

Do now

Expand and simplify:

a	$(x + 1)^2$	b	$(x + 3)^2$	c	$(x - 2)^2$	d	$(x - 5)^2$
e	$(2 + x)^2$	f	$(2 - x)^2$	g	$(2x + 1)^2$	h	$(2x - 1)^2$
i	$(3x + 2)^2$	j	$(3x - 2)^2$	k	$(x + y)^2$	l	$(x - y)^2$

Expand and simplify:

a	$(x - 1)(x + 1)$	b	$(x + 4)(x - 4)$	c	$(x + 5)(x - 5)$
d	$(2x + 1)(2x - 1)$	e	$(4 - x)(4 + x)$	f	$(3 - 2x)(3 + 2x)$

Why did the x -terms disappear in the expansions of question 6?

WALT: Factorise algebraic expressions

Success Criteria: I know in expansions we have to remove brackets whereas in factorisation we have to insert brackets

1 Copy and complete:

a	$3x + 6 = 3(x + \dots)$	b	$4a - 12 = 4(a - \dots)$
c	$20 - 5p = 5(\dots - p)$	d	$16x + 12 = 4(\dots + 3)$
e	$3x^2 - 9x = 3x(x - \dots)$	f	$2m + 8m^2 = 2m(\dots + 4m)$

2 Copy and complete:

a	$4x + 12 = 4(\dots + \dots)$	b	$9 + 3d = 3(\dots + \dots)$
c	$3c - 3 = 3(\dots - \dots)$	d	$cd + de = d(\dots \dots)$
e	$6a + 8ab = \dots(3 + 4b)$	f	$4x - 2x^2 = \dots(2 - x)$
g	$4ab - 4a = \dots(b - 1)$	h	$4ab - 6bc = \dots(2a - 3c)$

3 Fully factorise:

a	$5a + 5b$	b	$2x - 4$	c	$7d + 14$
d	$21 - 14x$	e	$6x - 12$	f	$12 + 3x$
g	$ac + bc$	h	$12y - 6a$	i	$2a + ab$
j	$bc - 3cd$	k	$2x - xy$	l	$xy + y$
m	$a + ab$	n	$ab - bc$	o	$2an + ab$
p	$ab - a$	q	$ab + bc$	r	$2x + xy - 4$

Remember to check your factorisations by expanding back out!



Factorising Quadratics - Challenge

Example 17

Factorise: $x^2 + 11x + 24$

We need to find two numbers which have sum = 11, product = 24.
Pairs of factors of 24:

<i>Factor product</i>	1×24	2×12	3×8	4×6
<i>Factor sum</i>	25	14	11	10

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this one

The numbers we want are 3 and 8.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } x^2 + 11x + 24 \\ = (x + 3)(x + 8)\end{aligned}$$



Most of the time we can find these two numbers mentally.

Note: Only the last two lines of this example need to be shown in your working.

2 Factorise:

a $x^2 + 4x + 3$

b $x^2 + 11x + 24$

c $x^2 + 10x + 21$

d $x^2 + 15x + 54$

e $x^2 + 9x + 20$

f $x^2 + 8x + 15$

g $x^2 + 10x + 24$

h $x^2 + 9x + 14$

i $x^2 + 6x + 8$

j $x^2 + 11x + 18$

k $x^2 + 9x + 18$

l $x^2 + 13x + 42$

m $x^2 + 11x + 24$

n $x^2 + 15x + 26$

o $x^2 + 29x + 100$

Example 15Fully factorise: $-2a + 6ab$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -2a + 6ab \\
 & = 6ab - 2a && \{\text{Rewrite with } 6ab \text{ first. Why?}\} \\
 & = 2 \times 3 \times a \times b - 2 \times a \\
 & = 2a(3b - 1) && \{\text{as } 2a \text{ is the HCF}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

5 Fully factorise:

a $-2a + 2b$

b $-3 + 6b$

c $-4a + 8b$

d $-3c + cd$

e $-a + ab$

f $-7x^2 + 14x$

g $-6x + 12x^2$

h $-4b^2 + 2ab$

i $-a + a^2$

Example 16Fully factorise: $-2x^2 - 4x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -2x^2 - 4x \\
 & = -2 \times x \times x + -2 \times 2 \times x \\
 & = -2x(x + 2) && \{\text{as HCF is } -2x\}
 \end{aligned}$$

6 Fully factorise:

a $-3a - 3b$

b $-4 - 8x$

c $-3y - 6b$

d $-5c - cd$

e $-x - xy$

f $-5x^2 - 10x$

g $-4y - 12y^2$

h $-6a^2 - 3ab$

i $-8x^2 - 24x$

Example 18Factorise: $x^2 - 7x + 12$ sum = -7 and product = 12 \therefore numbers are -3 and -4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } x^2 - 7x + 12 \\ = (x - 3)(x - 4) \end{aligned}$$

As the sum is negative but the product is positive, both numbers must be negative.

**3** Factorise:

a $x^2 - 3x + 2$

b $x^2 - 4x + 3$

c $x^2 - 5x + 6$

d $x^2 - 14x + 33$

e $x^2 - 16x + 39$

f $x^2 - 19x + 48$

g $x^2 - 11x + 28$

h $x^2 - 14x + 24$

i $x^2 - 20x + 36$

j $x^2 - 7x + 12$

k $x^2 - 17x + 30$

l $x^2 - 11x + 30$

m $x^2 - 13x + 36$

n $x^2 - 13x + 42$

o $x^2 - 17x + 60$

Example 19Factorise: **a** $x^2 - 2x - 15$ **b** $x^2 + x - 6$ **a** sum = -2 and product = -15 \therefore numbers are -5 and 3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } x^2 - 2x - 15 \\ = (x - 5)(x + 3) \end{aligned}$$

b sum = 1 and product = -6 \therefore numbers are 3 and -2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } x^2 + x - 6 \\ = (x + 3)(x - 2) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that as the product is negative, the numbers are opposite in sign.

**4** Factorise:

a $x^2 - 7x - 8$

b $x^2 + 4x - 21$

c $x^2 - x - 2$

d $x^2 - 2x - 8$

e $x^2 + 5x - 24$

f $x^2 - 3x - 10$

g $x^2 + 3x - 54$

h $x^2 + x - 72$

i $x^2 - 4x - 21$

j $x^2 - x - 6$

k $x^2 - 7x - 60$

l $x^2 + 7x - 60$

Example 20

Fully factorise by first removing a common factor: $3x^2 + 6x - 72$

$$\begin{aligned}
& 3x^2 + 6x - 72 \quad \{\text{first look for a common factor}\} \\
& = 3(x^2 + 2x - 24) \quad \{\text{sum} = 2, \text{ product} = -24 \text{ i.e., } 6 \text{ and } -4\} \\
& = 3(x + 6)(x - 4)
\end{aligned}$$

5 Fully factorise by first removing a common factor:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a $2x^2 + 10x + 8$ | b $3x^2 - 21x + 18$ | c $2x^2 + 14x + 24$ |
| d $2x^2 - 44x + 240$ | e $4x^2 - 8x - 12$ | f $3x^2 - 42x + 99$ |
| g $2x^2 - 2x - 180$ | h $3x^2 - 6x - 24$ | i $2x^2 + 18x + 40$ |
| j $x^3 - 7x^2 - 8x$ | k $x^3 - 3x^2 - 28x$ | l $x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2$ |

“the difference of two squares”.

Example 21

Fully factorise:

a $x^2 - 4$	b $1 - 25y^2$
a $x^2 - 4$	b $1 - 25y^2$
$= x^2 - 2^2$	$= 1^2 - (5y)^2$
$= (x + 2)(x - 2)$	$= (1 + 5y)(1 - 5y)$

Write each term as a square.



EXERCISE 11E

1 Fully factorise:

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|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a $c^2 - d^2$ | b $m^2 - n^2$ | c $n^2 - m^2$ | d $m^2 - x^2$ |
| e $x^2 - 16$ | f $x^2 - 81$ | g $a^2 - 9$ | h $4x^2 - 1$ |
| i $4x^2 - 9$ | j $9y^2 - 25$ | k $64 - x^2$ | l $16 - 9a^2$ |
| m $9x^2 - 1$ | n $4a^2 - 9b^2$ | o $16a^2 - x^2$ | p $9x^2 - 16b^2$ |

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PERFECT SQUARE FACTORISATION (EXTENSION)

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a + b)^2 \\
& = (a + b)(a + b) \\
& = a^2 + ab + ab + b^2 \\
& = a^2 + 2ab + b^2
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a - b)^2 \\
& = (a - b)(a - b) \\
& = a^2 - ab - ab + b^2 \\
& = a^2 - 2ab + b^2
\end{aligned}$$