

Each term of a trinomial like  $6x^2 + 7x - 20$  has a standard name. A **quadratic term** is a term of degree two. A **linear term** is a term of degree one. As defined earlier, a *constant term* is one having no variable factor. The trinomial itself is called a **quadratic polynomial** since its term of greatest degree is quadratic.

$$6x^2 + 7x - 20$$

$6x^2$  is the quadratic term. \_\_\_\_\_  
 $7x$  is the linear term. \_\_\_\_\_  
 $-20$  is the constant term. \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes you may need to evaluate a quadratic polynomial. The Calculator Key-In on page 203 will help you.

## Oral Exercises

For each product, state (a) the quadratic term, (b) the two terms that form the linear term, (c) the constant term, and (d) the trinomial product.

**Sample**

$$(n - 7)(2n + 5)$$

**Solution**

- a.  $2n^2$     b.  $5n$  and  $-14n$   
 c.  $-35$     d.  $2n^2 - 9n - 35$

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. $(x + 1)(x + 3)$   | 2. $(y + 2)(y + 5)$   | 3. $(t - 2)(t - 3)$   |
| 4. $(u - 4)(u - 1)$   | 5. $(s - 6)(s - 3)$   | 6. $(7 - k)(4 - k)$   |
| 7. $(y - 3)(y + 5)$   | 8. $(x - 1)(x + 4)$   | 9. $(r + 3)(r - 5)$   |
| 10. $(s - 3)(s + 3)$  | 11. $(y + 2)(y + 2)$  | 12. $(x - 7)(x + 5)$  |
| 13. $(2y + 3)(y + 1)$ | 14. $(n + 1)(2n + 5)$ | 15. $(x - 3)(2x + 3)$ |
| 16. $(3y - 1)(y + 3)$ | 17. $(3r + 1)(r - 2)$ | 18. $(1 - 5x)(5 - x)$ |

## Written Exercises

Write each product as a trinomial.

- A**
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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. $(x + 5)(x + 8)$    | 2. $(x + 7)(x + 6)$    | 3. $(y - 4)(y - 3)$    |
| 4. $(c - 9)(c - 6)$    | 5. $(z + 4)(z - 7)$    | 6. $(y + 6)(y - 2)$    |
| 7. $(n - 3)(n + 7)$    | 8. $(u - 10)(u + 9)$   | 9. $(3 + z)(2 + z)$    |
| 10. $(4 - x)(1 - x)$   | 11. $(2y + 5)(y + 2)$  | 12. $(r + 4)(2r + 3)$  |
| 13. $(7x - 1)(x + 7)$  | 14. $(4k - 1)(k + 4)$  | 15. $(2y + 1)(3y + 2)$ |
| 16. $(2n + 1)(5n + 2)$ | 17. $(2 - 3s)(1 - 2s)$ | 18. $(3 - 2r)(2 - 3r)$ |
| 19. $(3h - 5)(2h + 1)$ | 20. $(3x + 2)(2x - 3)$ | 21. $(5n + 4)(4n - 5)$ |

**Sample 1**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3x - 5y)(4x + y) &= 12x^2 + (3xy - 20xy) - 5y^2 \\
 &= 12x^2 - 17xy - 5y^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Write each product as a trinomial. See Sample 1 on page 201.

- B** 22.  $(a + 2b)(a - b)$       23.  $(3x - y)(x - 2y)$       24.  $(2r - s)(3r + 2s)$   
 25.  $(4h - k)(2h + 3k)$       26.  $(2x + 5y)(2x - 3y)$       27.  $(7a - 2b)(5a - 3b)$

**Sample 2**  $(m^2 - 5m)(2m^2 + 4m) = (m^2)(2m^2) + (m^2)(4m) + (-5m)(2m^2) + (-5m)(4m)$   
 $= 2m^4 + 4m^3 - 10m^3 - 20m^2$   
 $= 2m^4 - 6m^3 - 20m^2$  **Answer**

28.  $(x^2 - 4x)(3x^2 + 2x)$       29.  $(a^2 + 3b)(3a^2 - b)$       30.  $(p^2 - q^2)(p^2 + 3q^2)$   
 31.  $(p^3 - 4q^3)(p^3 + 3q^3)$       32.  $(y^4 - 3y^2)(y^2 + 2)$       33.  $(x^4 + x^2y^2)(4x^2 - y^2)$

**Sample 3**  $n(n - 3)(2n + 1) = n[2n^2 + (-6n + n) - 3]$   
 $= n[2n^2 - 5n - 3]$   
 $= 2n^3 - 5n^2 - 3n$  **Answer**

34.  $y(2y - 1)(y + 4)$       35.  $y(4y + 3)(y - 2)$   
 36.  $y^2(1 - 2y)(2 + 3y)$       37.  $x^2(4 - x)(2 - 3x)$

Solve.

**Sample 4**  $(x - 4)(x + 9) = (x + 5)(x - 3)$

**Solution**  $x^2 - 4x + 9x - 36 = x^2 + 5x - 3x - 15$   
 $x^2 + 5x - 36 = x^2 + 2x - 15$   
 $5x - 36 = 2x - 15$   
 $3x - 36 = -15$   
 $3x = 21$   
 $x = 7$

$\therefore$  the solution set is  $\{7\}$ . **Answer**

38.  $(x - 2)(x - 3) = (x - 7)(x + 3)$       39.  $(y + 4)(y - 3) = (y - 2)(y + 5)$   
 40.  $(2n + 5)(3n - 4) = (n + 2)(6n - 7)$       41.  $(2x - 1)(8x + 3) = (4x + 5)(4x - 5)$   
 42.  $(n + 3)(2n + 3) = (n + 2)^2 + (n - 2)^2$       43.  $(2x - 3)(x + 3) = (x - 3)^2 + (x + 3)^2$   
 44. Show that  $(ax + b)(cx + d) = acx^2 + (ad + bc)x + bd$ .

In Exercises 45 and 46, find the values of  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ .

- C** 45.  $(px + q)(2x + 5) = 6x^2 + 11x + r$       46.  $(px + 2)(3x + q) = rx^2 + x - 2$

Write each product as a trinomial. Assume that  $n$  represents a positive integer.

47.  $(x^n - y^n)(2x^n + 3y^n)$       48.  $(2x^n - y^n)(2x^n + y^n)$   
 49. Show that the square of any odd integer is odd. (Hint: If  $n$  is an integer, then  $2n$  is an even integer and  $2n + 1$  is an odd integer.)