

ALGEBRAIC OPERATIONS

By the end of this set of exercises, you should be able to

- (a) multiply algebraic expressions involving brackets
- (b) factorise algebraic expressions
- (c) factorise trinomial expressions

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A. Multiplying Algebraic Expressions Involving Brackets

Exercise 1

1. Write these without brackets:

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|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (a) $6(x + 2)$ | (b) $3(a + 1)$ | (c) $5(y - 4)$ | (d) $7(t - 1)$ |
| (e) $10(x - 10)$ | (f) $2(2 + x)$ | (g) $3(4 + y)$ | (h) $6(5 - w)$ |
| (i) $8(1 - c)$ | (j) $15(2 - h)$ | (k) $3(x + y)$ | (l) $9(a - c)$ |
| (m) $4(2 - x)$ | (n) $11(e - f)$ | (o) $1(1 - y)$ | (p) $1(y - 1)$ |

2. Remove the brackets:

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|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (a) $3(2x + 4)$ | (b) $2(4a + 3)$ | (c) $5(1 + 2y)$ | (d) $6(3 - 3x)$ |
| (e) $7(2w - 4)$ | (f) $c(x + 5)$ | (g) $d(v + 3)$ | (h) $g(h - 1)$ |
| (i) $s(r - 4)$ | (j) $m(n + 10)$ | (k) $x(v + w)$ | (l) $a(x + r)$ |
| (m) $x(a - y)$ | (n) $a(a + b)$ | (o) $r(r - s)$ | (p) $r(r - 1)$ |
| (q) $a(1 - a)$ | (r) $x(x - 8)$ | (s) $x(x + 3y)$ | (t) $w(3w - 1)$ |
| (u) $x(5x - 3)$ | (v) $a(7x - 5a)$ | (w) $m(4m + 8n)$ | (x) $v(27 - 2v)$ |

3. Multiply out the brackets:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) $2(x + y + 4)$ | (b) $7(x + y + 1)$ | (c) $5(x - y - 6)$ |
| (d) $6(x + 2y + 5)$ | (e) $10(4x - y + z)$ | (f) $9(6a - 2b + 1)$ |
| (g) $x(3x + 5y + z)$ | (h) $2a(3a - 4b + c)$ | (i) $s(s^2 + 3)$ |
| (j) $x(x^2 + 1)$ | (k) $y(y^2 - 1)$ | (l) $c(c^2 - 6)$ |
| (m) $w(w^2 + w)$ | (n) $a(a^2 - a)$ | (o) $x(x^3 - 2x^2)$ |

Exercise 2A

1. Multiply out these brackets:

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|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) $(x + 1)(x + 5)$ | (b) $(x + 2)(x + 3)$ | (c) $(x + 5)(x + 6)$ |
| (d) $(x + 3)(x + 7)$ | (e) $(x + 4)(x + 4)$ | (f) $(x + 1)(x + 1)$ |
| (g) $(a + 1)(a + 8)$ | (h) $(s + 11)(s + 10)$ | (i) $(w + 4)(w + 100)$ |

2. Multiply:

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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) $(x - 3)(x - 1)$ | (b) $(x - 4)(x - 2)$ | (c) $(x - 7)(x - 8)$ |
| (d) $(a - 2)(a - 5)$ | (e) $(b - 7)(b - 7)$ | (f) $(c - 3)(c - 2)$ |
| (g) $(v - 10)(v - 10)$ | (h) $(w - 6)(w - 3)$ | (i) $(z - 1)(z - 1)$ |

3. Multiply:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (a) $(x + 5)(x + 1)$ | (b) $(c - 4)(c - 2)$ | (c) $(s - 6)(s + 3)$ |
| (d) $(a - 7)(a - 5)$ | (e) $(v + 9)(v + 9)$ | (f) $(q - 6)(q + 2)$ |
| (g) $(r + 6)(r - 2)$ | (h) $(w - 8)(w + 8)$ | (i) $(x + 1)(x - 1)$ |
| (j) $(d - 3)(d - 3)$ | (k) $(a - 6)(a + 11)$ | (l) $(z - 10)(z + 11)$ |

4. Multiply:

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|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) $(2x + 3)(2x - 3)$ | (b) $(5c - 1)(5c + 1)$ | (c) $(2s - 1)(2s + 3)$ |
| (d) $(2a - 3)(2a - 1)$ | (e) $(v + 1)(4v - 3)$ | (f) $(3q - 4)(2q + 3)$ |
| (g) $(4r - 2)(5r + 3)$ | (h) $(4w - 5)(2w + 5)$ | (i) $(10x + 1)(10x - 1)$ |
| (j) $(2 - d)(1 - d)$ | (k) $(4 - p)(3 + 2p)$ | (l) $(1 - 3p)(1 - 2p)$ |

5. Multiply out:

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|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (a) $(x + 2)^2$ | (b) $(y + 4)^2$ | (c) $(z + 3)^2$ | (d) $(t + 10)^2$ |
| (e) $(x - 1)^2$ | (f) $(y - 6)^2$ | (g) $(z - 2)^2$ | (h) $(t - 8)^2$ |
| (i) $(a + b)^2$ | (j) $(g + h)^2$ | (k) $(r - s)^2$ | (l) $(e - f)^2$ |
| (m) $(3x + 1)^2$ | (n) $(4x - 3)^2$ | (o) $(x + 3y)^2$ | (p) $(a - 4b)^2$ |
| (q) $(4a + b)^2$ | (r) $(5c + d)^2$ | (s) $(5p + 2q)^2$ | (t) $(2x - 3y)^2$ |

Exercise 2B

Multiply out the brackets and simplify:

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| 1. $(x + 1)(x^2 + 3x + 1)$ | 2. $(x + 2)(x^2 - 4x + 1)$ |
| 3. $(w - 3)(w^2 + w - 2)$ | 4. $(z - 1)(z^2 - 5z - 1)$ |
| 5. $(v + 2)(2v^2 + v + 5)$ | 6. $(a - 5)(5a^2 - 10a - 20)$ |
| 7. $(m + 2)^3$ | 8. $(n - 1)^3$ |
| 9. $(x + 1/x)^2$ | 10. $(x - 1/x)^2$ |

B. Factorising Algebraic Expressions – The Common Factor

Exercise 3

1. Factorise the following by taking out the common factors:

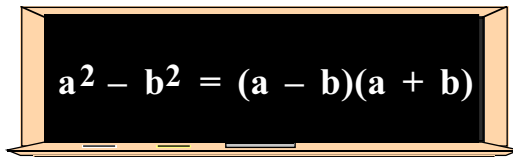
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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) $4a + 4b$ | (b) $7v + 7w$ | (c) $3x - 3y$ | (d) $6c - 6d$ |
| (e) $2r + 4s$ | (f) $9m - 12n$ | (g) $av + aw$ | (h) $pq - pr$ |
| (i) $bx + b$ | (j) $ax^2 + a$ | (k) $x^2 + dx$ | (l) $y^2 - yz$ |
| (m) $a^2 + a$ | (n) $t^2 - t$ | (o) $h^3 + h^2$ | (p) $m^3 - m^2$ |
| (q) $ab + bt$ | (r) $mn - nr$ | (s) $8x + 12y$ | (t) $35p - 21q$ |
| (u) $2a^2 + 8ab$ | (v) $12ab - 9ac$ | (w) $pqr + pqs$ | (x) $8c^2 - 2c$ |

2. Factorise:

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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) $am - bm$ | (b) $20 - 5w$ | (c) $d - d^2$ | (d) $yz + z$ |
| (e) $pr - pu$ | (f) $2mn + mp$ | (g) $6cd - 4ce$ | (h) $9pq - 12pr$ |
| (i) $8a^2 + 6a$ | (j) $15x^2 - 6xy$ | (k) $1/2x + 1/2y$ | (l) $pq + 1/2sq^2$ |
| (m) $10a^2b + 8ab^2$ | (n) $1/2 + 1/2x$ | (o) $1/2v - 3/2$ | (p) $2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$ |
| (q) $6a + 3b - 12c$ | (r) $mn - mp + m^2$ | (s) $3x^2 - 2xy + 6x$ | (t) $25x^2 - 5x^2y$ |

C. Difference of Two Squares

Exercise 4


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

1. Factorise:

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| (a) $x^2 - y^2$ | (b) $p^2 - q^2$ | (c) $d^2 - e^2$ | (d) $x^2 - 32$ |
| (e) $y^2 - 4^2$ | (f) $t^2 - 5^2$ | (g) $5^2 - t^2$ | (h) $9^2 - q^2$ |
| (i) $1 - v^2$ | (j) $x^2 - 4$ | (k) $k^2 - 25$ | (l) $n^2 - 36$ |
| (m) $d^2 - 100$ | (n) $e^2 - 121$ | (o) $144 - y^2$ | (p) $49 - x^2$ |
| (q) $x^2 - 1$ | (r) $1 - y^2$ | (s) $81 - a^2$ | (t) $10000 - b^2$ |

2. Factorise:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| (a) $9a^2 - 4$ | (b) $4b^2 - 25$ | (c) $16c^2 - 1$ | (d) $25d^2 - 36$ |
| (e) $9e^2 - 16$ | (f) $25f^2 - 81$ | (g) $4g^2 - h^2$ | (h) $j^2 - 25k^2$ |
| (i) $64m^2 - 49n^2$ | (j) $4p^2 - 9q^2$ | (k) $81r^2 - 1$ | (l) $1 - 64s^2$ |
| (m) $121 - 16t^2$ | (n) $100u^2 - 121v^2$ | (o) $10000w^2 - 1$ | (p) $25x^2 - 49y^2$ |

3. Factorise these, by taking out the common factor first:

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| (a) $2a^2 - 18$ | (b) $5b^2 - 5$ | (c) $6c^2 - 54$ | (d) $4d^2 - 16$ |
| (e) $7e^2 - 7g^2$ | (f) $6p^2 - 24q^2$ | (g) $10x^2 - 90y^2$ | (h) $12u^2 - 12v^2$ |
| (i) $am^2 - an^2$ | (j) $ka^2 - 25kb^2$ | (k) $nr^2 - 81nq^2$ | (l) $d^3 - 49d$ |
| (m) $64b - b^3$ | (n) $2u^3 - 32u$ | (o) $12w^3 - 27w$ | (p) $11x^5 - 11x^3$ |

D. Trinomial Expressions

Exercise 5

Factorise the expressions:

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. $x^2 + 3x + 2$ | 2. $x^2 + 5x + 6$ | 3. $x^2 + 2x + 1$ |
| 4. $y^2 + 6y + 5$ | 5. $y^2 + 11y + 10$ | 6. $y^2 + 8y + 7$ |
| 7. $v^2 + 9v + 20$ | 8. $v^2 + 7v + 10$ | 9. $v^2 + 6v + 8$ |
| 10. $w^2 - 2w + 1$ | 11. $w^2 - 4w + 4$ | 12. $w^2 - 6w + 9$ |
| 13. $a^2 - 3a + 2$ | 14. $a^2 - 7a + 12$ | 15. $a^2 - 8a + 7$ |
| 16. $c^2 - 13c + 42$ | 17. $c^2 - 11c + 24$ | 18. $c^2 - 10c + 9$ |
| 19. $s^2 + 12s + 36$ | 20. $s^2 - 12s + 36$ | 21. $s^2 + 14s + 49$ |
| 22. $z^2 - 14z + 49$ | 23. $z^2 + 13z + 36$ | 24. $z^2 - 13z + 36$ |
| 25. $b^2 + 37b + 36$ | 26. $b^2 - 37b + 36$ | 27. $b^2 - 18b + 81$ |

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| 28. $p^2 + 6p + 9$ | 29. $p^2 - 7p - 8$ | 30. $p^2 + 4p + 4$ |
| 31. $m^2 + 11m + 30$ | 32. $m^2 + m - 12$ | 33. $m^2 - m - 6$ |
| 34. $n^2 - 8n + 15$ | 35. $n^2 + 3n - 10$ | 36. $n^2 - 3n - 4$ |
| 37. $r^2 - 2r - 8$ | 38. $r^2 + 5r - 6$ | 39. $r^2 + 12r + 36$ |
| 40. $e^2 - 5e - 14$ | 41. $e^2 + 7e + 12$ | 42. $e^2 - e - 56$ |
| 43. $g^2 - 7g + 12$ | 44. $g^2 - g - 6$ | 45. $g^2 - g - 12$ |
| 46. $k^2 - 4k - 5$ | 47. $k^2 + k - 6$ | 48. $k^2 + 2k - 35$ |
| 49. $y^2 + 4y - 12$ | 50. $y^2 + 3y - 18$ | 51. $y^2 - 3y - 28$ |
| 52. $x^2 - 3x - 40$ | 53. $x^2 - 2x - 15$ | 54. $x^2 + 11x + 30$ |
| 55. $v^2 - 9v + 8$ | 56. $v^2 + 5v - 24$ | 57. $v^2 - 5v - 24$ |
| 58. $w^2 + 2w - 24$ | 59. $w^2 - 2w - 24$ | 60. $w^2 + 10w - 24$ |
| 61. $a^2 - 10a - 24$ | 62. $a^2 + 23a - 24$ | 63. $a^2 - 23a - 24$ |
| 64. $b^2 + 7b - 30$ | 65. $b^2 - 4b - 45$ | 66. $b^2 - 7b - 18$ |
| 67. $c^2 + 15c + 56$ | 68. $c^2 - 15c + 54$ | 69. $c^2 + 18c + 81$ |
| 70. $d^2 - 12d - 28$ | 71. $d^2 + 49d - 50$ | 72. $d^2 - 51d + 50$ |
| 73. $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ | 74. $x^2 - 2xy + y^2$ | 75. $p^2 - pq - 2q^2$ |

Exercise 6

Factorise these expressions:

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| 1. $2x^2 + 7x + 3$ | 2. $2y^2 + 5y + 3$ | 3. $3w^2 + 7w + 2$ |
| 4. $10a^2 + 17a + 3$ | 5. $6b^2 + 7b + 2$ | 6. $6c^2 + 7c + 1$ |
| 7. $3d^2 + 14d + 15$ | 8. $10m^2 + 19m + 6$ | 9. $2p^2 - 7p + 3$ |
| 10. $12n^2 - 8n + 1$ | 11. $2q^2 - 5q + 3$ | 12. $6x^2 - 13x + 6$ |
| 13. $8s^2 - 14s + 5$ | 14. $9r^2 - 24r + 16$ | 15. $12g^2 - 23g + 10$ |
| 16. $3k^2 - 5k + 2$ | 17. $3y^2 - 2y - 8$ | 18. $3w^2 - 5w - 2$ |
| 19. $6u^2 - 5u - 6$ | 20. $5v^2 + 4v - 1$ | 21. $2x^2 + x - 1$ |
| 22. $3d^2 - 2d - 1$ | 23. $8a^2 + 2a - 3$ | 24. $12y^2 - 11y - 5$ |
| 25. $4p^2 - 11p + 6$ | 26. $15 - 7x - 2x^2$ | 27. $5 + 11x - 12x^2$ |
| 28. $1 - 8x + 16x^2$ | 29. $1 - 3x - 18x^2$ | 30. $4p^2 - 7pq - 2q^2$ |

Exercise 7 (Miscellaneous Examples on Factorisation)

Factorise FULLY:

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| 1. $4x + 12y$ | 2. $a^2 - 81$ | 3. $w^2 + 10w + 25$ |
| 4. $y^2 - y$ | 5. $v^2 - v - 12$ | 6. $1 - b^2$ |
| 7. $u^2 + 12u + 36$ | 8. $ap - aq + ar$ | 9. $7x^2 - 28$ |
| 10. $w^2 - r^2$ | 11. $h^2 - 11h$ | 12. $x^2 - 2x + 1$ |
| 13. $t^2 - 1$ | 14. $t^2 - t$ | 15. $a^2 - 2a - 3$ |
| 16. $3c^2 - 48$ | 17. $5d^2 - 20d$ | 18. $a^4 - a^3$ |
| 19. $2s^2 + 3s - 5$ | 20. $x^2 - 12x + 36$ | 21. $16y^2 + 8y + 1$ |
| 22. $49 - g^2$ | 23. $36 - 4r^2$ | 24. $14z - 7z^2$ |
| 25. $25 - 9g^2$ | 26. $2b^2 - b - 1$ | 27. $6x^2 + 7x - 3$ |
| 28. $11u^2 - 44v^2$ | 29. $21u^2 + 28v^2$ | 30. $25p^2 - 10p + 1$ |
| 31. $3m^2n - 6mn^2$ | 32. $1 - 2n + n^2$ | 33. $27 - 6s - s^2$ |
| 34. $3a^3 - 48a$ | 35. $8n^2 + 8n - 6$ | 36. $8n^2 - 8n + 2$ |
| 37. $5r^2 + 5r - 10$ | 38. $4w^2 + 14w - 8$ | 39. $7x - 63x^3$ |
| 40. $9x + 27x^3$ | 41. $xy^2 - xz^2$ | 42. $2e^2 - 11e - 21$ |
| 43. $x^4 - 1$ | 44. $2 - 4q + 2q^2$ | 45. $g^2 + gh - 6h^2$ |
| 46. $2k^2 + 3\pi Rk + \pi^2 R^2$ | 47. $a^2 - a^6$ | 48. $k^4 + 2k^2 + 1$ |
| 49. $2a^4 - 2a^2 - 12$ | 50. $b^5 - 81b$ | 51. $3x^4 + 5x^2 - 2$ |
| 52. $9x^4 - 24x^2 + 16$ | 53. $2x^4 - x^2 - 3$ | 54. $1 - y^8$ |

Checkup for Algebraic Operations

1. Remove the brackets:

(a) $3(4x + 1)$ (b) $y(a - y)$ (c) $v(v - 1)$ (d) $7w(2w - 5)$

(e) $6(3x + 2y - 1)$ (f) $c(c^2 + c - 1)$ (g) $3d(4a + 3b)$ (h) $g(h^2 - g^2)$

(i) $6x(3x + 2y - 1)$ (j) $c^2(c^2 + c - 4)$ (k) $ab(3a + 4b)$ (l) $2pq(5 - q)$

2. Multiply out the brackets:

(a) $(x + 1)(x + 7)$ (b) $(x - 2)(x - 3)$ (c) $(x + 5)(x - 6)$

(d) $(x - 3)(x + 9)$ (e) $(x + 1)^2$ (f) $(x - 2)^2$

(g) $(5x - 1)(4x + 7)$ (h) $(2x - 1)(6x - 3)$ (i) $(2x - 4)(3x + 1)$

(j) $(2x - 3)^2$ (k) $(x - 2)(4x^2 - 3x + 2)$ (l) $(x - 3)^3$

3. Factorise fully:

(a) $9m - 9n$ (b) $6a - 15b$ (c) $y - y^2$

(d) $14p^2 + 6q$ (e) $3pr + pu$ (f) $4p^2 + 6pq - 2p$

(g) $6x + 30y - 15z$ (h) $9pq - 12pr$ (i) $r^2 - s^2$

(j) $81 - q^2$ (k) $16r^2 - 49$ (l) $2b^2 - 32$

(m) $20w^3 - 45w$ (n) $y^2 - 3y + 2$ (o) $a^2 - 7a - 30$

(p) $y^2 + y - 6$ (q) $24 + 10r - r^2$ (r) $x^2 - 14x + 49$

(s) $6p^2 - 17p + 12$ (t) $4x^2 + 4x + 1$ (u) $2q^2 - 2q - 144$

(v) $2x^2 + 3xy - 2y^2$ (w) $6a^4 + 2a^2 - 4$ (x) $5y^4 - 12y^2 - 9$