

# Warm Up

Factor each of the following:

1.  $10x^2y^5 + 20x^7y^3 - 25x^4y^9$   
 $5x^2y^3(2y^2 + 4x^5 - 5x^2y^6)$

2.  $m^2 + 13m - 30$   
 $(m+15)(m-2)$

M -30  
 A +13  
 N +15 -2

3.  $x^2 - 10x + 24$   
 $(x-6)(x-4)$

M 24  
 A -10  
 N -6 -4

4.  $3x^2 + 3x - 36$

$3(x^2 + x - 12)$   
 $3(x+4)(x-3)$

M -12  
 A +1  
 N +4, -3

## II. Factoring Trinomials:

Type 2: Polynomials of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$

- Most efficient technique to factor most trinomials of this form is a process know as "DECOMPOSITION".

Note:  $a > 1$

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$a > 1$$

### Hard Trinomials

- has three terms with the form...

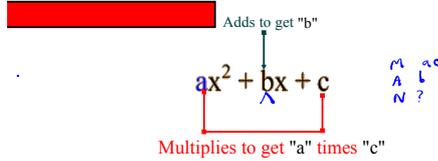
$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

- a hard trinomial has an "a" value not equal to 1.

- we use a method of decomposition to factor them.

#### DECOMPOSITION METHOD

- here's how it goes... "What two numbers?"



- once you find the two numbers, use them to break the MIDDLE TERM into two pieces (decomposition).

- then, factor by grouping.

- check it out...

EXAMPLES:

1)  $2x^2 + 5x - 12$      $M = -24$      $A = 5$      $N = 8, -3$   
 $2x^2 + 8x - 3x - 12$   
 $2x(x+4) - 3(x+4)$   
 $(x+4)(2x-3)$

2)  $5x^2 - 13x - 6$      $M = -30$      $A = -13$      $N = -15, 2$   
 $5x^2 - 15x + 2x - 6$   
 $5x(x-3) + 2(x-3)$   
 $(x-3)(5x+2)$

3)  $9x^2 - 12x + 4$      $M = 36$      $A = -12$      $N = -6, -6$   
 $9x^2 - 6x - 6x + 4$   
 $3x(3x-2) - 2(3x-2)$   
 $(3x-2)(3x-2)$

4)  $18x^2 - 33x + 9$      $M = 18$      $A = -33$      $N = -11, -2$   
 $3(6x^2 - 11x + 3)$   
 $3(6x^2 - 9x - 2x + 3)$   
 $3(3x(2x-3) - 1(2x-3))$   
 $3(2x-3)(3x-1)$

1.  $3p^2 - 2p - 5$      $M = -15$      $A = -2$      $N = -5, 3$   
 $3p^2 + 3p - 5p - 5$   
 $3p(p+1) - 5(p+1)$   
 $(p+1)(3p-5)$

2.  $2n^2 + 3n - 9$      $M = -18$      $A = 3$      $N = 6, -3$     check ✓  
 $2n^2 + 6n - 3n - 9$   
 $2n(n+3) - 3(n+3)$   
 $(n+3)(2n-3)$   
 $(n+3)(2n-3)$      $(n+3)(2n-3)$   
 $2n^2 - 3n + 6n - 9$   
 $2n^2 + 3n - 9$  ✓

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Factor each completely.

1)  $6m^2 + 2m - 8$

2)  $3x^2 - 16x + 5$

3)  $28r^2 - 116r + 16$

4)  $2n^2 - 17n - 9$

5)  $3r^2 + 2r - 16$

6)  $5a^2 - 34a + 45$

7)  $8x^2 - 50x + 50$

8)  $4n^2 - 15n + 9$

9)  $4x^2 + 17x + 4$

10)  $4m^2 + 13m + 10$

11)  $4b^2 - 3b - 10$

12)  $8n^2 - 26n - 24$

13)  $u^2 + 16uv + 64v^2$

14)  $2x^2 - 22xy + 48y^2$

15)  $x^2 - 11xy + 30y^2$

16)  $4a^2 - 8ab - 12b^2$

$$\textcircled{1} 6m^2 + 2m - 8$$
$$= 2(3m^2 + m - 4)$$

Remember to factor out the gcf  
before applying decomposition.