

VIII - Mathematics Assignment - FactorsBasic Concepts.

In factorization, we express a polynomial as the product of two polynomials.

e.g., $x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x+3)(x+2)$

So we have expressed the polynomial $x^2 + 5x + 6$ as the product of $(x+3)$ and $(x+2)$.

So $(x+3)$ and $(x+2)$ are the factors of $x^2 + 5x + 6$.

Thus, the process of writing an algebraic expression as the product of two or more algebraic expressions, are called factorization.

Each expression occurring in the product is called a factor of the given expression.

There are various methods of factorization in various cases.

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Case 1.

When each term of the given expression contains a common monomial factor.

eg, $6a^2 + 5ab - a$
 $= a(6a + 5b - 1)$

Case 2.

When a polynomial is a common multiplier of each term of the given expression.

eg, $2a(a+b) + 2b(a+b)$
 $= (a+b)(2a+2b)$

Case 3. When the given expression is the difference of two squares.

In this case, one has to use the identity

$$A^2 - B^2 = (A+B)(A-B)$$

eg, $9x^2 - 16y^2$
 $= (3x)^2 - (4y)^2$
 $= (3x+4y)(3x-4y)$

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Case 4. When the given expression is a perfect square

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eg, } 4x^2 + 12xy + 9y^2 \\ = (2x)^2 + 2 \cdot (2x) \cdot (3y) + (3y)^2 \\ = (2x + 3y)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Case 5. When the given expression is a perfect cube

In this case, one can use the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } (A+B)^3 &= A^3 + B^3 + 3A^2B + 3AB^2 \\ \text{(ii) } (A-B)^3 &= A^3 - B^3 + 3AB^2 - 3A^2B \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eg, } 8x^3 + 27y^3 + 36x^2y + 54xy^2 \\ = (2x)^3 + (3y)^3 + 3 \cdot 4x^2 \cdot 3y + 3 \cdot 2x \cdot 9y^2 \\ = (2x + 3y)^3 \end{aligned}$$

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Factorization of Quadratic Trinomials

Case 1. When the expression is of the form $x^2 + px + q$

In this case, one can factorise q in such a way that the Sum (or difference) of factors is p . then break p into Sum (or difference) then by making the grouping, factorise.

eg, $x^2 + 5x + 6$

Factors of 6 are 1, 2, 3, 6

Now choose 2, 3 $\because 2+3=5$
(Coef of x)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So now } x^2 + 2x + 3x + 6 \\ = x(x+2) + 3(x+2) \\ = (x+2)(x+3) \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. When the expression is of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$.

$axc = ac =$ (Factorise such that the Sum (or diff) of factors is b .)

then break 'b' and by grouping, factorise.

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eg, Factorise $2x^2 + x - 3$ Pg-5

$$2x^2 + x - 3$$

$$2x-3 = -6 = +3x-2$$

So $2x^2 + 3x - 2x - 3$

$$= x(2x+3) - 1(2x+3)$$

$$= (2x+3)(x-1)$$

Some more Cases of Factorization

Case 1.

When the given expression is expressible as the Sum of two Cubes.

eg, $64x^3 + 125y^3$

In such cases, one has to use the following identity.

$$A^3 \pm B^3 = (A \pm B)(A^2 \mp AB + B^2)$$

So write $64x^3 + 125y^3$ as

$$(4x)^3 + (5y)^3$$

$$= (4x + 5y)((4x)^2 + (5y)^2 - 4x \cdot 5y)$$

$$= (4x + 5y)(16x^2 + 25y^2 - 20xy)$$

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Example of difference of two cubes

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$$\begin{aligned} & 27x^3 - 125y^3 \\ &= (3x)^3 - (5y)^3 \\ &= (3x - 5y)(9x^2 + 25y^2 + 15xy) \end{aligned}$$

Case II When the given expression is of the form of

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$$

Its identity is

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ca)$$

Example—

Factorise

$$\begin{aligned} & 8x^3 + 27y^3 + 64z^3 - 72xyz \\ &= (2x)^3 + (3y)^3 + (4z)^3 - 3 \times 2x \times 3y \times 4z \\ &= (2x + 3y + 4z)(4x^2 + 9y^2 + 16z^2 - 6xy - 12yz - 8xz) \end{aligned}$$

Case III — When the given expression is of the form $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$ Under the given Condition that $a+b+c=0$

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In this case, the identity is

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \quad \text{Subject to the condition that } a+b+c=0$$

Example -

Factorise,

$$(x-y)^3 + (y-z)^3 + (z-x)^3$$

$$\text{let } A = x-y$$

$$B = y-z$$

$$C = z-x$$

$$\Rightarrow A+B+C = x-y + y-z + z-x = 0$$

Since $A+B+C=0 \Rightarrow$

$$A^3 + B^3 + C^3 = 3ABC$$

Replacing the value of A, B, C , we get,

$$(x-y)^3 + (y-z)^3 + (z-x)^3 = 3(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)$$

So, till now, we have discussed almost the maximum cases of factorization, now, I am writing a consolidated list of formulae

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List of Formulae

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$$1. (a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$

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

$$3. (a+b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a+b)$$

$$\text{OR } a^3 + b^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2$$

$$4. (a-b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a-b)$$

$$\text{OR } a^3 - b^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2$$

$$5. (a+b+c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$6. a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

$$7. a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab)$$

$$8. a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab)$$

$$9. a^4 - b^4 = (a+b)(a-b)(a^2 + b^2)$$

$$10. a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$\text{OR } (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$11. \text{ If } a+b+c=0 \text{ then } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$