

## 12.0 EXPANSION AND FACTORISATION (senior two work)

	CONTENT	COMMENTS
	<p>Objectives: To</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand key terms involving algebraic expressions.</li> <li>• expand algebraic expressions.</li> <li>• describe quadratic expressions.</li> <li>• derive and use the three important quadratic identities.</li> <li>• factorize algebraic expressions.</li> <li>• factorize quadratic expressions.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Key words. Algebraic expressions, terms(nomials), coefficients, expansion, like terms, collection of like terms, difference of two squares('DOTS'), perfect squares, factorization, quadratic expression.</p>	
12.1	<p><b>Nomial (a term)</b> is an expression with one or more numbers and /or variables within it. For example, <math>2y</math> can be a term, <math>4</math> can be a term, <math>-3x^2</math> can be a term.</p> <p>An <b>algebraic expression</b> is an expression built up from constants and variables connected by the algebraic operations <math>+</math> and/or <math>-</math>.</p> <p>For example, <math>2x^2 + 3x - y + 1</math> is an algebraic expression with four terms namely, <math>2x^2</math>, <math>3x</math>, <math>-y</math> and <math>1</math> as the first, second, third and fourth terms respectively.</p> <p>Notice that each term includes the operational sign before it. The positive sign is usually not shown when naming a term.</p> <p>An algebraic expression with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one term is called a <b>monomial</b>. e.g., <math>-3x^2</math></li> <li>two terms is called a <b>binomial</b>. e.g., <math>2y + 3</math> and <math>2x^2 + 3x</math>,</li> <li>many terms is called a <b>polynomial</b>. e.g., <math>2x^2 + 3x - y + 1</math></li> </ol> <p>A <b>coefficient</b> of a term is the non-variable (number) part of a term.</p> <p>For example, in the expression <math>2x^2 - 3x + 4</math>, the coefficient of the;  <math>x^2</math> term is <math>2</math>.  <math>x</math> term is <math>-3</math>.</p>	
12.2	<p><b>Expansion of algebraic expressions.</b> This involves opening of brackets to form an expression that occupies more space.</p> <p><b>Expansion of monomial multipliers.</b></p> <p>For example, consider expanding <math>a(b + c)</math> This can be illustrated geometrically by finding the area of a rectangle with length, <math>(b + c)</math> and side width, <math>a</math> as shown in Figure 1.</p>	

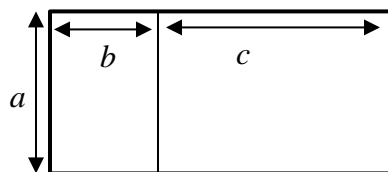


Figure 1

$$\text{Area} = a(b + c) = a \times b + a \times c$$

The multiplication sign can be 'hidden' to give.

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

**This simply means that each term inside the bracket is multiplied by the monomial outside the bracket. ....F 12.1**

Note: This applies to monomial multiplying any polynomial.

**Example 1.**

Find the expansion of:

- (a)  $2(x + 3)$
- (b)  $3x(x - 5)$
- (c)  $-7(y^2 + 2y)$
- (d)  $-3a(x - y)$
- (e)  $2x - x(1 - x^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad 2(x + 3) &= 2 \times x + 2 \times 3 \\ &= 2x + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad 3x(x - 5) &= 3x \times x + 3x \times -5 \\ &= 3x^2 - 15x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad -7(y^2 + 2y) &= -7 \times y^2 + -7 \times 2y \\ &= -7y^2 - 14y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad -3a(x - y) &= -3a \times x + -3a \times -y \\ &= -3ax + 3ay \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e)} \quad 2x - x(1 - x^2) &= 2x + -x \times 1 + -x \times -x^2 \\ &= 2x - x + x^3 \\ &= x + x^3 \text{ (after collecting } 2x \text{ and } -x \text{ as like terms).} \end{aligned}$$

**Expansion of binomial multipliers.**

**Product of two binomials.**

For example, consider expanding  $(a + b)(e + f)$

This can be geometrically illustrated by finding the area of a rectangle with length,  $(b + c)$  and width,  $(e + f)$  as shown in Figure 2.

**Learners:**  
1. should recall and use the sign rules of multiplication.

2. should check for errors in opening brackets.

Such errors have gone on to senior levels of mathematics.

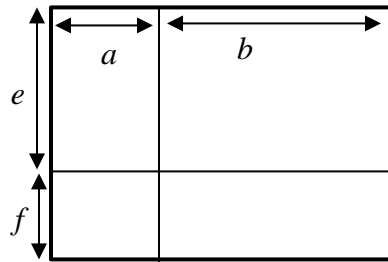


Figure 2

$$\text{Area} = (a + b)(e + f) = a \times (e + f) + b \times (e + f)$$

The multiplication sign can be 'hidden' to give.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= (a + b)(e + f) = a(e + f) + b(e + f) \\ &= ae + af + be + bf \end{aligned}$$

**This simply means that each term inside the first bracket is multiplied by each term in the second bracket. ....F 12.2**

Note: This applies to binomial multiplying any polynomial.

**Example 2.**

Find the expansion of:

- (a)  $(2 + y)(x + 1)$
- (b)  $(3x + 2)(2y + 5)$
- (c)  $(2x + 4)(1 - 2y)$
- (d)  $(2x - y)(x - y)$
- (e)  $(x + \frac{1}{2})(x + 2)$
- (f)  $(x + 2)^2$

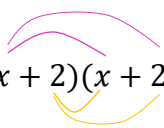
$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad (2 + y)(x + 1) &= 2(x + 1) + y(x + 1) \\ &= 2x + 2 + yx + y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad (3x + 2)(2y + 5) &= 3x(2y + 5) + 2(2y + 5) \\ &= 6xy + 15x + 4y + 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad (2x + 4)(1 - 2y) &= 2x(1 - 2y) + 4(1 - 2y) \\ &= 2x - 4xy + 4 - 8y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad (2x - y)(x - y) &= 2x(x - y) + -y(x - y) \\ &= 2x^2 - 2xy - xy + y^2 \\ &= 2x^2 - 3xy + y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e)} \quad (x + \frac{1}{2})(x + 2) &= x(x + 2) + \frac{1}{2}(x + 2) \\ &= x^2 + 2x + \frac{1}{2}x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

	<div><math display="block">= x^2 + (2 + \frac{1}{2})x + 1</math><math display="block">= x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x + 1 \text{ (after collecting terms in } x).</math></div> <div>(f) <math display="block">(x + 2)^2 = (x + 2)(x + 2)</math><div></div><math display="block">= x(x + 2) + 2(x + 2)</math><math display="block">= x^2 + 2x + 2x + 2^2</math><math display="block">= x^2 + 4x + 4 \text{ (after collecting terms in } x)</math></div>	
12.3	<p><b>Quadratic expressions.</b> A quadratic expression is one where the highest power is 2.</p> <p>For example, <math>x^2 + 2x + 1</math>, <math>x^2 + 2xy + y^2</math>, <math>x^2 - 4</math>, <math>3x^2 + 2x</math> are quadratic expressions.</p> <p><b>Quadratic identities.</b> By expansion, three important quadratic identities can be derived.</p> <p><u>Square of a sum.</u> <math display="block">(A + B)^2 = (A + B)(A + B)</math><math display="block">= A(A + B) + B(A + B)</math><math display="block">= A^2 + AB + BA + B^2</math><math display="block">= A^2 + 2AB + B^2 \text{ (since } AB = BA)</math></p> <div><math display="block">\therefore (A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2 \quad \text{.....F 12.3}</math></div> <p><u>Square of a difference.</u> <math display="block">(A - B)^2 = (A - B)(A - B)</math><math display="block">= A(A - B) + -B(A - B)</math><math display="block">= A^2 - AB - BA + B^2</math><math display="block">= A^2 - 2AB + B^2 \text{ (since } AB = BA)</math></p> <div><math display="block">\therefore (A - B)^2 = A^2 - 2AB + B^2 \quad \text{.....F 12.4}</math></div> <p><u>Difference of two squares('DOTS').</u> <math display="block">(A + B)(A - B) = A(A - B) + B(A - B)</math><math display="block">= A^2 - AB + BA - B^2</math><math display="block">= A^2 - B^2</math></p> <div><math display="block">\therefore (A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2 \quad \text{.....F 12.5}</math></div>	<p>Learners should note that <math>(A + B)^2 \neq A^2 + B^2</math> and <math>(A - B)^2 \neq A^2 - B^2</math> Such errors have been carried on to senior level of mathematics.</p>

**Example 3**

Use the identities  $(A \pm B)^2 = A^2 \pm 2AB + B^2$  to evaluate: -

(a)  $999^2$

(b)  $502^2$

(c)  $2.4^2 + (2.6)(4.8) + 2.6^2$

(d)  $10.2^2 - (20.4)(0.2) + 0.2^2$

(a) For  $999^2$ , the nearest convenient figure is 1,000.

$$\begin{aligned} 999^2 &= (1,000 - 1)^2 \\ &= 1,000^2 - 2 \times 1,000 \times 1 + 1^2 \\ &= 1,000,000 - 2,000 + 1 \\ &= 998,001 \end{aligned}$$

(b) For  $502^2$ , the nearest convenient figure is 500.

$$\begin{aligned} 502^2 &= (500 + 2)^2 \\ &= 500^2 + 2 \times 500 \times 2 + 2^2 \\ &= 250,000 + 2,000 + 4 \\ &= 252,004 \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $2.4^2 + (2.6)(4.8) + 2.6^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2.4^2 + 2(2.6)(2.4) + 2.6^2 \\ &= (2.4 + 2.6)^2 \\ &= 5.0^2 \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

(d)  $10.2^2 - (20.4)(0.2) + 0.2^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 10.2^2 - 2(10.2)(0.2) + 0.2^2 \\ &= (10.2 - 0.2)^2 \\ &= 10.0^2 \\ &= 100 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.**

Use the identity  $(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2$  to evaluate:

(a)  $43 \times 37$

(b)  $7.1^2 - 2.9^2$

(a) For  $43 \times 37$  the convenient figure is 40 with a difference of 3 from each.

$$\begin{aligned} 43 \times 37 &= (40 + 3)(40 - 3) \\ &= 40^2 - 3^2 \\ &= 1600 - 9 \\ &= 1591 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $7.1^2 - 2.9^2 = (7.1 + 2.9)(7.1 - 2.9)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 10 \times 4.2 \\ &= 42 \end{aligned}$$

	<p><b>Example 5.</b>  Given that <math>x^2 - y^2 = 15</math> and <math>x + y = 5</math>, find the: -  (a) value of <math>x - y</math>  (b) values of <math>x</math> and <math>y</math>.</p> <p>(a)  Notice that <math>x^2 - y^2 = 15</math> is a 'DOTS'  So, <math>x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)</math>.....(1)  Substituting <math>x^2 - y^2 = 15</math> and <math>x + y = 5</math> into equation (1)  <math>15 = 5 \times (x - y)</math>  <math>\frac{15}{5} = \frac{5(x-y)}{5}</math>  <math>3 = (x - y)</math>  <math>x - y = 3</math> .....(2)</p> <p>(b) Let <math>x + y = 5</math> .....(3)  Equation (2) + equation (3)</p> $\begin{array}{r} x-y=3 \\ +(x+y)=5 \\ \hline 2x=8 \\ x=4 \end{array}$ <p>Substituting <math>x = 4</math> into equation (3)  <math>4 + y = 5</math>  <math>y = 1</math></p>	
12.4	<p><b>Factorization.</b>  The process of finding the factors of an algebraic expression.</p> <p>The expansion of <math>2(x + 3) = 2x + 6</math>  Therefore, 2 and <math>(x + 3)</math> are the factors of <math>2x + 6</math>.  Notice that factorization is the opposite of expansion.</p> <p><b>Factorization by common factors.</b></p> <p>Some algebraic expressions have terms with common factors. So, the simplest method of factorization is by looking out for common factors in the terms.</p> <p><b>Example 6.</b>  Factorize completely:</p> <p>(a) <math>3x^2 + 6x</math>  (b) <math>12yx^2 - 3yx</math>  (c) <math>3(x + 1) + 6x(x + 1)</math></p> <p>(a) <math>3x^2 + 6x</math> (common factors are 3 and <math>x</math>)  <math>= 3x(x + 2)</math></p>	

	<p>(b) <math>12yx^2 - 3yx</math> (common factors are 3, y and x)  <math>= 3yx(4x - 1)</math></p> <p>(c) <math>3(x + 1) + 6x(x + 1)</math> (common factors are 3 and (x+1))  <math>= (x + 1)(3 + 6x)</math>  <math>= 3(x + 1)(1 + 2x)</math></p> <p><b>Example 7.</b>  Evaluate the following by factorization: -  (a) <math>3.2^2 + 6.8 \times 3.2</math>  (b) <math>55 \times 61 + 55 \times 56 - 55 \times 17</math></p> <p>(a) <math>3.2^2 + 6.8 \times 3.2</math>  <math>= 3.2(3.2 + 6.8)</math>  <math>= 3.2 \times 10</math>  <math>= 32</math></p> <p>(b) <math>55 \times 61 + 55 \times 56 - 55 \times 17</math>  <math>= 55(61 + 56 - 17)</math>  <math>= 55(61 + 56 - 17)</math>  <math>= 55 \times 100</math>  <math>= 5500</math></p> <p><b>Factorization by grouping.</b></p> <p>The terms of the expression can be creatively grouped to have common factors in the groups.</p> <p><b>Example 8.</b>  Factorize completely: -  (a) <math>x^2 + xy + 2x + 2y</math>  (b) <math>6a^2 - 2ab - b + 3a</math></p> <p>(a) <math>x^2 + xy + 2x + 2y</math>  <math>= (x^2 + xy) + (2x + 2y)</math>  <math>= x(x + y) + 2(x + y)</math>  <math>= (x + y)(x + 2)</math></p> <p>(b) <math>6a^2 - 2ab - b + 3a</math>  <math>= (6a^2 + 3a) + (-2ab - b)</math>  <math>= 3a(2a + 1) - b(2a + 1)</math>  <math>= (2a + 1)(3a - b)</math></p> <p><b>Factorization by using 'DOTS'.</b></p> <p>Here, it is important to: -  (i) first look out for common factors.</p>	
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(ii) then rewrite the expression so that the squares are clearly visible.

**Example 9.**

*Factorize completely; -*

(a)  $x^2 - y^2$

(b)  $t^2 - 121$

(c)  $m^2 - 9n^2$

(d)  $81x^2 - 16y^2$

(e)  $(a + b)^2 - 4b^2$

(f)  $4u^2 - 64v^2$

(g)  $32x^4 - 2a^4y^4$

(a)  $x^2 - y^2$   
 $= (x + y)(x - y)$

(b)  $t^2 - 121$   
 $= t^2 - (11)^2$   
 $= (t + 11)(t - 11)$

(c)  $m^2 - 9n^2$   
 $= m^2 - (3n)^2$   
 $= (m + 3n)(m - 3n)$

(d)  $81x^2 - 16y^2$   
 $= (9x)^2 - (4y)^2$   
 $= (9x + 4y)(9x - 4y)$

(e)  $(a + b)^2 - 4b^2$   
 $= (a + b)^2 - (2b)^2$   
 $= (a + b + 2b)(a + b - 2b)$   
 $= (a + 3b)(a - b)$

(f)  $4u^2 - 64v^2$   
 $= (2u)^2 - (8v)^2$   
 $= (2u + 8v)(2u - 8v)$   
 $= 2(u + 4v)2(u - 4v)$   
 $= 4(u + 4v)(u - 4v)$

(g)  $32x^4 - 2a^4y^4$   
 $= 2(16x^4 - a^4y^4)$   
 $= 2((4x^2)^2 - (a^2y^2)^2)$   
 $= 2(4x^2 + a^2y^2)(4x^2 - a^2y^2)$   
 $= 2(4x^2 + a^2y^2)((2x)^2 - (ay)^2)$   
 $= 2(4x^2 + a^2y^2)(2x + ay)(2x - ay)$



## Factorization of quadratic expressions.

Considering the expansion

$$\begin{aligned}(Ax + B)(Cx + D) &= Ax(Cx + D) + B(Cx + D) \\ &= ACx^2 + ADx + BCx + BD \\ &= ACx^2 + (AD + BC)x + BD\end{aligned}$$

The result is a quadratic expression such that the coefficient of  $x$ ,  $(AD + BC)$  is the sum of two numbers whose product is  $ACBD$  (or the product of the coefficient of the  $x^2$  term and the constant term).

This observation provides for a method of factorization of a quadratic expression following the steps outlined below.

- Step 1. the **coefficient** of the term in  $x^2$  (quadratic term) and the number term are identified.
- Step 2. the product of these numbers is obtained.
- Step 3. two numbers with a sum equal to the coefficient of the term in  $x$  and the product equal to the product obtained in step 2. are identified by trial and error.
- Step 4. the  $x$  term is split using the numbers identified in step 3.
- Step 5. the terms are paired (grouped) up and factorized.

### Example 10.

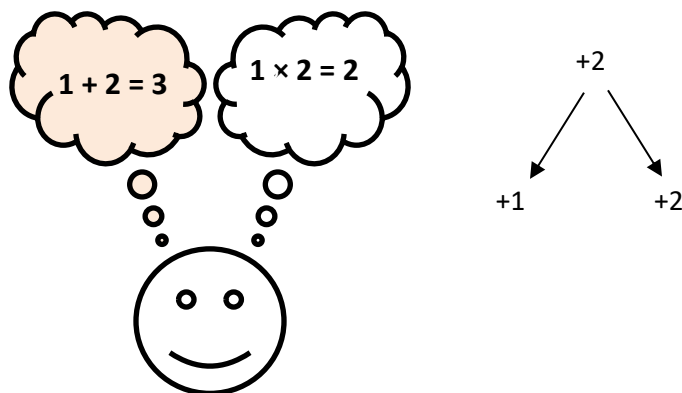
Factorize  $x^2 + 3x + 2$

The coefficient of the first term is 1. The constant term is 2.

Their product is  $1 \times 2 = 2$ .

The coefficient of the middle term is 3.

Which two numbers would add to 3 and have product of 2?



$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + 3x + 2 \\ &= x^2 + (x + 2x) + 2 && \text{(breaking the middle term.)} \\ &= (x^2 + x) + (2x + 2) && \text{(grouping)} \\ &= x(x + 1) + 2(x + 1) && \text{(making common factor visible)} \\ &= (x + 1)(x + 2) && \text{(factorization).}\end{aligned}$$

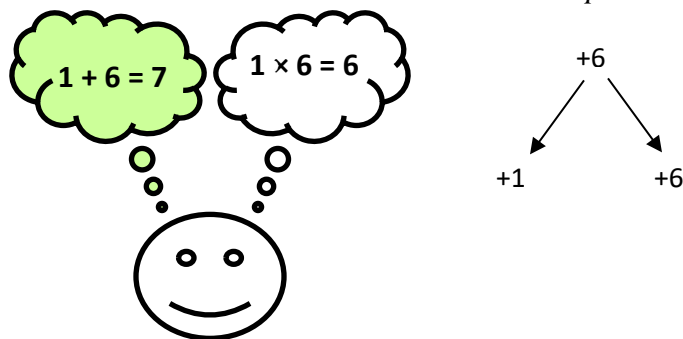
**Example 11.**Factorize  $2x^2 + 7x + 3$ 

The coefficient of the first term is 2. The constant term is 3.

Their product is  $2 \times 3 = 6$ 

The coefficient of the second term is 7.

Which two numbers would add to 7 and have product of 6?



$$\begin{aligned}
 &2x^2 + 7x + 3 \\
 &= 2x^2 + (x + 6x) + 3 \quad (\text{breaking the middle term.}) \\
 &= (2x^2 + x) + (6x + 3) \quad (\text{grouping}) \\
 &= x(2x + 1) + 3(2x + 1) \quad (\text{making common factor visible}) \\
 &= (2x + 1)(x + 3) \quad (\text{factorization}).
 \end{aligned}$$

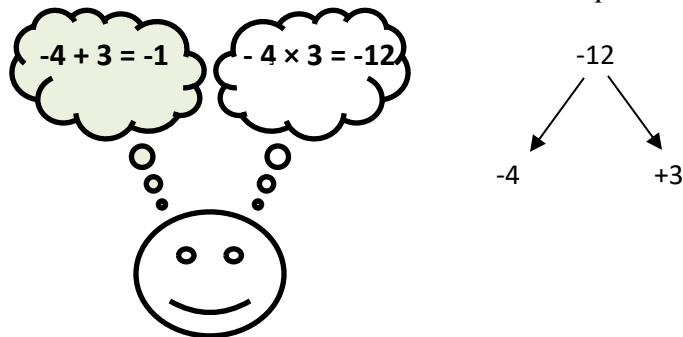
**Example 12.**Factorize  $6x^2 - x - 2$ 

The coefficient of the first term is 6. The constant term is -2.

Their product is  $6 \times -2 = -12$ 

The coefficient of the second term is -1.

Which two numbers would add to -1 and have product of -12?



$$\begin{aligned}
 &6x^2 - x - 2 \\
 &= 6x^2 + (-4x + 3x) - 2 \quad (\text{breaking the middle term.}) \\
 &= (6x^2 - 4x) + (3x - 2) \quad (\text{grouping}) \\
 &= 2x(3x - 2) + (3x - 2) \quad (\text{making common factor visible}) \\
 &= (3x - 2)(2x + 1) \quad (\text{factorizing}).
 \end{aligned}$$

	12.5	<p><i>Exercise.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand each of the following expressions:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>ax(ax - 2)</math></li> <li><math>4\left(1 - \frac{3x}{2}\right)^2</math></li> </ol> </li> <li>Factorize completely:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>2axy^2 - 4a^2x^2y</math></li> <li><math>3ab - 2 + 3a - 2b</math></li> </ol> </li> <li>Factorize completely:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>9 - 4x^2</math></li> <li><math>2 - 18y^2</math></li> <li><math>a^2x^2 - 4x^2</math></li> <li><math>2x^4 - 2</math></li> </ol> </li> <li>Without using tables or calculator, evaluate:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>202^2</math></li> <li><math>199^2</math></li> <li><math>1.9^2 + (0.2)(1.9) + (0.1)^2</math></li> <li><math>53^2 - (6)(53) + 3^2</math></li> <li><math>5(2 \times 14^2 - 2 \times 4^2)</math></li> </ol> </li> <li>Factorize completely:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>y^2 + 5y - 14</math></li> <li><math>4b^2 + 8b + 3</math></li> <li><math>3x^2 - 4x + 1</math></li> <li><math>14x^2 - 10x - 4</math></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
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