Class_08 Jan 31 - Factoring

Saturday, January 28, 2023 6:28 PM

Tonight's Class:

- Any questions from Chapter 2?
- Chapter 2 Test closed book, but can use both foldables
- Working through sections 3.1 and 3.2
 - Factoring trinomials, leading coefficient not equal to 1
 - Factoring polynomial expressions





Please:

- Make sure your name is on your Chapter 2 Hand-in, and turn it in.
- Put away your phone and all materials except for the "foldables," a calculator, and something to write with.
- On your test, write clearly and show all necessary steps including on multiple-choice questions!
 When you are finished, please look over your test before handing it in.
- While other people are still finishing, respect them by being quiet. You can leave the classroom if you
 wish, but be back in time for the rest of class.

They're back



Preview 8

3.1 Factoring Trinomials, Leading Coefficient not 1

Focus: write trinomial as the product of two binomials, or of a constant and two binomials



Factoring polynomials, including trinomials (3 terms) is our form here.

<u>Greatest Common Factor (GCF)</u> (always the first step!)

Factor Out the GCF

The first step to factoring is to factor out the greatest common factor (GCF) from each term.





To determine the Greatest Common Factor of a polynomial, find the largest monomial that divides evenly into each term.







Sometimes we'll be stuck with a leading coefficient not equal to 1. Two methods for factoring this type (there are even more methods!)

Systematic trial, or "Guess and Check"

Guess and Check Method

AC method, or "Decomposition Method"

Trinomials with leading coefficient $\neq 1$ Example: $2x^{2} - x - 21$ guess + check: (2x + 1) + (2x - 21) + (2x - 21) + (2x - 3) + (2x - 3)Podut 1,21 3,7







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For next class

- Finish worktext questions for 3.1 and 3.2
- More factoring practice worksheets available on website
- Prepare for the Unit 1 Test, next class
 - Includes concepts from Chapter 1 and Chapter 2
 - Out of 30-35 marks, something like that
 - You will be permitted to use both foldables (Exponent Rules and Rationals) during the test