



TOPIC- FACTORISATION

Sub: Mathematics

CLASS-9

Study Material-5

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USEFUL FORMULAE :

1. a) $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$

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

c) $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$

d) $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

e) $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$

f) If $a+b+c=0$ then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

g) $x^2 + (p+q)x + pq = (x+p)(x+q)$

h) $x^2 - (p+q)x + pq = (x-p)(x-q)$

i) $x^2 + (p-q)x - pq = (x+p)(x-q)$

j) $x^2 - (p-q)x - pq = (x-p)(x+q)$

2. If in an expression putting $x=a$, its value becomes zero then $(x-a)$ is a factor of the expression. Its converse is also true.

3. If in an expression putting $x=-a$, its value becomes zero then $(x+a)$ is a factor of the expression. Its converse is also true.

SOLVED SUMS :

1. Factorise : $128x^4 + 162$

Ans: $=2(64x^4 + 81)$

$=2\{(8x^2)^2 + (9)^2\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2\{(8x^2 + 9)^2 - 2 \cdot 8x^2 \cdot 9\} \\
&= 2\{(8x^2 + 9)^2 - (12x)^2\} \\
&= 2(8x^2 + 9 + 12x)(8x^2 + 9 - 12x).
\end{aligned}$$

2. Factorise : $ax^2 - (a^2 - 1)x - a$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Ans : } &= ax^2 - a^2x + x - a \\
&= ax(x-a) + 1(x-a) \\
&= (ax + 1)(x-a)
\end{aligned}$$

3. What is the sum of the factors of $a^2 - 5a - 150$?

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Ans: } &a^2 - 5a - 150 \\
&= a^2 - 15a + 10a - 150 \\
&= a(a - 15) + 10(a - 15) \\
&= (a-15)(a+10)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the sum of the factors is $(a-15) + (a+10) = 2a - 5$.

4. If the two factors of a quadratic expression are $(2x-3)$ and $(3x+2)$ then find the expression ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Ans : } &(2x-3)(3x+2) \\
&= 6x^2 - 9x + 4x - 6 \\
&= 6x^2 - 5x - 6.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the required expression is $6x^2 - 5x - 6$.

5. Factorise : $x^3 - 6x + 4$

Ans : If in the above expression we put $x=2$ the value of the expression becomes 0.
Therefore, $(x-2)$ is a factor of the given expression.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Hence the given expression} \\
&= x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x^2 - 4x - 2x + 4 \\
&= x^2(x-2) + 2x(x-2) - 2(x-2) \\
&= (x-2)(x^2 + 2x - 2)
\end{aligned}$$

6. Factorise : $x^3 - 12x - 16$

Ans : if in the above expression we put $x=-2$, the value of the expression becomes 0.
Therefore, $(x+2)$ is a factor of the given expression.

Hence the given expression

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x^2 - 4x - 8x - 16 \\ &= x^2(x+2) - 2x(x+2) - 8(x+2) \\ &= (x+2)(x^2 - 2x - 8) \\ &= (x+2)(x-4)(x+2). \end{aligned}$$

7. Factorise : $(x-1)(x-2)(x+3)(x+4) - 36$

Ans : Grouping the above expression we get ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{(x-1)(x+3)\}\{(x-2)(x+4)\} - 36 \\ &= (x^2 + 2x - 3)(x^2 + 2x - 8) - 36 \\ &= (y - 3)(y - 8) - 36 \quad [\text{putting } x^2 + 2x = y] \\ &= y^2 - 11y + 24 - 36 \\ &= y^2 - 11y - 12 \\ &= y^2 - (12-1)y - 12 \\ &= y^2 - 12y + y - 12 \\ &= y(y - 12) + 1(y - 12) \\ &= (y - 12)(y + 1) \\ &= (x^2 + 2x - 12)(x^2 + 2x + 1) \quad [\text{putting } y = x^2 + 2x] \\ &= (x^2 + 2x - 12)(x + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

8. If $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0$ and $a+b+c$ not equal to 0 then show that, $a=b=c$.

Ans : $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0$

$$\text{Or } \frac{1}{2} (a+b+c)\{(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2\} = 0$$

$$\text{Or } (a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 = 0 \quad [\text{since } a+b+c \text{ is not equal to } 0]$$

Since the sum of three squares is zero,
Each of them is equal to zero.

Therefore $(a-b)^2 = 0$ or $a-b=0$ or $a=b$.

Again $(b-c)^2 = 0$ or $b-c=0$ or $b=c$.

Again $(c-a)^2 = 0$ or $c-a=0$ or $c=a$.

Hence $a=b=c$ [proved].

9. If $a^2 - b^2 = 11 \times 7$ where a and b are positive, find the value of a and b ?

Ans : $a^2 - b^2 = 11 \times 7$

Or $(a+b)(a-b) = 11 \times 7$
Since $a > 0$, $b > 0$, and $a > b$,
Therefore $(a+b) = 11$ and $(a-b) = 7$
Solving we get, $a = 9$ and $b = 2$.

10. If the area of a rectangle is $(x^2 - x - 20)$ sqcm and its breadth is $(x-5)$ cm then what is its length ?

Ans : $x^2 - x - 20$

$$= x^2 - 5x + 4x - 20$$

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

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

We know area = length x breadth.

If breadth is $(x-5)$, then the length is $(x+4)$.

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