

Worksheet (3) | Lower Secondary

Stage (6-8)

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Class: Grade 8

Objective: *Factorise by grouping*

- 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.

$$ex. x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 2$$

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

The GCF of	$x^3 + x^2$	$+2x + 2$	
$x^3 + x^2$ is x^2 .	$x^2(x+1)$	$+2(x+1)$	The GCF of
			$2x+2$ is 2

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

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