

Section 5.5: Factoring Trinomials

Objectives:

- * Recognize and factor perfect square trinomials.
- * Factor Trinomials of varying forms.
- * Factor polynomials using guidelines for factoring.

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = (\quad) (\quad)$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 4 = (\quad) (\quad)$$

$$6x^3 + 27x^2 - 15x = (\quad) (\quad)$$

Perfect Square Trinomials

$$u^2 + 2uv + v^2 = (u + v)^2$$

$$u^2 - 2uv + v^2 = (u - v)^2$$

① EXAMPLES:

a) $x^2 - 4x + 4$

b) $9x^2 - 30xy + 25y^2$

c) $16x^3 + 80x^2 + 100x$

② EXAMPLE:
Factor these.

a) $x^2 - x - 20$

b) $x^2 - 17x - 18$

c) $x^2 + 5x + 4$

③ EXAMPLE:
Factor these.

a) $4x^2 + 5x - 6$

b) $2x^2 - x - 3$

c) $6x^2 + 19x + 10$

④ EXAMPLE:

Factor these.

a) $-3x^2 + 16x + 35$

b) $4x^3 - 32x^2 + 64x$

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