

# Difference of Squares

Take note

## Key Concept Factoring Perfect-Square Trinomials

**Algebra** For every real number  $a$  and  $b$ :

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

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

**Examples**  $x^2 + 8x + 16 = (x + 4)(x + 4) = (x + 4)^2$

$$4n^2 - 12n + 9 = (2n - 3)(2n - 3) = (2n - 3)^2$$

How to recognize a perfect – square trinomial.

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**Example 1: Factoring a Perfect-Square Trinomial**

$$x^2 - 12x + 36$$

Practice:

a.  $x^2 + 6x + 9$

b.  $x^2 - 14x + 49$

c.  $h^2 + 8h + 16$

Digital images are composed of thousands of tiny pixels rendered as squares. Suppose the area of a pixel is  $4x^2 + 20x + 25$ ? What is the length of one side of the pixel?

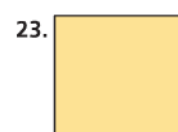
Practice:



$$100r^2 - 220r + 121$$



$$64r^2 - 144r + 81$$



$$25r^2 + 30r + 9$$

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### Key Concept Factoring a Difference of Two Squares

**Algebra** For all real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ :

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

**Examples**  $x^2 - 64 = (x + 8)(x - 8)$

$$25x^2 - 36 = (5x + 6)(5x - 6)$$

**Example 2: Factoring a Difference of Two Squares**

$$z^2 - 9$$

Practice:

a.  $v^2 - 100$

b.  $s^2 - 16$

c.  $w^2 - 144$

**Example 3: Factoring a Difference of Two Squares.**

$$16x^2 - 81$$

Practice:

a.  $25d^2 - 64$

b.  $36v^2 - 25$

c.  $64q^2 - 81$

**Example 4: Factoring out a Common Factor**

$$24g^2 - 6$$

Practice:

a.  $12t^2 - 48$

b.  $12x^2 + 12x + 3$

c.  $8s^2 - 64s + 128$

Work on these and what you do not finish is for homework.

**Difference of Squares:**  $x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$  or  $x^2 + 0xy - y^2$

1.  $x^2 - 16$

2.  $25 - x^2y^2$

3.  $81x^2 - 4$

4.  $4x^2 - 1$

5.  $16x^2 - 121$

6.  $49x^2 - 36$

**Mixed Review:** Factor out a GCF, and then apply a factor rule

1.  $24g^2 - 6$

2.  $12t^2 - 48$

3.  $12x^2 + 12x + 3$

4.  $5x^2 + 13x + 30$

5.  $100x^2 - 81y^2$

6.  $2x^2 + 12x + 10$

7.  $x^2 - 12x + 36$

8.  $4x^2 + 20x + 25$

9.  $4x^2 + 24x + 36$

10.  $x^2 - 14x + 49$

11.  $16m^2 - 72m + 81$

12.  $81r^2 - 90r + 25$

# **AREA: FACTORING APPLICATION**

1. The area of a rectangle is  $g^2 + 3g - 10$ , find the dimensions of the rectangle.
2. The area of a square is  $m^2 + 10m + 25$ . Find the length of each side.
3. Find the perimeter of the square in question #2.
4. The volume of a rectangular prism is  $8m^3 - 128m$ . Find the length of all three sides. How many sides are binomials?
5. The area of a rectangle is  $10w^2 - 19w - 15$ . If one of the sides is  $(2w - 5)$ , what is the length of the other side?
6. Is it possible for a rectangle to have an area of  $2y^2 + 11y + 18$ , if the side lengths are binomials?
7. The area of a rectangular book cover is  $4x^2 - 6x - 40$ . The width of the book cover is  $2x - 8$ , what is the length of the cover?
8. The area of a rectangular swimming pool is  $10x^2 - 19x - 15$ . The length of the pool is  $5x + 3$ . What is the width of the pool?
9. The area of a square rug is  $4k^2 + 12k + 9$ . What is the perimeter of the rug?
10. Factor:  $72g^2h - 43gh + 6h$
11. Factor:  $8x^3 + 4x^2 - 18x - 9$
12. Which binomial is a factor of  $2n^2 - 32n$ ?
  - a.  $2n - 8$
  - b.  $n + 16$
  - c.  $n - 16$
  - d.  $n + 4$
13. Which binomial is a factor of  $14a^2 - 15a + 4$ ?
  - a.  $7a + 2$
  - b.  $14a - 1$
  - c.  $7a - 1$
  - d.  $7a - 4$

