

Homework

FMT Text page 61 (photocopy) #3-5

$$3. a) 2x(a+b) + y(a+b) = (a+b)(2x+y)$$

$$b) 3m(x-y) - k(x-y) = (x-y)(3m-k)$$

Factor By Grouping - sometimes there is no GCF amongst all of the terms in the polynomial.

- as a result, "pairing" certain terms together and removing a common factor may lead to the polynomial being factorable.

- usually done when polynomial has FOUR terms.

EXAMPLES...

$$1) 10x^2 - 5xy - 6x + 3y$$

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

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

$$2) 3mx - n + m - 3nx$$

$$3mx - 3nx - n + m$$

$$3x(m-n) + 1(m-n)$$

$$(m-n)(3x+1)$$

Extra practice

Try...

$$8r^3 - 64r^2 + r - 8 = 8r^2(r-8) + 1(r-8)$$
$$(r-8)(8r^2+1)$$

$$49x^3 - 35x^2 + 56x - 40$$
$$7x^2(7x-5) + 8(7x-5)$$
$$(7x-5)(7x^2+8)$$

Attachments

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