

1.3) Factorising

Worked example

Factorise:

$$21x^4 + 29x^3 - 10x^2$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$10x^3 + 29x^2 - 21x$$

$$x(5x - 3)(2x + 7)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$x^3 - x$$

Your turn

Factorise:

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

Worked example

Factorise:

$$x^2 + 4x$$

$$x^2 - 6x$$

$$2x^2 - 6x$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$3x^2 - 12x$$

$$3x(x - 4)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$x^2 + x - 2$$

$$x^2 - x - 2$$

$$x^2 - x - 6$$

$$x^2 + x - 12$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$x^2 - x - 20$$

$$(x - 5)(x + 4)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$2x^2 - 13x + 15$$

$$3x^2 - 17x + 10$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$3x^2 - 11x + 10$$

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

Worked example

Factorise:

$$2x^2 + 2x - 12$$

$$3x^2 - 12x - 15$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$5x^2 - 15x + 10$$

$$5(x - 2)(x - 1)$$

Worked example

Your turn

Factorise:

$$3x^2 + 10x + 3$$

$$3x^2 + 10x + 8$$

$$3x^2 + 14x + 8$$

Factorise:

$$5x^2 + 8x + 3$$
$$(5x + 3)(x + 1)$$

$$5x^2 + 16x + 12$$
$$(5x + 6)(x + 2)$$

$$5x^2 + 32x + 12$$
$$(5x + 2)(x + 6)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$(x^2 - y^2) - (x - y)^2$$

Your turn

Factorise:

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

$$2a(n - a)$$

Worked example

Your turn

Factorise:

$$(x + y)^2 + (x + y)(2x + 5y)$$

$$(a + b)^2 - (a + b)(2a - 3b)$$

Factorise:

$$(p + q)^2 + (p + q)(4p + 9q)$$
$$5(p + q)(p + 2q)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$a^2 - 9$$

$$b^2 - 16$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$c^2 - 25$$

$$(c + 5)(c - 5)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$9 - x^2$$

$$16 - x^2$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$25 - x^2$$

$$(5 + x)(5 - x)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$2x^2 - 18$$

$$3x^2 - 48$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$4x^2 - 100$$

$$4(x + 5)(x - 5)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$4x^2 - 9$$

$$9x^2 - 16$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$25x^2 - 36$$

$$(5x + 6)(5x - 6)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$9x^2 - 1$$

$$1 - 16x^2$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$25x^2 - 1$$

$$(5x + 1)(5x - 1)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$9x^2 - y^2$$

$$a^2 - 25b^2$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$16c^2 - d^2$$
$$(4c + d)(4c - d)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$4x^2 - 9y^2$$

$$9x^2 - 16y^2$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$25x^2 - 36y^2$$

$$(5x + 6y)(5x - 6y)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$5m^2 - 20p^2$$

$$32x^2 - 98y^2$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$50a^2 - 72b^2$$

$$2(5a + 6b)(5a - 6b)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$x^4 - 1$$

$$x^6 - 16$$

$$x^8 - 25$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$x^{10} - 49$$

$$(x^5 + 7)(x^5 - 7)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$4x^4 - 9y^2$$

$$9x^8 - 16y^6$$

Your turn

Factorise:

$$25x^{12} - 36y^6$$
$$(5x^6 + 6y^3)(5x^6 - 6y^3)$$

Worked example

Factorise:

$$x^3 - 8$$

Your turn

Factorise:

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