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Worksheet(3)

Grade:8(A, B)

**Subject: (Math)**

**(Factoring by grouping )**

**Date :**

- Goal: To be able to factor polynomials with 4 terms by grouping

Steps for factoring by grouping:

1. A polynomial must have 4 terms to factor by grouping.

$$\text{ex. } x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 2$$

2. We factor the first two terms and the second two terms separately. Use the rules for GCF to factor these.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{The GCF of } x^3 + x^2 \text{ is } x^2. \\ x^3 + x^2 \text{ is } x^2. \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x^3 + x^2 \quad | \quad +2x + 2 \\ x^2(x+1) \quad | \quad +2(x+1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{The GCF of } \\ 2x+2 \text{ is } 2 \end{array}$$

3. Finally, we factor out the "common factor" from both terms.

This means we write the  $(x+1)$  term in front and the 2 terms left over,  $x^2+2$  , in a separate set of parentheses.

$$(x+1)(x^2 + 2)$$

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## Factoring by Grouping

Use when there are 4 Terms

*Example (1):*

$$x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$(x^3 + x^2) + (x + 1)$$

$$x^2(x + 1) + 1(x + 1)$$

$$(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$$

*Example (2):*

$$8x^3 + 2x^2 + 12x + 3$$

The GCF of  
 $8x^3 + 2x^2$  is  $2x^2$ .

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 8x^3 + 2x^2 & +12x + 3 \\ 2x^2(4x + 1) & +3(4x + 1) \end{array}$$

The GCF of  
 $12x + 3$  is 3.

$$= (4x + 1)(2x^2 + 3)$$

**Example (3):**

$$4x^3 - 6x^2 - 6x + 9$$

The GCF of  
 $4x^3 - 6x^2$  is  $2x^2$ .

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 4x^3 - 6x^2 & -6x + 9 \\ 2x^2(2x - 3) & -3(2x - 3) \end{array}$$

The GCF of  
 $-6x + 9$  is  $-3$ .

When you factor a negative out of  
a positive, you will get a negative.

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

**EXERCISE :**

Factor completely if possible...

1  $5ab + 10a + 7b + 14$

2  $6m^3 - 12mn + m^2n - 2n^2$

3  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 6$

4  $4s^2 - s + 12st - 3t$

**5**

$$y - 2y^2 - 18y + 9$$

**6**

$$48ab - 90a + 32b - 60$$

**7**

$$2m(7m - 3) + 4(3 - 7m)$$

**8**

$$15x - 5xy + 6y^2 - 18y$$

**9**

$$a(r - t) + m(t - r)$$

**10**

$$2t - 14st + 7st^2 - t^2$$