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Section: 5.4 notes

Objective: Factoring with leading coefficient other than 1 (F.IF.8)

Review Examples: Multiply the following.

a) $(2x+3)(5x+4)$

b) $(3v-1)(v+2)$

c) $(4c-3)(7c-2)$

Factoring a Trinomial of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$ by Grouping:

1. Always check for a GCF first! If there is a GCF, factor it out.
2. Multiply $a \cdot c$.
3. Find two numbers that multiply to your answer ($a \cdot c$) and add to b .
4. Rewrite the middle term bx as **1st #** $\cdot x$ + **2nd #** $\cdot x$
5. Factor the resulting polynomial by grouping.
6. If there are no numbers that multiply to $a \cdot c$ and add to b , the polynomial is prime.

Examples: Factor the following polynomials using grouping.

a) $9h^2 + 9h + 2$

b) $3x^2 + 19x + 15$

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c) $2z^2 - 11z + 12$
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d) $4p^2 - 20p + 21$
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Factor the expression.

e) $4n^2 - 20n + 25$

f) $10m^2 + 13m - 3$

g) $12y^2 + 30y - 72$

h) $8k^4 + 42k^3 - 36k^2$

i) $3r^2 - 16r - 12$

j) $9x^2 - 4$