

# 5.2 Part 1 FACTORING

## Review...

Find the factors of 24.

1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24

$$6 \times 4 \quad 2 \times 12$$

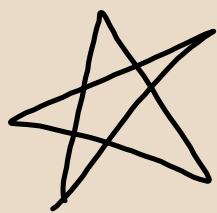
$$24 \times 1 \quad 8 \times 3$$

Factors are numbers or values multiplied together to get another number/value.

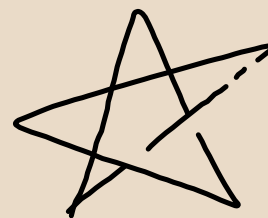
Multiply  $(x + 2)(x + 3)$ . FOIL

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{F} & & \text{O} & & \text{I} & & \text{L} \\ (x)(x) & + & (x)(3) & + & (2)(x) & + & (2)(3) \\ x^2 & + & 3x & + & 2x & + & 6 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + 5x + 6}$$



When factoring,  
always check for  
a GCF first!



GCF = Greatest Common Factor

Example 1: Find the GCF of  $12x^3y^2$  and  $42x^2y^4$ .

$$12 = 2 \cdot 6$$

$$42 = 7 \cdot 6$$

2 x's

2 y's

$$\boxed{\text{GCF} = 6x^2y^2}$$

Examples: Factor by taking the GCF out.

2.  $11x + 44x^2y$

$$\boxed{\text{GCF} = 11x}$$

3.  $\underline{25}a^2b^2 - \underline{30}ab^3 + \underline{15}a^3b$

$$\boxed{\text{GCF} = 5ab}$$

Factor the trinomial:  $x^2 + 6x + 8$  *descending*

STEP 1: Make sure the trinomial is written in ascending or descending order.

STEP 2: Make a sum & product chart.

Multiply the coefficient and the constant to find the PRODUCT.

$$\textcircled{1}x^2 + \textcircled{6}x + \textcircled{8}$$

The coefficient for the middle term is the SUM.

START ↓	
SUM 6	PRODUCT 8
<del>1 × 8</del>	<del>-1 × -8</del>
<u>2 × 4</u>	<del>-2 × -4</del>

*2 + 4*

STEP 3: Divide each number by the coefficient of the first term.

$$\frac{2}{1} \quad \frac{4}{1}$$

STEP 4: If possible reduce.

STEP 5: Denominator = constant/coefficient of first term  
 Numerator = constant/coefficient of last term

*var. in front b/c var. are front heavy*

$$x^2 + 6x + 8$$

$$(1x + 2)(1x + 4)$$

*front back*

4. Factor  $6b^2 + 22b + 20$ .  $GCF = 2$

$$2(3b^2 + 11b + 10)$$

sum 11	product 30
<del>1+6</del>	<del>1x30</del>
<del>2+9</del>	<del>2x15</del>
<del>3+8</del>	<del>3x10</del>
<u>5+6</u>	<u>5x6</u>

$$\frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{6 \div 3}{3 \div 3} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$2(3b+5)(b+2)$$

5. Factor  $20f^2 + 5f - 15$ .  $GCF = 5$

$$5(4f^2 + f - 3)$$

sum 1	product -12
<del>-1+4</del>	<del>-1x12</del>
<del>-2+3</del>	<del>-2x6</del>
<u>-3+4</u>	<u>-3x4</u>

$$\frac{-3}{4}$$

$$\frac{4 \div 4}{4 \div 4} = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$5(4f-3)(f+1)$$

6. Factor  $3p^2 + 10p + 3$ .

sum 10	product 9
$1 + 9 \uparrow$	$1 \cdot 9$ <del><math>-1 \cdot -9</math></del>
	<del><math>3 \cdot 3</math></del> <del><math>-3 \cdot -3</math></del>

$$\frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{9}{3} = \frac{3}{1}$$

$$(3p + 1)(p + 3)$$