

Math 024: (More) Advanced Factoring

Perfect Squares

$$\textcolor{red}{a}^2 + 2\textcolor{blue}{a}\textcolor{red}{b} + \textcolor{blue}{b}^2 = (\textcolor{red}{a} + \textcolor{blue}{b})^2$$

$$\textcolor{red}{a}^2 - 2\textcolor{blue}{a}\textcolor{red}{b} + \textcolor{blue}{b}^2 = (\textcolor{red}{a} - \textcolor{blue}{b})^2$$

Difference of Squares

$$\textcolor{red}{a}^2 - \textcolor{blue}{b}^2 = (\textcolor{red}{a} - \textcolor{blue}{b})(\textcolor{red}{a} + \textcolor{blue}{b})$$

1. Find common factor, then factor the remaining trinomial.

Verify your answers by multiplying afterwards!

(A) $2x^2 - 8x + 6$

(B) $3x^2 - 18x - 21$

(C) $4x^2 + 20x + 16$

(D) $2x^2 - 2x - 12$

(E) $4x^2 + 12x - 40$

(F) $5x^2 - 55x + 50$

2. Factor the following trinomials using basic patterns.

Verify your answers by multiplying afterwards!

(A) $x^2 + 8x + 16$

(C) $x^2 - 16$

(E) $4x^2 - 12x + 9$

(B) $25x^2 + 40x + 16$

(D) $25x^2 - 16$

(F) $4x^2 - 9$