



# MCF3MI

## Unit 0: Algebraic Tools

## Polynomials Review – Adding, Subtracting, and Multiplying

A. **Polynomials** are expressions made up of a *finite* number of terms separated by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

- A monomial is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ term, a binomial is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ terms, and a trinomial is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ terms. (For expressions containing more than 3 terms, we simply use the prefix *poly* meaning “\_\_\_\_\_”.)
- The terms of a polynomial have \_\_\_\_\_ raised to whole-number exponents (0, 1, 2, . . .) and \_\_\_\_\_ (or numerical coefficients) which form products with the variables.

$$3x^2 - 5x + 4$$

- Terms that have the same variable factors (i.e. same *letters* with same *exponents*) are called \_\_\_\_\_.

B. To **simplify** a polynomial expression containing *like terms*, find the sum of their coefficients.

a)  $2x^2 + 3x - 4 - x^2 + x + 9$

b)  $10x^3 - 14x^2 + 3x - 4x^3 + 4x - 6$

C. To **add** polynomial expressions, remove the brackets and collect like terms.

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

D. To **subtract** polynomial expressions, remove the brackets in the second expression by multiplying each term by  $(-1)$ . Then, collect like terms.

a)  $(4s^2 + 5st - 7t^2) - (6s^2 + 3st - 2t^2)$

E. To **multiply** polynomial expressions, remove the brackets using the **distributive property**. Then, collect like terms. (When more than one set of brackets is used, simplify to remove the innermost brackets first.)

a)  $(2x + 5)(3x - 4)$

b)  $2x(4x - 2) - 3x(x - 5) + 3(x + 6)$

c)  $-3[2(x - 5) - 4(2x - 3)]$

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

## Homework

**Simplify each expression.**

1)  $(8 - x^2 - x^3) + (4x^2 - 6x^3 + 5)$

2)  $(2x^2 - 4x^3 + 3x) + (4x^2 - x + 6x^3)$

3)  $(k^2 - 7k^3 + 6) + (7k^3 + 8 - 2k^2)$

4)  $(5 + 3b^2 + 3b) + (5 + b^2 + b)$

5)  $(6n^2 + 6n - 4n^3) - (7n^2 + 7n^3 - 3n)$

6)  $(a^2 + a^3 - 3a) - (5a^3 - 7a^2 + a)$

7)  $(5v - 6v^2 + 3) - (7v - 4 + 7v^2)$

8)  $(8b^2 - 5b + 2b^3) - (6b + 4b^3 + 7b^2)$

**Find each product.**

9)  $(4n - 1)(n - 2)$

10)  $(2r + 5)(4r + 7)$

11)  $(6x + 2)(6x - 2)$

12)  $(7x - 5)(x - 7)$

13)  $3y(y + 1) - 2(y^2 + 3) + 6(2y - 1)$

14)  $2x^2(x + 2) - 1(x^2 - 3x) + 5x^3$

15)  $p(2p + 3) - p^2 + 5(p^2 - p)$

16)  $8m(m^2 + 3m) - 5(m^3 + 2m^2) - 1(m^2 + 7)$

## Answers to Homework

1)  $-7x^3 + 3x^2 + 13$

5)  $-11n^3 - n^2 + 9n$

9)  $4n^2 - 9n + 2$

13)  $y^2 + 15y - 12$

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

6)  $-4a^3 + 8a^2 - 4a$

10)  $8r^2 + 34r + 35$

14)  $7x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x$

3)  $-k^2 + 14$

7)  $-13v^2 - 2v + 7$

11)  $36x^2 - 4$

15)  $6p^2 - 2p$

4)  $4b^2 + 4b + 10$

8)  $-2b^3 + b^2 - 11b$

12)  $7x^2 - 54x + 35$

16)  $3m^3 + 13m^2 - 7$

## Factoring I – Common Factoring and “Simple” Trinomials

### A. Common Factoring

A **common factor** is a number and/or variable that divides evenly into all terms of the polynomial. When common factoring, always look for the **greatest common factor (GCF)**.

Factor the following:

a)  $x^2 + x$

b)  $2x - 8$

c)  $ab - bc$

d)  $9a^3 - 12a$

e)  $2xy^2z + 6x^2yz - 8xy^2z^2$

f)  $4a^3b^4 - 6a^2b^2 + 2ab$

g)  $x(2x + 1) - 2(2x + 1)$

### B. Factoring “Simple” Trinomials

A **simple trinomial** is one in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a = 1$ . If it is factorable, a simple trinomial can be expressed as a product of two binomials. The constant terms of the binomials are integers that multiply to give “c” and add to give “b”.

Expand and simplify the following:

a)  $(x + 3)(x + 5)$

b)  $(w - 4)(w + 3)$

c)  $(z - 1)(z - 6)$

Factor the following and check your work:

a)  $y^2 + 7y + 10$

b)  $a^2 - a - 6$

c)  $x^2 - 6x + 9$

## Homework

**Factor each completely.**

1)  $n^2 + 12n + 20$

2)  $x^2 + 10x + 24$

3)  $r^2 + 2r - 35$

4)  $x^2 + 9x - 10$

5)  $p^2 + 12p + 32$

6)  $b^2 - 15b + 54$

7)  $x^2 + x - 30$

8)  $n^2 + 3n + 2$

9)  $n^2 - 10n + 9$

10)  $n^2 + 2n - 63$

11)  $12x - 16y$

12)  $x^2 - 5x$

13)  $4x^2 - 6xy$

14)  $2a - 6b - 4c$

15)  $6x + 11x^2 - 12xy$

16)  $6x^2 + 15x + 9$

17)  $10ab - 20ac - 15a^2$

18)  $2x^2y^2 - 5xy^2 - 7xy$

19)  $10a^2b^2 + 4ab - 6ab^2$

20)  $21x^3y^2 - 14x^2y + 28x^2y^2$



## Answers to Homework

1)  $(n + 10)(n + 2)$

5)  $(p + 8)(p + 4)$

9)  $(n - 1)(n - 9)$

13)  $2x(2x - 3y)$

17)  $5a(2b - 4c - 3a)$

2)  $(x + 6)(x + 4)$

6)  $(b - 9)(b - 6)$

10)  $(n + 9)(n - 7)$

14)  $2(a - 3b - 2c)$

18)  $xy(2xy - 5y - 7)$

3)  $(r - 5)(r + 7)$

7)  $(x + 6)(x - 5)$

11)  $4(3x - 4y)$

15)  $x(6 + 11x - 12y)$

19)  $2ab(5ab + 2 - 3b)$

4)  $(x - 1)(x + 10)$

8)  $(n + 1)(n + 2)$

12)  $x(x - 5)$

16)  $3(2x^2 + 5x + 3)$

20)  $7x^2y(3xy - 2 + 4y)$

## Factoring II – Factoring by Grouping and “Tricky” Trinomials

### A. Factoring by Grouping

**Factoring by grouping** is a form of factoring where selected terms in an expression are grouped together and factored separately from the other terms. Usually, those new factors are also factorable! *Hint:* We often look to factor by grouping when we see four or more terms in an expression.

Factor the following:

a)  $x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x - 12$

b)  $3ax - 3ay - 6bx + 6by$

c)  $3x^5 - 6x^3 - x^2 + 2$

d)  $(x^2 - 9) + (x^2 - 6x + 9)$

### B. Recall “Simple” Trinomials

A **simple trinomial** is one in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a = 1$ . We factor it by:

1. finding two integers that multiply to give “ $c$ ” and add to give “ $b$ ”
2. creating two binomials, each with a variable term and one of the integers

Factor the following:

a)  $x^2 + 7x + 12$

b)  $b^2 - b - 30$

### C. Factoring “Tricky” Trinomials

A **tricky trinomial** is one in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a \neq 1$ . We factor it by using a method of **systematic trial and error**. This means that, given a trinomial is the product of two binomials, we work through the possible answers to find the correct answer.

*Factor the following:*

a)  $2x^2 + 11x + 12$

b)  $6h^2 - 17h + 5$

c)  $6w^2 - 15w - 9$

d)  $12x^2 + 5x - 3$

**HW:** Part A: Factor the following by grouping:

a)  $x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x - 30$

b)  $2x^3 - 6x^2 - 3x + 9$

c)  $2x^3 - 4x^2 + 10x - 20$

Part B: p. 96-97 #4, 5, 8cd, 14abc

## Homework

**Factor each completely.**

1)  $9x^3 - 24x^2 - 24x + 64$

2)  $15k^3 + 10k^2 + 6k + 4$

3)  $12n^3 - 15n^2 + 4n - 5$

4)  $56n^3 + 35n^2 - 64n - 40$

5)  $2v^2 - 7v - 4$

6)  $3x^2 - x - 30$

7)  $7v^2 - 23v + 6$

8)  $5a^2 - 31a - 28$

9)  $2n^2 - 5n - 25$

10)  $3k^2 - 28k + 9$

11)  $6n^2 - 7n + 2$

12)  $4a^2 + a - 14$

13)  $6x^2 - 23x + 20$

14)  $6r^2 - 19r + 3$

15)  $4k^2 - 15k + 14$

16)  $4x^2 - 12x + 5$

## Answers to Homework

1)  $(3x^2 - 8)(3x - 8)$

5)  $(2v + 1)(v - 4)$

9)  $(2n + 5)(n - 5)$

13)  $(2x - 5)(3x - 4)$

2)  $(5k^2 + 2)(3k + 2)$

6)  $(3x - 10)(x + 3)$

10)  $(3k - 1)(k - 9)$

14)  $(r - 3)(6r - 1)$

3)  $(3n^2 + 1)(4n - 5)$

7)  $(7v - 2)(v - 3)$

11)  $(2n - 1)(3n - 2)$

15)  $(k - 2)(4k - 7)$

4)  $(7n^2 - 8)(8n + 5)$

8)  $(5a + 4)(a - 7)$

12)  $(a + 2)(4a - 7)$

16)  $(2x - 1)(2x - 5)$

## Factoring III – Special Cases: Difference of Squares and Perfect Square Trinomials

### A. Difference of Squares

A **difference of squares** polynomial is exactly that: a “difference” (subtraction) between two perfect squares! Look to factor a difference of squares when you see **two terms** separated by **subtraction**. (If it is *not* a difference of squares, the only type of factoring you can complete will be common factoring!)

*Expand and simplify the following:*

a)  $(x + 3)(x - 3)$

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

c)  $(3x - 5y)(3x + 5y)$

To factor a difference of squares,  
$$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

*Factor the following:*

a)  $p^2 - 9$

b)  $36m^2 - 100$

c)  $6x^2 - 150$

## B. Perfect Square Trinomials

Expand and simplify the following:

a)  $(x + 7)^2$

b)  $(2x + 5)^2$

c)  $(3x - 5y)^2$

A **perfect square trinomial** can be factored just like any other trinomial (simple or tricky) BUT you can save time if you notice that your trinomial has one of the following forms:

<u>Expanded Form</u>		<u>Factored Form</u>
$a^2 + 2ab + b^2$	=	$(a + b)^2$
	or	
$a^2 - 2ab + b^2$	=	$(a - b)^2$

Factor the following:

a)  $x^2 - 6x + 9$

b)  $25y^2 + 20y + 4$

c)  $2v^2 - 16v + 32$

## Homework

**Factor each completely.**

1)  $4p^2 - 4$

2)  $n^2 + 4n + 4$

3)  $2x^2 + 40x + 200$

4)  $a^2 - 1$

5)  $4n^2 - 49$

6)  $2x^2 - 18$

7)  $20a^2 - 45$

8)  $27n^2 - 75$

9)  $16b^2 - 40b + 25$

10)  $4x^2 + 4x + 1$

11)  $4c^2 - 12c + 9$

12)  $49e^2 + 28e + 4$



## Answers to Homework

1)  $4(p + 1)(p - 1)$

5)  $(2n - 7)(2n + 7)$

9)  $(4b - 5)^2$

2)  $(n + 2)^2$

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

10)  $(2x + 1)^2$

3)  $2(x + 10)^2$

7)  $5(2a - 3)(2a + 3)$

11)  $(2c - 3)^2$

4)  $(a - 1)(a + 1)$

8)  $3(3n - 5)(3n + 5)$

12)  $(7e + 2)^2$

## Solving Literal Equations

Formulas are *equations* that express a *relationship* between more than one letter or variable. A formula is also called a **literal equation** when it involves several letters or variables. Sometimes algebra is needed to change the formula to a more useful equivalent equation, which is solved for a particular letter or variable. Let's consider a few examples:

1. Solve  $d = rt$  for  $r$

2. Solve  $P = 2l + 2w$  for  $w$

3. Solve  $Q = \frac{c+d}{2}$  for  $d$

4. Solve  $V = \frac{3k}{t}$  for  $t$

5. Solve  $A = \frac{\pi r^2 S}{360}$  for  $S$

6. Solve  $A = \frac{(a+b)h}{2}$  for  $a$

**WORKSHEET: Solving Literal Equations****Solve the following literal equations:**

- Solve  $d = rt$  for  $r$
- Solve  $P = \frac{144p}{y}$  for  $p$
- Solve  $R = \frac{CS}{d}$  for  $C$
- Solve  $P = a + b + c$  for  $b$
- Solve  $T = m - n$  for  $n$
- Solve  $A = \frac{a+b}{2}$  for  $b$
- Solve  $V = lwh$  for  $w$
- Solve  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$  for  $y_2$
- Solve  $ax + by = c$  for  $y$
- Solve  $A = \frac{a+b+c+d}{4}$  for  $c$
- Solve  $S = 2(lw + lh + wh)$  for  $w$
- Solve  $P = 2(l + w)$  for  $l$
- Solve  $d = \frac{C}{\pi}$  for  $\pi$
- Solve  $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$  for  $f$
- Solve  $A = p(1 + rt)$  for  $t$
- Solve  $I = prt$  for  $r$
- Solve  $ax + b = c$  for  $a$
- Solve  $S = 2\pi rh$  for  $h$
- Solve  $A = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$  for  $h$
- Solve  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$  for  $x$
- Solve  $R = \frac{l+3w}{2}$  for  $w$
- Solve  $ax + by + c = 0$  for  $y$
- Solve  $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$  for  $F$

**Answers:**

- $r = \frac{d}{t}$
- $p = \frac{Py}{144}$
- $C = \frac{Rd}{S}$
- $b = P - a - c$
- $n = m - T$
- $b = 2A - a$
- $w = \frac{V}{lh}$
- $y_2 = mx_2 - mx_1 + y_1$
- $y = \frac{c-ax}{b}$
- $c = 4A - a - b - d$
- $w = \frac{S-2lh}{2l+2h}$
- $l = \frac{P-2w}{2}$
- $\pi = \frac{C}{d}$
- $f = \frac{ab}{b+a}$
- $t = \frac{A-p}{pr}$
- $r = \frac{I}{pt}$
- $a = \frac{c-b}{x}$
- $h = \frac{S}{2\pi r}$
- $h = \frac{A-2\pi r^2}{2\pi r}$
- $x = \frac{y-y_1+mx_1}{m}$
- $w = \frac{2R-l}{3}$
- $y = \frac{-ax-c}{b}$
- $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$