

# Factorising Quadratic Expressions

Ex1       $x^2 + 6x + 8$

=  $(x+2)(x+4)$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +8   |
| -1 | -8   |
| +2 | +4 ✓ |
| -2 | -4   |

Ex2       $x^2 + 11x + 24$

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

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +24  |
| -1 | -24  |
| +2 | +12  |
| -2 | -12  |
| +3 | +8 ✓ |
| -3 | -8   |
| +4 | +6   |
| -4 | -6   |

Ex3       $x^2 + 51x + 50$

=  $(x+1)(x+50)$

|    |       |
|----|-------|
| +1 | +50 ✓ |
| -1 | -50   |
| +2 | +25   |
| -2 | -25   |
| +5 | +10   |
| -5 | -10   |

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Exercise

Factorise

1)       $x^2 + 9x + 14$

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

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +14  |
| -1 | -14  |
| +2 | +7 ✓ |
| -2 | -7   |

2)       $x^2 + 10x + 21$

=  $(x+3)(x+7)$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +21  |
| -1 | -21  |
| +3 | +7 ✓ |
| -3 | -7   |

$$3) \quad x^2 + 10x + 25$$

$$= (x+5)(x+5)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +25  |
| -1 | -25  |
| +5 | +5 ✓ |
| -5 | -5   |

$$4) \quad x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$= (x+1)(x+1)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +1 ✓ |
| -1 | -1   |

$$5) \quad x^2 + 7x + 6$$

$$= (x+1)(x+6)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +6 ✓ |
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## Further Examples

$$1) \quad x^2 - 5x + 4$$

$$= (x-1)(x-4)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +4   |
| -1 | -4 ✓ |
| +2 | +2   |
| -2 | -2   |

$$2) \quad x^2 + 4x - 21$$

$$= (x-3)(x+7)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | -21  |
| -1 | +21  |
| +3 | -7   |
| -3 | +7 ✓ |

$$3) \quad x^2 - x - 20$$

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

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| +1 | -20 |
| -1 | +20 |
| +2 | -10 |
| -2 | +10 |

$$\begin{array}{r}
 +4 \quad -5 \quad \checkmark \\
 -4 \quad +5 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

## Exercise Factorise

1)  $x^2 - 8x + 7$        $\begin{array}{r} +1 \quad +7 \\ -1 \quad -7 \quad \checkmark \end{array}$

$$= (x - 1)(x - 7)$$

2)  $x^2 - 11x + 10$        $\begin{array}{r} +1 \quad +10 \\ -1 \quad -10 \quad \checkmark \end{array}$

$$= (x - 1)(x - 10)$$

3)  $x^2 + 3x - 10$        $\begin{array}{r} +1 \quad -10 \\ -1 \quad +10 \\ +2 \quad -5 \\ -2 \quad +5 \quad \checkmark \end{array}$

$$= (x + 2)(x - 5)$$

4)  $x^2 - 7x - 8$        $\begin{array}{r} +1 \quad -8 \quad \checkmark \end{array}$

$$= (x + 1)(x - 8)$$

5)  $x^2 + 13x - 14$        $\begin{array}{r} +1 \quad -14 \\ -1 \quad +14 \quad \checkmark \end{array}$

$$= (x - 1)(x + 14)$$

6)  $x^2 - 10x - 11$        $\begin{array}{r} +1 \quad -11 \quad \checkmark \\ -1 \quad +11 \end{array}$

$$(x + 1)(x - 11)$$

7)  $x^2 + 8x - 9$

$$(x - 1)(x + 9)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | -9   |
| -1 | +9 ✓ |

8)  $x^2 + 2x - 15$

$$(x - 3)(x + 5)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | -15  |
| -1 | +15  |
| +3 | -5   |
| -3 | +5 ✓ |

9)  $x^2 - 7x + 12$

$$(x - 3)(x - 4)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +12  |
| -1 | -12  |
| +2 | +6   |
| -2 | -6   |
| +3 | +4   |
| -3 | -4 ✓ |

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

$$(x - 2)(x - 2)$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | +4   |
| -1 | -4   |
| +2 | +2   |
| -2 | -2 ✓ |

## Solving Quadratic Equations.

Ex 1  $x^2 - 7x - 8 = 0$

$$(x + 1)(x - 8) = 0$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | -8 ✓ |
| -1 | +8   |

Either  $x + 1 = 0$  or  $x - 8 = 0$

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u><math>x = -1</math></u> | <u><math>x = 8</math></u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|

Ex 2

$$x^2 - 2x - 24 = 0$$

$$(x+4)(x-6) = 0$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | -24  |
| -1 | +24  |
| +4 | -6 ✓ |
| -4 | +6   |

Either  $x+4=0$  or  $x-6=0$

$$\underline{x = -4}$$

$$\underline{x = 6}$$

Exercise

1)

$$x^2 - 3x - 18 = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x-6) = 0$$

|    |      |
|----|------|
| +1 | -18  |
| -1 | +18  |
| +3 | -6 ✓ |
| -3 | +6   |

Either  $x+3=0$  or  $x-6=0$

$$\underline{x = -3}$$

$$\underline{x = 6}$$