

Math 024: (More) Advanced Factoring

Perfect Squares

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)^2$$

$$a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)^2$$

Difference of Squares

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$$

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) $4x^2 - 9$