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1 Introduction

What does the word *algebra* mean?

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Where does the word **algebra** come from?

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What is an example of *algebra*?

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What can I do with ALGEBRA?

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2 Substitution

What is *substitution*?

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Definition 1

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Definition 2

Numerical Value:

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2.1 Examples

1. E valuate $2x$ when $x = 3$

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2. E valuate $5a + 2b$ when $a = 2$ and $b = -3$

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3. E valuate $2p(3q - 2)$ when $p = 1$ and $q = -2$

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4. E valuate $7m - 4n$ when $m = -3$ and $n = -2$

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5. E valuate $a + 2b - 3c$ when $a = 3, b = -5, c = -2$

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2.2 Exercises

1. Evaluate $2x - 3y$ when:

(a) $x = \frac{2}{5}, y = -\frac{1}{4}$

(b) $x = \frac{1}{3}, y = \frac{1}{6}$

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2. Evaluate $p^2 - 2q$ when:

(a) $p = -7, q = 2$

(b) $p = -\frac{1}{3}, q = \frac{5}{6}$

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3 Like Terms

Why should we group like terms?

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Give an example of grouping like terms.

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3.1 Examples

1. Which of the following are pairs of like terms?

(a) $3x, 2x$

(c) $3x^2, 3x$

(e) $2mn, 3nm$

(b) $3m, 2c$

(d) $2x^2y, 3yx^2$

(f) $5y^2, 6y^2x$

2. Simplify each expression if possible:

(a) $4a + 7a =$

(d) $9b + 2c - 3b + 6c =$

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(b) $3x^2y + 4x^2 - 2x^2y =$

(e) $3z + 5yx - z - 6xy =$

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(c) $5m + 6n =$

(f) $6x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x^3$

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3.2 Exercises

1. Simplify:

(a) $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{3}$

(b) $\frac{3x}{4} - \frac{2x}{5}$

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2. Which of the following are pairs of like terms?

(a) $12m, 5m$

(c) $6ab, -7b$

(b) $-6a, 7b$

(d) $6x^2, -7x^2$

3. Simplify each expression by collecting like terms.

(a) $8b + 3b$ (b) $6x^2 + 4x^2$ (c) $7f - 3f + 9f$

4. Fill in the missing term.

(a) $8mn + \dots = 12mn$ (b) $6m^2 - \dots = m^2$ (c) $-7a^2b + \dots = a^2b$

5. Simplify by collecting like terms.

(a) $8p + 6 + 3p - 2 = \dots$ (d) $-4x^2 + 3x^2 - 3y - 7y = \dots$
 (b) $10ab + 11b - 12b + 3ab = \dots$ (e) $7x^3 + 6x^2 - 4y^3 - x^2 = \dots$
 (c) $4p^2 - 3p - 8p - 3p^2 = \dots$ (f) $-3ab^2 + 4a^2b - 5ab^2 + a^2b = \dots$

6. Simplify:

(a) $\frac{c}{6} + \frac{c}{7}$ (c) $c - \frac{c}{7}$ (e) $\frac{5x}{3} + \frac{x}{2}$

 (b) $\frac{x}{7} - \frac{x}{8}$ (d) $\frac{2x}{3} + \frac{x}{4}$ (f) $\frac{5x}{11} - \frac{2x}{3}$

4 Multiplication and Division

This part is interesting. In the last section we saw that we could **not** further simplify terms that were different such as $2x + 4y$. But now with multiplication and division we can! $2x \times 4y = 8xy$ and $2x \div 4y = \frac{2x}{4y} = \frac{x}{2y}$. Isn't that cool?

Okay, now you guys try:

4.1 Examples

1. Multiplications

(a) $4 \times 3a =$

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(b) $2d \times 5e =$

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(c) $4m \times 5m =$

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(d) $3p \times 2pq =$

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(e) $3x \times (-6) =$

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(f) $-5ab \times -3bc$

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2. Divisions

(a) $24x \div 6 =$

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(b) $36a \div 4$

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(c) $-18x^2 \div (-3)$

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(d) $\frac{15a}{3}$

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(e) $\frac{12x}{21}$

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(f) $\frac{-24xy}{6y}$

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4.2 Exercises

1. Rewrite as a single fraction:

(a) $\frac{2a}{5} \times \frac{a}{4} =$

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(c) $\frac{4p}{q} \times \frac{3}{2p} =$

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(e) $\frac{2x}{3} \div \frac{3x}{5} =$

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(b) $\frac{3x}{7} \times \frac{5y}{12} =$

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(d) $\frac{15}{x} \times \frac{2}{3x} =$

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(f) $\frac{6a}{7b} \div \frac{2ab}{3} =$

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2. Simplify

(a) $5c \times 2d =$

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(c) $-2m \times (-4m) =$

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(e) $7 \times 15p \div 21 =$

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(b) $-6l \times (-5m) =$

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(d) $24a^2 \div 8 =$

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(f) $18y \div 6 \times 2 =$

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3. Simplify by first cancelling out common factors:

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(a) $\frac{14p}{21} =$	(c) $\frac{2xy}{6xy} =$	(e) $\frac{2y}{5} \times \frac{y}{4} =$	(g) $\frac{2yz}{5xy} \times \frac{3xy}{4yz} =$
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(b) $\frac{22x^2}{33} =$	(d) $\frac{-4xy}{8x} =$	(f) $\frac{p}{6q} \times \frac{9p}{4q} =$	(h) $\frac{2y}{5} \div \frac{y}{4} =$
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5 Simple Expansion of Brackets

Often times algebraic concepts have a geometric meaning too. You’ve now done enough arithmetic with pronumerals to be able to learn this secret of the universe.
Consider 3(2x + 5). You can expand this by distributing the 3 to each term in the brackets like so:

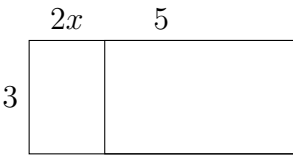
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$(3)(2x + 5) = 6x + 15$

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Or you can think about this as having some kind of original rectangle with dimensions 3 by 2x and then extending the width by 5.



Now finding the area of the enlarged shape is algebraically equivalent to 3(2x + 5) and often times expanding this will make substitution easier if you know what the value of x is!
These kinds of expansions are the backbone of mathematics and becoming proficient at these will help you simplify harder problems. Let’s get better at expanding:

5.1 Examples

1. E xpand:

(a) 2(a + 3) =

(b) 3(x - 2) =

(c) 4(2m - 7) =

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2. N ow try:

(a) 5(a + 1) + 6 =

(b) 4(2b - 1) + 7 =

(c) 6(d + 5) - 3d =

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3. Can you handle some more terms?

(a) $2(b + 5) + 3(b + 2) =$

(b) $3(x - 2) - 2(x + 1) =$

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5.2 Exercises

1. Have a go at these ones yourselves:

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(a) $\frac{3}{5}(6x + \frac{7}{3}) =$ (f) $-\frac{4}{5}(25m - 100) =$

(b) $\frac{4}{3}(6x + 11) + \frac{2}{3} =$ (g) $\frac{3}{5}(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{3}) =$

(c) $-12(4y - 5) =$ (h) $-\frac{3}{5}(\frac{a}{3} - \frac{2}{3}) =$

(d) $\frac{2}{3}(12p + 6) =$ (i) $c(c - 5) =$

(e) $-\frac{1}{2}(10d - 6) =$ (j) $2i(5i + 7) =$

6 Binomial Products

Welcome to some respectable mathematics. Binomials look like this: $(x + \text{something})(y + \text{something else})$. We are going to learn how to expand any variant of these, and then we will look at the special cases when x and y are the same and the *something*'s are also the same; i.e. $(x + a)(x + a)$. (There is a quick trick for solving these). Then we shall conclude the class with the second special case of the binomials - *The Difference of Two Squares*. They come in the shape of $(x + a)(x - a)$, and also can be easily expanded with a trick!

Before we get stuck in to the expansion tricks, let's make sure we understand what we are expanding.

What does the prefix **bi** mean?

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Examples of '**bi**' things include

Thus a **binomial** means

Now let us expand $(a + 2)(b + 5)$. You just need to distribute each term in the first brackets with every term of the next set of brackets.

$$(a + 2)(b + 5) = ab + 2b + 5a + 10 \quad (2)$$

If at first you are struggling to remember the steps, just remember the acronym **FOIL**, **F**irst **O**utside **I**nside **L**ast.

Once again this has a geometric interpretation:

	a	2
b	ab	$2b$
5	$5a$	10

And the area can now be computed by adding all the parts: $ab + 2b + 5a + 10$, which is what our algebraic expansion told us too!

6.1 Examples

1. Expand the following:

(a) $(x + 4)(x + 5) =$

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(b) $(x + 3)(x - 2) =$

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(c) $(x - 4)(x - 3) =$

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(d) $(2y + 1)(3y - 4) =$

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6.2 Exercises

1. (a) $(a + 3)(a + 9) =$

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(g) $(4m + 3)(2m - 1) =$

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(b) $(a + 8)(9 + a) =$

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(h) $(2x - 7)(3x - 1) =$

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(c) $(p - 6)(p + 4) =$

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(i) $(2b + 3)(4b - 2) =$

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(d) $(x + 3)(x - 8) =$

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(j) $(4c + d)(2c - 3d) =$

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(e) $(x + 7)(x - 4) =$

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(k) $(3x - y)(2x + 5y) =$

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(f) $(5x + 1)(x + 2) =$

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(l) $(2p - 5q)(3q - 2p) =$

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7 Perfect Squares

This is one of the special cases mentioned earlier. Our general binomial looks like $(x + a)(y + b)$, but perfect squares are easier and look like $(x + a)(x + a)$ which can then be simplified to be $(x + a)^2$.

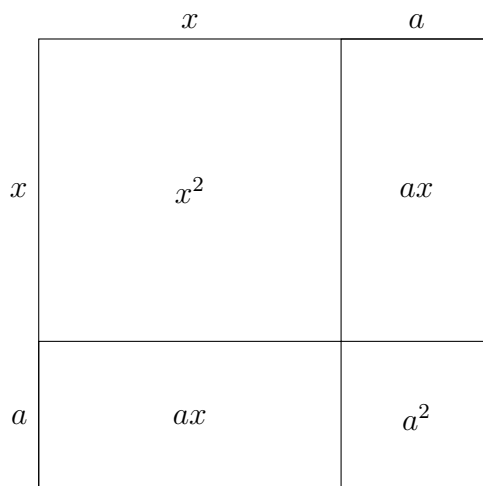
Remember the trick mentioned earlier? This is it:

1. Take the first term, square it

2. Take the last term, square it
3. Multiply all the terms with each other

Thus we have $(x + a)^2 = x^2 + 2ax + a^2$. Simple as that.

Here is the geometric intuition:



We take a square of x units and extend it to a square of length $x + a$:

7.1 Examples

Let's only do a few examples this time. We'll come back and do more practise after covering *differences of two squares*.

1. (a) $(x - 5)^2 =$

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

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(c) $(3x - 1)^2 =$

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8 Difference of Two Squares

We shall cover this one quickly so you have time to do a brick of exercises after :D. Difference of Two Squares are the second special case of the **binomial** expansion, and come in the form $(x + a)(x - a)$. Expanding this out with our usual **FOIL** method gives $x^2 + ax - ax - a^2$ which just leaves $x^2 - a^2$; how convenient!

This time I will leave the geometric intuition as an exercise, feel free to come to me before next class to explain your ideas!

8.1 Exercises

1. Let's practise:

(a) $(x - 5)(x + 5) =$

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(b) $(3x - 4)(3x + 4) =$

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(c) $(a + b)(a - b) =$

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2. Now back to perfect squares:

(a) $(x + 1)^2 =$

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

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(b) $(x + 5)^2 =$

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(d) $(x + 20)^2 =$

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3. Try a mix now:

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$$(a) \quad (3x - 2)(3x + 2) =$$

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$$(b) \quad (3a - 4b)^2 =$$

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$$(c) \quad (2x + 3y)^2 =$$

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$$(d) \quad (5a + 2b)(5a - 2b) =$$

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$$(e) \quad \left(\frac{x}{2} + 3\right)^2 =$$

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$$(f) \quad (3c - b)^2 =$$

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9 Homework

1. E valuate $2m(m - 3n)$ when:

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- (a) $m = 3, n = 5$
(b) $m = -3, n = -2$
(c) $m = \frac{1}{3}, n = \frac{1}{2}$
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2. E valuate $\frac{p+2q}{3r}$ when $p = 7, q = -2, r = 2$

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3. E valuate $\frac{x+y}{3}$ when $x = -6, y = -5$

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4. F ill in the missing term:

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- (a) $2a + \dots = 7a$
(b) $5m^2 - \dots = -6m^2n$
(c) $-6lm + \dots = lm$
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5. Simplify by collecting like terms:

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- (a) $9a^2 + 5a^2 - 12a^2$
(c) $17m^2 - 14m^2 + 8m^2$
(e) $7x^3 + 6x^2 - 4y^3 - x^2$
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- (b) $14a^2d - 10a^2d - 6a^2d$
(d) $-4x^2 + 3x^2 - 3y - 7y$
(f) $-3ab^2 + 4a^2b - 5ab^2 + a^2b$
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6. Simplify

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(a) $4a \times 3b$

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(d) $3 \times 12t \div 9$

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(g) $\frac{12ab}{4a}$

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(j) $\frac{3x}{5} \div \frac{3}{4}$

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(b) $-2p \times (-3q)$

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(e) $24x \div 8 \times 3$

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(h) $\frac{3x}{5} \times \frac{2}{3}$

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(k) $\frac{9y}{2} \div 18$

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(c) $27y \div 3$

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(f) $-\frac{12m}{18}$

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(i) $\frac{2}{5a} \times \frac{1}{4a}$

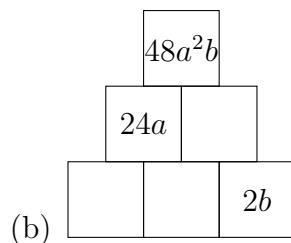
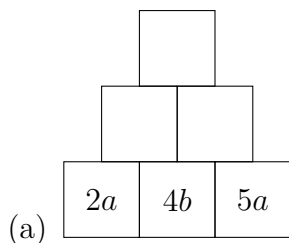
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(l) $\frac{5p}{6} \div (-\frac{10p}{3})$

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7. Fill in the missing boxes. Each box contains the product of the 2 boxes below it.

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8. Expand:

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(a) $b(b + 7)$

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(c) $-k(5k - 4)$

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(e) $4c(2c - d)$

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(g) $3p(2 - 5pq)$

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(b) $4h(5h - 7)$

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(d) $-4x(3x - 5)$

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(f) $-3x(2x + 5y)$

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(h) $-10b(3a - 7b)$

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9. Expand and collect like terms

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(a) $\frac{1}{4}(x + 2) + \frac{x}{3}$

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(b) $\frac{3}{7}(3x + 5) + \frac{x}{3}$

$$(d) \quad 2p(3p+1) - 5(p+1)$$

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$$(c) \quad -\frac{1}{2}(3x+2) - \frac{2x}{5}$$

$$(f) \quad 4z(4z-2) - z(z+2)$$

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..... (e) $2p(3p+1) - 4(2p+1)$

10. E xpand:

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$$(a) \quad (x-6)(x-4)$$

$$(c) \quad (4x+3)(2x-1)$$

$$(e) \quad (x+3)(x+3)$$

$$(g) \quad (2x+3)(2x+3)$$

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$$(b) \quad (4x+1)(3x-1)$$

$$(d) \quad (x-4)(2x+5)$$

$$(f) \quad (2x-5)(x+3)$$

$$(h) \quad (\frac{2b}{3}+2)(\frac{b}{5}-2)$$

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11. F ill in the blanks:

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$$(a) \quad (x+5)(\text{.....}) = x^2 + 8x + 15$$

$$(e) \quad (2x+3)(\text{.....}) = 2x^2 + 7x + \text{.....}$$

$$(b) \quad (x+3)(\text{.....}) = x^2 - 2x - 15$$

$$(c) \quad (3x+4)(\text{.....}) = 3x^2 + x - 4$$

$$(f) \quad (\text{.....}x-3)(\text{.....}x5\text{.....}) = 12x^2 - x - 6$$

$$(d) \quad (x + \text{.....})(x+6) = x^2 + 9x + \text{.....}$$

12. E xpand

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$$(a) \quad (x-7)^2$$

$$(b) \quad (a+8)^8$$

$$(c) \quad (9+x)^2$$

$$(d) \quad (x-11)^2$$

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13. E xpand

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$$(a) \quad (\frac{2x}{5} - 1)^2$$

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(b) $(\frac{3x}{4} + \frac{2}{3})^2$

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14. Evaluate the following using $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ and $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$.

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(a) $(1.01)^2$

(b) $(0.99)^2$

(c) $(4.01)^2$

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15. Expand and collect like terms

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

(c) $x^2 + (x + 1)^2 + (x + 2)^2 + (x + 3)^2$

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(b) $(2x + 5)^2 + (2x - 5)^2$

(d) $(\frac{x}{2} + 1)^2 + (\frac{x}{2} - 1)^2$

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16. Expand

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(a) $(z - 7)(z + 7)$

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(b) $(10 - x)(10 + x)$

(e) $(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{2})(\frac{x}{3} - \frac{1}{2})$

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(c) $(3x - 2)(3x + 2)$

(f) Is $a^2 - 2a + 1$ a perfect square expansion or a difference of 2 squares?

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(d) $(\frac{x}{2} + 3)(\frac{x}{2} - 3)$

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9.1 Challenge Problems

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1. (a) Show that the perimeter of the rectangle is $(4x + 6)\text{cm}$

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- (b) Find the perimeter if $AD = 2\text{cm}$

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- (c) Find x if the perimeter = 36cm

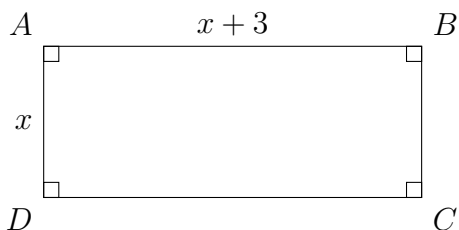
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- (d) Find the area of $ABCD$ in terms of x

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- (e) Find the area of the rectangle if $AB = 6\text{cm}$

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2. Expand and collect:

- (a) $(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$

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- (b) $(x - 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$

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(c) What do you expect the result of expanding $(x - 1)(x^9 + x^8 + \cdots + 1)$ will be?

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