

Factor: $x^2 + 6x + 9 = (x+3)(x+3)$
 $x = (x+3)^2$

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Factor: $25x^2 - 30x + 9 = (5x-3)(5x-3)$
 $= (5x-3)^2$

PERFECT SQUARE!

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Factor: $4x^2 - 9$

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

$2x$

$+3$

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Factor: $16x^2 - 25 = (4x-5)(4x+5)$

$4x \quad -5$

$4x \quad 16x^2 \quad -20x$

$5 \quad 20x \quad -25$

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Factoring Special Quadratics

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Factor Algebraically:

(a) $x^2 + 14x + 49$

$= (x+7)(x+7)$

$= (x+7)^2$

(b) $4x^2 - 20x + 25$

$= 4x^2 - 10x - 10x + 25$

$= 2x(2x-5) - 5(2x-5)$

$= (2x-5)(2x-5)$

$= (2x-5)^2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S -20 \\ P 100 \\ \pm -10, -10 \end{array} \right\}$$

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Factor Algebraically:

(a) $k^2 - 121 = k^2 + 0k - 121$

$= (k+11)(k-11)$

(b) $9m^2 - 16$

$= 9m^2 + 0m - 16$

$= 9m^2 + 12m - 12m - 16$

$= 3m(3m+4) - 4(3m+4)$

$= (3m+4)(3m-4)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S 0 \\ P -144 \\ \pm 12, -12 \end{array} \right\}$$

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Recall these patterns:

1. Perfect Squares

$$(a + b)^2 = \underline{a^2} + 2ab + \underline{b^2}$$

$$(a - b)^2 = \underline{a^2} - 2ab + \underline{b^2}$$

2. Difference of Squares

$$(a + b)(a - b) = \underline{a^2} - \underline{b^2}$$

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Factor using a Special Pattern:

$$(a) 25d^2 - 144$$

$$= (5d + 12)(5d - 12)$$

$$(b) 16x^2 + 24xy + 9y^2$$

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

$$(c) 18p^2q - 60pq + 50q$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2q(9p^2 - 30p + 25) \\ &= 2q(3p - 5)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) 98a^2 - 32b^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2(49a^2 - 16b^2) \\ &= 2(7a - 4b)(7a + 4b) \end{aligned}$$

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Assigned Work:

Handout Section 3.7

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(don't forget common factors first)

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