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Topic: Polynomials and Factoring

Question: Explain how to factor a trinomial that looks like $ax^2 + bx + c$.

Warm-up

a) $(-17x^3 + 4x^2 - 11x - 5) + (16x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 15)$

$$\begin{array}{r} -17x^3 + 16x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x^2 - 11x + 3x - 5 - 15 \\ \hline -x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 20 \end{array}$$

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

$$2x \cdot x^2 + 2x \cdot 4x + 2x \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot x^2 + 3 \cdot 4x + 3 \cdot 5$$

$$2x^3 + 8x^2 + 10x + 3x^2 + 12x + 15$$

$$\boxed{2x^3 + 11x^2 + 22x + 15}$$

Factor

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

2x(5x - 2)

$10x^3 - 4x^2$

$\times (10x^2 - 4x)$

$2x \times (5x^2 - 2x)$

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

d) $x^2 + 13x + 40$

1	40
2	20
4	10
5	8

$$\cancel{\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 5 \times 8 \\ \hline 13 \end{array}}$$

$x^2 + 13x + 40$

$x^2 + 5x + 8x + 40$

$(x^2 + 5x) + (8x + 40)$

$x(x + 5) + 8(x + 5)$

$$\boxed{(x + 5)(x + 8)}$$

Example 1.) Simplify

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

$$(3x+y+1)(3x+y+1)$$

$$\begin{matrix} 5^2 \\ 5 \cdot 5 \end{matrix}$$

$$3x \cdot 3x + 3x \cdot y + 3x \cdot 1 + y \cdot 3x + y \cdot y + y \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3x + 1 \cdot y + 1 \cdot 1$$

$$9x^2 + 3xy + 3x + 3xy + y^2 + y + 3x + y + 1$$

$$\boxed{9x^2 + 6xy + 6x + y^2 + 2y + 1}$$

Example 2.) Factor

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

$$(x^3 + 4x^2) + (3x + 12)$$

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

$$x^2y + 3y$$

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

b.) $x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x - 10$

$$(x^3 + 5x^2) + (-2x - 10)$$

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

$$\begin{matrix} (x^3 + 5x^2)(-2x - 10) \\ x^2(x + 5) - 2(x + 5) \end{matrix}$$

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

$$\boxed{(x^2 - 2)(x + 5)}$$

Example 3. Factor

a.) $8x^2 - 10x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8x^2 - 10x - 3 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 8x^2 - 12x + 2x - 3 \end{array}$$

$(8x^2 - 12x) + (2x - 3)$

$4x(2x - 3) + 1(2x - 3)$

$$\boxed{(4x + 1)(2x - 3)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8x^2 - 3 \\ -24x^2 \\ \hline -12x \\ -10x \end{array}$$

$-12x \quad 2x$

b.) $6x^2 + 19x - 7$

$6x^2 + 21x - 2x - 7$

$(6x^2 + 21x)(-2x - 7)$

$3x(2x + 7) - 1(2x + 7)$

$$\boxed{(3x - 1)(2x + 7)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2 + 7 \\ -42x^2 \\ \hline 21x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 42x - 1x \\ -3x \quad 14x \\ \hline 21x \quad -2x \end{array}$$

Example 4. Factor

a.) $2x^2 - 7xy + 3y^2$

$2x^2 - 6xy - 1xy + 3y^2$

$(2x^2 - 6xy) - 1xy + 3y^2$

$2x(x - 3y) - 1y(x - 3y)$

$$\boxed{(2x - y)(x - 3y)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 3y^2 \\ -6x^2y^2 \\ \hline -4xy \end{array}$$

$-6xy \quad -1xy$

$-7xy$

b.) $3x^2 - 13xy + 4y^2$

Assignment Due Wednesday

P.4) 11-107 primes

P.5) 1-37 primes