

Math 9 - Extra Practice

Factoring Unit

Name: Key

1) Simplify

a) $(m+4)(m-5)$

$$m^2 - 5m + 4m - 20$$

$$m^2 - m - 20$$

b) $-2(x+1)(x+6)$

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

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

$$-2x^2 - 14x - 12$$

c) $(4y-1)(3y-2)$

$$12y^2 - 8y - 3y + 2$$

$$12y^2 - 11y + 2$$

d) $(2x^2 - 3x + 1)(x - 2)$

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

$$2x^3 - 7x^2 + 7x - 2$$

e) $(w+3)(w+2) - (w-4)(w-1)$

$$w^2 + 2w + 3w + 6 - [w^2 - w - 4w + 4]$$

$$w^2 + 5w + 6 - [w^2 - 5w + 4]$$

$$w^2 + 5w + 6 - w^2 + 5w - 4 = 10w + 2$$

2) Factor

a) $2x^2 - 22x + 60$

$$2(x^2 - 11x + 30)$$

$$2(x-6)(x-5)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 30 \\ + -11 \\ \hline -6, -5 \end{array}$$

(b) $p^2 - 25q^2$

$$(p+5q)(p-5q)$$

(c) $4m^2 + 12m - 56$

$$4(m^2 + 3m - 14)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \times -14 \\ + 3 \\ \hline -14, 1 \\ 14, -1 \\ -7, 2 \\ 7, -2 \end{array}$$

d) $x^2 - 8x + 16$

$$(x-4)(x-4)$$

$$(x-4)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 16 \\ + -8 \\ \hline -4, -4 \end{array}$$

(e) $32x^2 - 50y^2$

$$2(16x^2 - 25y^2)$$

$$2(4x+5y)(4x-5y)$$

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

$$x^2 - x + 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 6 \\ + -1 \end{array}$$

can't factor

3) Factor

OR: $64 - w^2$
 $(8+w)(8-w)$

a) $6x^2 + 54$

$6(x^2 + 9)$

↑ sum of squares
 (cannot factor further)

(b) $64 - w^2$

$-w^2 + 64$

$-1(w^2 - 64)$

$-(w+8)(w-8)$

(c) $6x - 9 + 3x^2$

$3x^2 + 6x - 9$

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

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

x -3
 + 2

3, -1

d) $12 + 9w - 3w^2$

$-3w^2 + 9w + 12$

$-3(w^2 - 3w - 4)$

$-3(w-4)(w+1)$

x -4
 + -3
-4, 1

(e) $-x^2 - x + 6$ (f) $x^2 - 2x + 8$

$-1(x^2 + x - 6)$

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

x -6
 + 1
3, -2

cannot factor

x 8
 + -2
~~8, 1~~
~~-8, -1~~
 4, 2
 -4, -2

g) $15w^5 - 30w^3 + 45w^2$

$15w^2(w^3 - 2w + 3)$ cannot factor further

(h) $16x^4y^5 - 12x^3y^6 + 18x^5y^3$

$2x^3y^3(8xy^2 - 6y^3 + 9x^2)$

(i) $25x - 36y^2$

cannot factor

(25x is not a perfect square)