

5. Expansion formulae

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

Example:

Find 206×198 .

Solution:

We have,

$$206 \times 198 = (200 + 6)(200 - 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (200)^2 + (6 + (-2)) \times 200 + (6)(-2) && [\text{Using identity } (x + a)(x + b) = x^2 + (a + b)x + ab] \\ &= 40000 + 800 - 12 \\ &= 40800 - 12 \\ &= 40788 \end{aligned}$$

- **Factorization by using the identity, $x^2 + (a + b)x + ab = (x + a)(x + b)$.**

To apply this identity in an expression of the type $x^2 + px + q$, we observe the coefficient of x and the constant term.

Two numbers, a and b , are chosen such that their product is q and their sum is p .

i.e., $a + b = p$ and $ab = q$

Then, the expression, $x^2 + px + q$, becomes $(x + a)(x + b)$.

Example:

Factorize $a^2 - 2a - 8$.

Solution:

Observe that, $-8 = (-4) \times 2$ and $(-4) + 2 = -2$

Therefore, $a^2 - 2a - 8 = a^2 - 4a + 2a - 8$

$$= a(a - 4) + 2(a - 4)$$

$$= (a - 4)(a + 2)$$

- **Identities:** $(x + y)^3 = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy(x + y)$ and $(x - y)^3 = x^3 - y^3 - 3xy(x - y)$

Other ways to represent these identities are:

- o $x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)^3 - 3xy(x + y)$
- o $x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$
- o $x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)^3 + 3xy(x - y)$
- o $x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$

Example:

$$\text{Expand } (3x + 2y)^3 - (3x - 2y)^3$$

Solution:

$$(3x + 2y)^3 = (3x)^3 + (2y)^3 + 3(3x)(2y)(3x + 2y)$$

$$= 27x^3 + 8y^3 + 54x^2y + 36xy^2 \quad \dots (1)$$

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

$$= 27x^3 - 8y^3 - 54x^2y + 36xy^2 \quad \dots (2)$$

From equations (1) and (2) in given expression, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (3x + 2y)^3 - (3x - 2y)^3 &= (27x^3 + 8y^3 + 54x^2y + 36xy^2) - (27x^3 - 8y^3 - 54x^2y + 36xy^2) \\ &= 27x^3 + 8y^3 + 54x^2y + 36xy^2 - 27x^3 + 8y^3 + 54x^2y - 36xy^2 \\ &= 16y^3 + 108x^2y \end{aligned}$$

- **Identity:** $(x + y + z)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx$

We can use this identity to factorize and expand the polynomials.

For example, the given expression can be factorized as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 + 27y^2 + 25z^2 + 6\sqrt{6}xy - 30\sqrt{3}yz - 10\sqrt{2}xz \\ = (\sqrt{2}x)^2 + (3\sqrt{3}y)^2 + (-5z)^2 + 2 \cdot (\sqrt{2}x)(3\sqrt{3}y) + 2(3\sqrt{3}y)(-5z) + 2(\sqrt{2}x)(-5z) \end{aligned}$$

On comparing the expression with $(x + y + z)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 + 27y^2 + 25z^2 + 6\sqrt{6}xy - 30\sqrt{3}yz - 10\sqrt{2}xz \\ = (\sqrt{2}x + 3\sqrt{3}y - 5z)^2 \end{aligned}$$