

ALGEBRA II
HOMEWORK #1-4
FACTORING PERFECT CUBES

* Always look for a GCF first!

1. Factor $3x^3 + 192$.

$$3(x^3 + 64) = \boxed{3(x + 4)(x^2 - 4x + 16)}$$

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\uparrow
a
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b
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 a^2
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 $a \cdot b$
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 b^2

$$a = x \quad b = 4$$

2. Factor $5x^3 - 320x^6$.

$$5x^3(1 - 64x^3) = \boxed{5x^3(1 - 4x)(1 + 4x + 16x^2)}$$

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$$a = 1 \quad b = 4x$$

$$a^2 = 1 \quad b^2 = 16x^2$$

3. Factor $m^4 - 9m^2 + 8$.

$$-8 \begin{array}{c} \nearrow 8 \\ \searrow -9 \end{array} -1$$

$$m^4 - 8m^2 - 1m^2 + 8$$

$$m^2(m^2 - 8) - 1(m^2 - 8)$$

$$(m^2 - 8)(m^2 - 1)$$

$$(m^2 - 8)(m + 1)(m - 1)$$

3 terms \rightarrow TRAM



4. Factor $2b^2 + 17b + 21$.



$$2b^2 + 3b + 14b + 21$$

$$b(2b+3) + 7(2b+3)$$

$$(2b+3)(b+7)$$

5. Factor $12x^5 - 27x$.

$$3x(4x^4 - 9)$$

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

① GCF

② DOTS