

Chapter 4 Factorisation

FACTORISATION

→ Splitting of a number into its factors or divisors is called factorisation. e.g. $12 = 3 \times 4$ or $2 \times 2 \times 3$

Example 1

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Factorisation} \\ \curvearrowright \\ (x-2)(x+2) = x^2 - 4 \\ \curvearrowleft \\ \text{Expansion} \end{array}$$

Example 2

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Factorisation} \\ \curvearrowright \\ (2x+3)(x-1) = 2x^2 + x - 3 \\ \curvearrowleft \\ \text{Expansion} \end{array}$$

So, factorisation is 'splitting' an expression into a multiplication of simpler expression. It is the reverse process of multiplication.

→ Now, we discuss different techniques of factorisation.

I Factorisation by Taking Out the Common Factor

Examples (i) $6p + 8q = 2(3p + 4q)$

(ii) $20x^4y - 12x^3y^3 = 4x^2y(5x^2 - 3xy^2)$

(iii) $x(a+b) + y(a+b) = (a+b)(x+y)$

II Factorisation by Grouping

Examples (i) $a^2 + bc + ab + ac = (a^2 + ab) + (bc + ac)$
 $= a(a+b) + c(b+a) = (a+b)(a+c)$

(ii) $6ab - b^2 + 12ac - 2bc = (6ab + 12ac) - (b^2 + 2bc)$
 $= 6a(b+2c) - b(b+2c) = (b+2c)(6a-b)$

Note: We can solve this by taking different groups also.

i.e. $6ab - b^2 + 12ac - 2bc = (6ab - b^2) + (12ac - 2bc)$
 $= b(6a - b) + 2c(6a - b) = (6a - b)(b + 2c)$

Rules:-

- 1) Arrange the terms of the given polynomial in groups in such a way that each group has a common factor.
- 2) Factorise each group.
- 3) Take out the factor which is common to each group.

Class 9th Maths.III Difference of two squares $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$

Examples (i) $25a^2 - 9b^2 = (5a)^2 - (3b)^2 = (5a+3b)(5a-3b)$

(ii) $2x^3 - 50x = 2x(x^2 - 25) = 2x(x^2 - 5^2) = 2x(x+5)(x-5)$

(iii) $1 - (b-c)^2 = (1)^2 - (b-c)^2 = [1 + (b-c)][1 - (b-c)]$
 $= (1+b-c)(1-b+c)$

(iv) $x^4 - 81 = x^4 - 3^4 = (x^2)^2 - (3^2)^2 = (x^2)^2 - (9)^2$
 $= (x^2 + 9)(x^2 - 9) = (x^2 + 9)(x+3)(x-3)$

Note: Here, identity is applied two times.

(v) $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2ab = (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab) - c^2 = (a-b)^2 - c^2$
 $= [(a+b) + c][(a-b) - c] = (a-b+c)(a-b-c)$

IV Sum and Difference of Two Cubes

$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$

$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$ [Derivation is given in book at page no. (3.13)]

Examples:-

(i) $8a^3 + 125b^3 = (2a)^3 + (5b)^3 = (2a+5b)((2a)^2 + 2a \times 5b + (5b)^2)$
 $= (2a+5b)(4a^2 + 10ab + 25b^2)$

(ii) $x^3 - 343 = x^3 - 7^3 = (x-7)(x^2 + x \times 7 + 7^2)$
 $= (x-7)(x^2 + 7x + 49)$

(iii) $27x^3 - \frac{125}{x^3} = (3x)^3 - \left(\frac{5}{x}\right)^3 = \left(3x - \frac{5}{x}\right)\left[(3x)^2 + 3x \times \frac{5}{x} + \left(\frac{5}{x}\right)^2\right]$
 $= \left(3x - \frac{5}{x}\right)\left(9x^2 + 15 + \frac{25}{x^2}\right)$

V Factorisation of a trinomial by splitting the middle term:-Consider polynomial of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$
where, a , b and c are constants→ coefficient of x^2 is ' a ', coefficient of x is ' b ' and constant is ' c '→ Find the product of ' a ' and ' c ' = ac → split ' b ' into 2 parts ' p ' and ' q ', such that

$p+q = b$ and $pq = ac$

→ Write coefficient of x i.e. ' b ' as $(p+q)$

→ Factorize by grouping terms.

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Now, let us consider the following examples :-

1) $6x^2 + 17x + 5$

Here, we need to find two numbers whose sum = 17 and whose product = $5 \times 6 = 30$

Numbers	Sum	Product	
6 and 5	11	30	X
3 and 10	13	30	X
2 and 15	17	30	✓

From the table we can see that there are different combination of numbers, but here we consider numbers whose sum is 17 i.e. 2 and 15

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 + 17x + 5 = 6x^2 + 2x + 15x + 5 = 2x(3x+1) + 5(3x+1) \\ = (3x+1)(2x+5)$$

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

Here, we need to find two numbers whose sum is -1 and whose product = $-4 \times 3 = -12$

Numbers	Sum	Product	
-4 and 3	-1	-12	✓
4 and -3	1	-12	X
-6 and 2	-4	-12	X
6 and -2	4	-12	X

so, we consider -4 and 3 which gives the sum as -1

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - x - 4 = 3x^2 - 4x + 3x - 4 = x(3x-4) + 1(3x-4) \\ = (3x-4)(x+1)$$

3) $3(a-2b)^2 - 2(a-2b) - 8$

Put $a-2b = x$, we get

$$3x^2 - 2x - 8$$

Here, we need to find two numbers whose sum is -2

and whose product = $-8 \times 3 = -24$

Numbers	Sum	Product	
-8 and 3	-5	-24	X
8 and -3	5	-24	X
-6 and 4	-2	-24	✓
6 and -4	2	-24	X
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so, we consider 4 and -6 which gives the sum as -2

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 2x - 8 = 3x^2 - 6x + 4x - 8 = 3x(x-2) + 4(x-2) \\ = (x-2)(3x+4) = (a-2b-2)(3a-6b+4)$$

Derivations

Using the expansion $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}a^3 + b^3 &= (a + b)^3 - 3a^2b - 3ab^2 \\&= (a + b)^3 - 3ab(a + b) \\&= (a + b) \{(a + b)^2 - 3ab\} \\&= (a + b) \{a^2 + 2ab + b^2 - 3ab\} \\&= (a + b) (a^2 - ab + b^2)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}a^3 - b^3 &= (a - b)^3 + 3a^2b - 3ab^2 \\&= (a - b)^3 + 3ab(a - b) \\&= (a - b) \{(a - b)^2 + 3ab\} \\&= (a - b) \{a^2 - 2ab + b^2 + 3ab\} \\&= (a - b) (a^2 + ab + b^2)\end{aligned}$$