5)$

$t^2 - 64 = (t + 8)(t - 8)$ or $(t - 8)(t + 8)$

$(t + 8)(t - 8)$
Hint: might be GCF too...

$$\begin{array}{r} t + 8 \\ t - 8 \\ \hline t^2 - 8t + 8t - 64 \\ \hline t^2 - 64 \end{array}$$

c. $\frac{27g^3}{3g} - \frac{3g}{3g}$

$3g(9g^2 - 1)$

$3g$ 1

$3g(3g+1)(3g-1)$

GCF

Is the first thing something squared?

Is the second thing something squared?

Is it a difference?

~~Might need to rearrange...~~

$-25 + x^2$

$x^2 - 25$

\downarrow \downarrow

$(x - 5)(x + 5)$

b. $625 - x^4$

\downarrow \downarrow $X^2 + 25$
 25 X^2

$(25 + X^2)(25 - X^2)$

$(25 + X^2)(5 + x)(5 - x)$

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How do you know when you are finished factoring?
Examine your answer. Is there another d.o.s.?

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$(\frac{f^3 + 2f}{f})(\frac{64f - 128}{64})$

$f^2(f+2) - 64(f+2)$

$(f+2)(f^2 - 64)$

$(f+2)(f+8)(f-8)$

Guided Practice

2A. $y^4 - 1$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ (y^2 + 1)(y^2 - 1) \\ \downarrow \\ (y^2 + 1)(y + 1)(y - 1) \end{array}$$

2B. $4a^4 - b^4$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \underline{2a^2} \quad \underline{b^2} \\ (2a^2 + b^2)(\underline{2a^2 - b^2}) \end{array}$$

Example 3 Apply Different Techniques

Factor each polynomial.

a. $5x^5 - 45x$

$$5x(x^4 - 9)$$

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

What are some different kinds of factoring?

(Use everything that you know...)

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Factor by grouping

X-factor

Leading coefficient (factor pairs)

Difference of squares

b. $7x^3 + 21x^2 - 7x - 21$

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

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

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

$$7(x+1)(x-1)(x+3)$$

3C. $2m^3 + m^2 - 50m - 25$

3D. $r^3 + 6r^2 + 11r + 66$

What if it is an equation?

Scavenger hunt...

Zero product property

Guided Practice

4. Which are the solutions of $18x^3 = 50x$?

Standardized Test Example 4 Solve an Equation by Factoring

In the equation $y = x^2 - \frac{9}{16}$, which is a value of x when $y = 0$?