

What you will learn about:
Greatest Common Factor

GCF → Greatest
Common Factor

$$\begin{array}{r} 54 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 6 \quad 9 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 3 \quad 3 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 36 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 6 \quad 6 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 3 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 6 \quad 8 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 3 \quad 2 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 80 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 10 \quad 8 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 5 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 70 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 7 \quad 10 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 5 \quad 2 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 105 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 5 \quad 21 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 7 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

Find the greatest common factor of 54 and 36.

$$\begin{array}{r} 54 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \\ \diagup \quad \diagup \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} GCF &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \\ &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

Find the greatest common factor of 48 and 80.

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \\ \diagup \quad \diagup \quad \diagup \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} GCF &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \\ &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

Find the greatest common factor of $27x^3$ and $18x^4$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 27x^3 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \\ 18x^4 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} GCF &\rightarrow 3 \cdot 3 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \\ &9x^3 \end{aligned}$$

Find the GCF: $6ab^4, 8a^2b$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 6ab^4 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \\ 8a^2b = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \end{array}$$

$$2ab$$

Find the GCF: $14x^3, 70x^2$, and $105x$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 14x^3 = 2 \cdot 7 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \\ 70x^2 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot x \cdot x \\ 105x = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot x \end{array}$$

$$GCF = 7x$$

Factoring using distributive Property

$$a(b+c) = ab + ac$$

$$\underline{ab+ac} = a(b+c)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 4 \quad 3 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 2 \quad 2 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 6 \quad 10 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 3 \quad 2 \end{array}$$
$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

How to factor the greatest common factor from a polynomial

Factor: $GCF = 4$

$$4x + 12 \quad 4(x+3)$$

$$GCF = 12$$
$$12x - 60 \quad 12(x-5)$$

$$GCF = 4$$
$$4y^2 + 24y + 16 \quad 4(y^2 + 6y + 4)$$

$$GCF = 5$$
$$5x^2 - 25x + 15 \quad 5(x^2 - 5x + 3)$$

$$GCF = 8x^2$$
$$8x^3 - 32x^2 \quad 8x^2(x-4)$$

$$6y^5 = 2(3)(y)(y)(y)y \cdot y$$
$$15y^3 = 3(5)(y)(y)y$$

$$GCF = 3y^3$$
$$6y^5 - 15y^3 \quad 3y^3(2y^2 - 5)$$

Factor:

$$GCF = 3x$$

$$21x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x$$

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

$$20x^3 - 10x^2 + 14x \quad GCF = 2x$$

$$2x(10x^2 - 5x + 7)$$

$$8m^3 - 12m^2n + 20mn^2 \quad GCF = 4m$$

$$4m(2m^2 - 3mn + 5n^2)$$

$$9xy^2 + 6x^2y^2 + 21y^3 \quad GCF = 3y^2$$

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

When the leading coefficient
is negative

GCF should
be negative.

$$-8y - 24 \quad GCF = -8$$

$$-8(y + 3)$$

$$-16z - 64 \quad GCF = -16$$

$$-16(z + 4)$$

$$-6a^2 + 36a \quad GCF = -6a$$

$$-6a(a - 6)$$

$$-9x^3 - 24x^2 \quad GCF = -3x^2$$

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

Factoring by Grouping

Factor:

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

$$\text{GCF} = n-4$$

$$8n(n-4) + 5(n-4)$$

$$(n-4)(8n+5)$$

4 term

Factor by Grouping

$$(xy + 3y) + (2x + 6)$$

$$y(x+3) + 2(x+3)$$

$$(ab + 7b) + (8a + 56)$$

$$b(a+7) + 8(a+7)$$

$$(x^2 + 2x)(-5x - 10)$$

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

$$(x+3)(y+2)$$

$$(a+7)(b+8)$$

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

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

$$(2p^3 + 5p^2) + (6p + 15)$$

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

$$(35xy - 5x)(-56y + 8)$$

$$5x(7y-1) - 8(7y-1)$$

$$(7y-1)(5x-8)$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = (x+p)(x+q)$$

What you will learn about:
Factoring Trinomials when
The leading coefficient is 1

Factoring when $a = 1$

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

Write the factors as two binomials with the first terms x .

$$(x \quad)(x \quad)$$

Find two numbers m and n that

Multiply to c , $m \cdot n = c$

Add to b , $m + n = b$

Use m and n as the last terms of the factors.

$$(x + m)(x + n)$$

If c is positive then m and n will have the same sign. The sign of b will determine the sign.

If c is negative then m and n will have different signs.

Factor: $x^2 + 6x + 8$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ \hline 4 \cdot 2 \\ 8 \cdot 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ \hline 5 \cdot 3 \end{array}$$

Factor: $y^2 + 8y + 15$

$$(y+5)(y+3)$$

Factor: $u^2 + 11u + 24$

$$(u+8)(u+3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \hline 24 \cdot 1 \\ 12 \cdot 2 \\ \hline 8 \cdot 3 \\ 6 \cdot 4 \end{array}$$

Factor: $t^2 - 11t + 28$

$$(t-7)(t-4)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ \hline -28 \cdot -1 \\ -14 \cdot -2 \\ \hline -7 \cdot -4 \end{array}$$

Factor: $z^2 + 4z - 5$

$$(z-1)(z+5)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \\ \hline -1 \cdot 5 \\ -5 \cdot 1 \end{array}$$

Factor: $h^2 + 4h - 12$

$$(h-2)(h+6)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -12 \\ \hline -2 \cdot 6 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Factor: } x^2 - 4x - 12$$

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

$$\text{Factor: } r^2 - 3r - 40$$

$$(r-8)(r+5)$$

$$\text{Factor: } 2x + x^2 - 48 = x^2 + 2x - 48$$

$$(x+8)(x-6)$$

$$\text{Factor: } -7n + 12 + n^2 = n^2 - 7n + 12$$

$$(n-4)(n-3)$$

$$(x-y)(x+y)$$

$$\text{Factor: } x^2 + 12xy + 36y^2$$

$$\frac{36}{6 \cdot 6}$$

$$(x+6y)(x+6y)$$

$$\text{Factor: } x^2 + 12xy + 36y^2$$

$$\frac{-28}{14 - 2}$$

$$\text{Factor: } u^2 + 12uv - 28v^2$$

$$(u+14v)(u-2v)$$

$$\text{Factor: } u^2 - 9uv + 18v^2$$

$$\frac{18}{-6 - 3}$$

$$(u-6v)(u-3v)$$

What you will learn about:
Factoring Trinomials when
The leading coefficient is not 1

Factoring trinomials with a GCF

Factor: $2x^2 - 8x - 42$

$$2(x^2 - 4x - 21)$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \\ \hline -2 \cdot 1 \end{array}$$

Factor: $4m^2 - 4m - 8$

$$4(m^2 - m - 2)$$

$$4(m-2)(m+1)$$

Factor: $5k^2 - 15k - 50$

$$5(k^2 - 3k - 10)$$

$$5(k-5)(k+2)$$

Factor: $4y^2 - 36y + 56$

$$4(y^2 - 9y + 14)$$

$$4(y-7)(y-2)$$

Factor: $4u^3 + 16u^2 - 20u$

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

$$4u(u+5)(u-1)$$

Factor: $6y^3 + 18y^2 - 60y$

$$6y(y^2 + 3y - 10)$$

$$6y(y+5)(y-2)$$