

# Notes: Factoring Trinomials – Perfect Squares

## QUESTIONS

## NOTES:

### STEPS to Factoring:

1. Find the square root of 'c'  
- The numbers should add to the 'b' term
2. If  $a \neq 1$ , find the square root of 'a'
3. Write as a the square of a binomial:
  - $ax^2 + bx + c$  Factored form:  $(\square + \square)^2$
  - $ax^2 - bx + c$  Factored form:  $(\square - \square)^2$

### Examples:

$$b^2 \oplus 8b + 16 \quad a = \underline{1} \quad b = \underline{8} \quad c = \underline{16}$$

$$\sqrt{b^2} = (b) \cdot (b)$$

$$\sqrt{16} = (4) \cdot (4)$$

$$\text{FACTORS: } \underline{(b+4)(b+4) = (b+4)^2}$$

$$c^2 \oplus 2c + 1 \quad a = \underline{1} \quad b = \underline{2} \quad c = \underline{1}$$

$$\sqrt{c^2} = (c) \cdot (c)$$

$$\sqrt{1} = (1) \cdot (1)$$

$$\text{FACTORS: } \underline{(c+1)(c+1) = (c+1)^2}$$

$$d^2 \ominus 10d + 25 \quad a = \underline{1} \quad b = \underline{-10} \quad c = \underline{25}$$

$$\sqrt{d^2} = (d) \cdot (d)$$

$$\sqrt{25} = (5) \cdot (5)$$

$$\text{FACTORS: } \underline{(d-5)(d-5) = (d-5)^2}$$

$$p^2 \ominus 24p + 144 \quad a = \underline{1} \quad b = \underline{-24} \quad c = \underline{144}$$

$$\sqrt{p^2} = (p) \cdot (p)$$

$$\sqrt{144} = (12) \cdot (12)$$

$$\text{FACTORS: } \underline{(p-12)(p-12) = (p-12)^2}$$

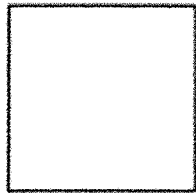
$$9g^2 + 24g + 16 \quad a = \underline{9} \quad b = \underline{24} \quad c = \underline{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{9} &= 3 \cdot 3 \\ \sqrt{g^2} &= g \cdot g \\ \sqrt{16} &= 4 \cdot 4 \end{aligned}$$

FACTORS:  $(3g+4)(3g+4) = (3g+4)^2$

**APPLICATION**

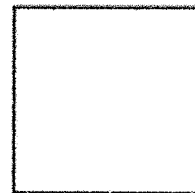
The given expression represents the area. Find the side length of the square.



$$\begin{aligned} 36w^2 + 12w + 1 \\ \sqrt{36} &= 6 \cdot 6 \\ \sqrt{w^2} &= w \cdot w \\ \sqrt{1} &= 1 \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(6w+1)(6w+1) = (6w+1)^2$$

$$\boxed{L = (6w+1)}$$

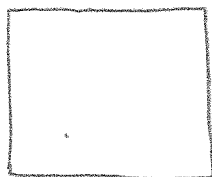


$$\begin{aligned} 81w^2 + 72w + 16 \\ \sqrt{81} &= 9 \cdot 9 \\ \sqrt{w^2} &= w \cdot w \\ \sqrt{16} &= 4 \cdot 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$(9w-4)(9w-4) = (9w-4)^2$$

$$\boxed{L = (9w-4)}$$

The area of a square oil painting is  $4x^2 + 28x + 49$ . What is the length of one side of the painting?



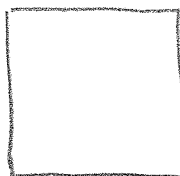
$$A = 4x^2 + 28x + 49$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{4} &= 2 \cdot 2 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= x \cdot x \\ \sqrt{49} &= 7 \cdot 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2x+7)(2x+7) = (2x+7)^2$$

$$\boxed{L = (2x+7)}$$

You are installing linoleum squares in your kitchen. The area of each linoleum square is  $16x^2 - 24x + 9$ . What is the length of one side of a linoleum square?



$$A = 16x^2 - 24x + 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{16} &= 4 \cdot 4 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= x \cdot x \\ \sqrt{9} &= 3 \cdot 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4x-3)(4x-3) = (4x-3)^2$$

$$\boxed{L = (4x-3)}$$

# 7-7 Practice

Form G

## Factoring Perfect Squares

Factor each expression.

1.  $h^2 + 10h + 25$   
 $\sqrt{h^2} = h \cdot h$   
 $\sqrt{25} = 5 \cdot 5$   
 $(h+5)(h+5)$   
 $(h+5)^2$

2.  $v^2 - 14v + 49$   
 $\sqrt{v^2} = v \cdot v$   
 $\sqrt{49} = 7 \cdot 7$   
 $(v-7)(v-7)$   
 $(v-7)^2$

3.  $d^2 - 22d + 121$   
 $\sqrt{d^2} = d \cdot d$   
 $\sqrt{121} = 11 \cdot 11$   
 $(d+11)(d+11)$   
 $(d+11)^2$

4.  $m^2 + 4m + 4$   
 $\sqrt{m^2} = m \cdot m$   
 $\sqrt{4} = 2 \cdot 2$   
 $(m+2)(m+2)$   
 $(m+2)^2$

5.  $q^2 + 6q + 9$   
 $\sqrt{q^2} = q \cdot q$   
 $\sqrt{9} = 3 \cdot 3$   
 $(q+3)(q+3)$   
 $(q+3)^2$


6.  $p^2 - 24p + 144$   
 $\sqrt{p^2} = p \cdot p$   
 $\sqrt{144} = 12 \cdot 12$   
 $(p-12)(p-12)$   
 $(p-12)^2$


7.  $36x^2 + 60x + 25$   
 $\sqrt{36} = 6 \cdot 6$   
 $\sqrt{x^2} = x \cdot x$   
 $\sqrt{25} = 5 \cdot 5$   
 $(6x+5)(6x+5)$   
 $(6x+5)^2$


8.  $64x^2 + 48x + 9$   
 $\sqrt{64} = 8 \cdot 8$   
 $\sqrt{x^2} = x \cdot x$   
 $\sqrt{9} = 3 \cdot 3$   
 $(8x+3)(8x+3)$   
 $(8x+3)^2$

9.  $49n^2 + 14n + 1$   
 $\sqrt{49} = 7 \cdot 7$   
 $\sqrt{n^2} = n \cdot n$   
 $\sqrt{1} = 1 \cdot 1$   
 $(7n+1)(7n+1)$   
 $(7n+1)^2$

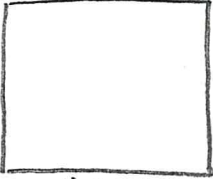
The given expression represents the area. Find the side length of the square.

10.   
 $64x^2 + 80x + 25$   
 $\sqrt{64} = 8 \cdot 8$   
 $\sqrt{x^2} = x \cdot x$   
 $\sqrt{25} = 5 \cdot 5$   
 $(8x+5)(8x+5)$   
 $(8x+5)^2$

11.   
 $9y^2 - 24y + 16$   
 $\sqrt{9} = 3 \cdot 3$   
 $\sqrt{y^2} = y \cdot y$   
 $\sqrt{16} = 4 \cdot 4$   
 $(3y-4)(3y-4)$   
 $(3y-4)^2$

12.   
 $4t^2 + 36t + 81$   
 $\sqrt{4} = 2 \cdot 2$   
 $\sqrt{t^2} = t \cdot t$   
 $\sqrt{81} = 9 \cdot 9$   
 $(2t+9)(2t+9)$   
 $(2t+9)^2$

13. The area of a square parking lot is  $49p^4 - 84p^2 + 36$ . Find the length of the parking lot.

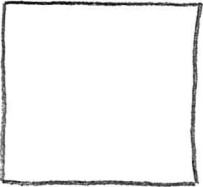


$$A = 49p^4 - 84p^2 + 36$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{49} &= 7 \cdot 7 \\ \sqrt{p^4} &= p^2 \cdot p^2 \\ \sqrt{36} &= 6 \cdot 6 \end{aligned} \quad (7p^2 - 6)(7p^2 - 6)$$

$$L = (7p^2 - 6)$$

14. A fabric designer is making a checked pattern. Each square in the pattern has an area of  $x^2 - 16x + 64$ . What is the length of one side of a check?




$$A = x^2 - 16x + 64$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x^2} &= x \cdot x \\ \sqrt{64} &= 8 \cdot 8 \end{aligned} \quad (x - 8)(x - 8)$$

$$L = (x - 8)$$

15. A mosaic is made of small square tiles called tesserae. Suppose the area of one tesserae is  $9x^2 + 12x + 4$ . What is the length of one side of a tesserae?



$$A = 9x^2 + 12x + 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{9} &= 3 \cdot 3 \\ \sqrt{x^2} &= x \cdot x \\ \sqrt{4} &= 2 \cdot 2 \end{aligned} \quad (3x + 2)(3x + 2)$$

$$L = (3x + 2)$$