

Ch 9.7 Factoring Special Polynomials

Steps to Factor:

1. Look for a **GCF**
2. If it is a **binomial**: $\sqrt{F} - \sqrt{L}$
 $(\sqrt{F} + \sqrt{L})(\sqrt{F} - \sqrt{L}) \quad \text{or } M = O$

If it is a **trinomial**: Guess and check by listing the factors of the F and L terms and check that the O and the I = M.

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Ex1) Perfect Square Trinomials

Ex1a) $k^2 + 10 + 25$

Ex1b) $16h^2 + 40h + 25$

Ex1c) $2m^2 - 16m + 32$

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Try#1. $9g^2 - 12g + 4$ Try #2. $4t^2 + 36t + 81$

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Ex2) Factoring Difference of 2 Squares or Binomials

Ex2a) $x^2 - 36$

Ex2b) $25x^2 - 64$

Ex2c) $8y^2 - 50$

Ex2d) $10f^2 - 40$

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Try #3. $4w^2 - 49$ Try #4. $3c^2 - 75$

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Ex 3) Given the area find the side length.

$9g^2 + 12g + 4$

What is the perimeter?

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