

Sec 2 Math: Further Expansion/Factorization

A) Expansion

i) $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

ii) $(a + b)(c + d) = ac + ad + bc + bd$

iii) $(a + b)(c + d + e) = ac + ad + ae + bc + bd + be$

B) Expansion Example (Basic)

Simplify the following expressions:

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

Note: "Simplify" means expand and simplify

Put big bracket after expansion

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(2x + y)(x - 3y) - (3x - y)(2x - 3y) \\ &= 2(2x^2 - 6xy + xy - 3y^2) - (6x^2 - 9xy - 2xy + 3y^2) \\ &= 4x^2 - 12xy + 2xy - 6y^2 - 6x^2 + 9xy + 2xy - 3y^2 \\ &= 4x^2 - 6x^2 - 6y^2 - 3y^2 - 12xy + 2xy + 9xy + 2xy \\ &= -2x^2 - 9y^2 + xy \end{aligned}$$

Negative before bracket causes all signs to change

F) Factorization Examples (Intermediate)

Factorise completely

a) $4x^2y - 25z^2y$

b) $2p^2 - 3pq - 5q^2$

c) $6xp - 9xq + 12yq - 8yp$

d) $2a^3 - 32a$

e) $x^4 - 81y^4$

f) $32y^4 - 2$

*g) $5x^2 + 5y^2 - 10xy - 45$ (advanced)

*h) $5m(m^2 - 4) - m^2 - 2m$ (advanced)

*For all factorization questions:

Step 1: Check for Common terms and factorize

Step 2: 2 terms (Usually factorize using $a^2 - b^2$)

3 terms (Usually factorize using crossbox)

4 terms (Usually factorize by grouping)

Step 3: Check whether can factorize further.

a) $4x^2y - 25z^2y = y(4x^2 - 25z^2)$
 $= y((2x)^2 - (5z)^2)$
 $= y(2x + 5z)(2x - 5z)$

b) $2p^2 - 3pq - 5q^2$

p	q	$2pq$
$2p$	$-5q$	$-5pq$
$2p^2$	$-5q^2$	$-3pq$

$2p^2 - 3pq - 5q^2 = (p + q)(2p - 5q)$

c) $6xp - 9xq + 12yq - 8yp$
 $= 3x(2p - 3q) + 4y(3q - 2p)$
 $= 3x(2p - 3q) - 4y(2p - 3q)$
 $= (3x - 4y)(2p - 3q)$

d) $2a^3 - 32a$
 $= 2a(a^2 - 16)$
 $= 2a(a + 4)(a - 4)$

e) $x^4 - 81y^4$
 $= (x^2 - 9y^2)(x^2 + 9y^2)$
 $= (x - 3y)(x + 3y)(x^2 + 9y^2)$

f) $32y^4 - 2$
 $= 2(16y^4 - 1)$
 $= 2(4y^2 - 1)(4y^2 + 1)$
 $= 2(2y - 1)(2y + 1)(4y^2 + 1)$

*g) $5x^2 + 5y^2 - 10xy - 45$
 $= 5(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy - 9)$
 $= 5[(x - y)^2 - 3^2]$
 $= 5(x - y - 3)(x - y + 3)$

*h) $5m(m^2 - 4) - m^2 - 2m$
 $= 5m(m + 2)(m - 2) - m(m + 2)$
 $= m(m + 2)[5(m - 2) - 1]$
 $= m(m + 2)[5m - 11]$

G) Algebraic Identities + Substitution (Intermediate)

a) If $(2a + 2b)^2 = 50$ and $ab = 5$, find the value of $a^2 + b^2$

b) Given that $x^2 + y^2 = 23$ and $xy = 15$, find the value of $(3x + 3y)^2$

c) Given that $x^2 - y^2 = 40$ and $x + y = 8$, find the value of $(2x - 2y)^2$

*d) If $a^2 + b^2 = 218$, $ab = -91$ and $a^2 < b^2$, find the value of $a^2 - b^2$ (advanced)

a) $(2a + 2b)^2 = 50$
 $(2a)^2 + (2b)^2 + 2(2a)(2b) = 50$
 $4a^2 + 4b^2 + 8ab = 50$
 $4a^2 + 4b^2 + 8(5) = 50$
 $4a^2 + 4b^2 = 10$
 $a^2 + b^2 = 2.5$

b) $(3x + 3y)^2$
 $= (3x)^2 + (3y)^2 + 2(3x)(3y)$
 $= 9x^2 + 9y^2 + 18xy$
 $= 9(23) + 18(15)$
 $= 477$

c) $x^2 - y^2 = 40$
 $(x - y)(x + y) = 40$
 $(x - y)(8) = 40$
 $(x - y) = 5$
 $(2x - 2y) = 10$
 $(2x - 2y)^2 = 100$

*d) $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$
 $= 218 + 2(-91)$
 $= 36$

$a + b = \pm 6$

$(a - b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$
 $= 218 - 2(-91)$
 $= 400$

$a - b = \pm 20$

$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$
 $= \pm 6 \times \pm 20$
 $= -120 \text{ or } 120$ (Rej since $a^2 < b^2$)

H) Evaluate using Algebraic Identities (Intermediate)

By using a suitable algebraic identities, evaluate the following

a) 302×298

b) $35^2 + 16 - 280$

c) $3421^2 - 3420^2$

d) 97^2

e) 602^2

*f) $245^2 - 240 \times 250$ (advanced)

*Note: Workings and presentations are very important for these questions. No working = no marks.

a) $302 \times 298 = (300 + 2)(300 - 2)$

$= 300^2 - 2^2$

$= 90000 - 4$

$= 89996$

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

b) $35^2 + 16 - 280 = 35^2 + 5^2 - 2(35)(5)$

$= (35 - 5)^2$

$= 30^2 = 900$

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

c) $3421^2 - 3420^2 = (3421 - 3420)(3421 + 3420)$

$= (1)(6841)$

$= 6841$

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

d) $97^2 = (100 - 3)^2$

$= 100^2 + 3^2 - 2(100)(3)$

$= 10000 + 9 - 600$

$= 9409$

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

e) $602^2 = (600 + 2)^2$

$= 600^2 + 2^2 + 2(2)(600)$

$= 360000 + 4 + 2400$

$= 362404$

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

f) $245^2 - 240 \times 250 = 245^2 - (245 - 5)(245 + 5)$

$= 245^2 - (245^2 - 5^2)$

$= 245^2 - (245^2 - 5^2)$

$= 245^2 - 245^2 + 5^2$

$= 25$



I) Factorize Hence Find (Advanced)

a) Simplify $n^2 - (n - a)(n + a)$

b) Hence, find $1756^2 - 1752 \times 1760$

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

b) By observation, $n = 1756$

$n + a = 1760$

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$a = 1760 - 1756$

$a = 4$

since $n^2 - (n - a)(n + a) = a^2$

$\therefore 1756^2 - 1752 \times 1760 = 4^2 = 16$

Answer is 16.

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Quadratic Factorization (Using Calculator)

Factorise Quadratic Equations Using Calculator

Take $x^2 - x - 12$ to be the equation you want to factorise.

In your Casio fx-95SG model, calculator, press **MODE** and then **3** (EQN) and again, **3** ($ax^2 + bx + c = 0$)

For the Casio fx-97SG X model, press **MENU** and then **5** (Equation), **2** (Polynomial), **2** (select degree 2)

Insert the coefficients a , b and c in the respective columns. In the case of the equation given, $a = 1$, $b = -1$, and $c = -12$.

Press **=** and you will see $X_1 = 4$

Press **=** again and you will see $X_2 = -3$

Given that this calculator function is to solve quadratic equations and not factorise them, you should bring the x-value over to the left-hand side and present your factorised answer in this manner: $(x - 4)(x + 3)$



Basic Examples

1) Factorise $x^2 - 5x + 6$.

From calculator, $X_1 = 3$ and $X_2 = 2$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 3)(x - 2)$$

2) Factorise $5x^2 - 13x + 6$.

From calculator, $X_1 = 2$ and $X_2 = \frac{3}{5}$

Write $(x - 2)(x - \frac{3}{5})$

Write $(x - 2)(5x - 3)$

$$5x^2 - 13x + 6 = (x - 2)(5x - 3)$$

This should not be part of your main working, so write this at the side.

Trickier Examples

1) Factorise $-12x^2 - x + 1$

From calculator, $X_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $X_2 = -\frac{1}{3}$

By bringing values to the LHS, write $(x - \frac{1}{4})(x - (-\frac{1}{3}))$

By moving denominator up, write $(4x - 1)(3x + 1)$

Notice that $4x \times 3x = 12x^2$

To get $-12x^2$, we need to multiply by -1

So, your answer should be: $-12x^2 - x + 1 = -(4x - 1)(3x + 1)$

This should not be part of your main working, so write this at the side.

2) Factorise $2x^2 - 10x + 8$

From calculator, $X_1 = 4$ and $X_2 = 1$

By bringing values to the LHS, write $(x - 4)(x - 1)$

Notice that $x \times x = x^2$

To get $2x^2$, we need to multiply by 2

So, your answer should be: $2x^2 - 10x + 8 = 2(x - 4)(x - 1)$.

This should not be part of your main working, so write this at the side.

3) Factorise $x^2 - 3xy - 4y^2$

Just pretend y is not there, and type $a = 1$, $b = -3$, $c = -4$ into your calculator.

From calculator, $X_1 = 4$ and $X_2 = -1$

Usually, we would express the factorised equation like this: $(x - 4)(x + 1)$

But since we have an additional variable y in this question, we express it in this way: $(x - 4y)(x + y)$

*It will be helpful to always work backwards and expand your factorised form to check if it corresponds to the expression given.

