

Focus:

1. To be able to factor and expand a difference of squares.
2. To be able to factor and expand perfect squares.

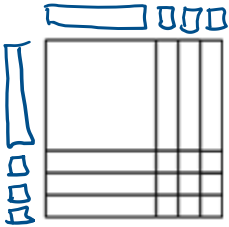
Curricular Competencies:

C2: I can represent math concretely, pictorially and symbolically



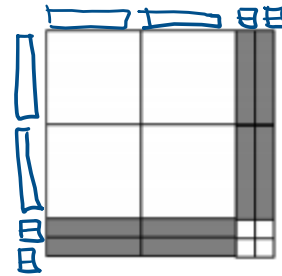
Perfect Square Trinomials

Write the following algebra tile models as a multiplication of binomials using the templates below.



or $(x+3)^2$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = (x+3)(x+3)$$



or $(2x-2)^2$

$$4x^2 - 8x + 4 = (2x-2)(2x-2)$$

The above examples are two of the many perfect square trinomials that you will encounter. In general, perfect square trinomials:

Can be drawn as a square area model

Can be remembered as two generic formulae:

$$(ax+b)^2 \text{ or } (ax+b)(ax+b)$$

$$a^2x^2 + 2abx + b^2$$

*a, b are integers

$$x^2 + 6x + 9$$

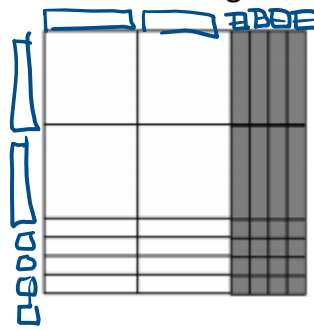
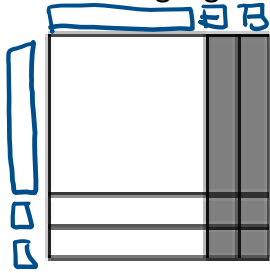
or $(ax-b)^2 \text{ or } (ax-b)(ax-b)$

$$a^2x^2 - 2abx + b^2$$

$$4x^2 - 8x + 4$$

Difference of Squares Trinomials

Write the following algebra tile models as a multiplication of binomials using the templates below.



$$\underline{x^2 - 4 = (x-2)(x+2)}$$

$$\underline{4x^2 - 16 = (2x-4)(2x+4)}$$

The above examples are two of the many difference of squares trinomials that you will encounter. In general, difference of square trinomials:

Can be drawn as an area model which is a difference of two squares

Can be remembered as $(ax+b)(ax-b)$

Examples

Factor the following fully. Identify the type of special polynomials.

a) $121x^2 - 22x + 1$

perfect \square
 $(11x-1)(11x-1)$

b) $4x^2 - 9$

diff \square
 $(2x+3)(2x-3)$

c) $4x^2 + 4xy + y^2$

perfect \square
 $(2x+y)(2x+y)$

d) $16a^2 - 25$

diff \square
 $(4a-5)(4a+5)$

$$e) 25v^2 - 70vw + 49w^2$$

perfect \square
 $(5v - 7w)(5v - 7w)$

$$f) 49x^4 - 36y^2$$

diff \square
 $(7x^2 + 6y)(7x^2 - 6y)$

Expand the following binomial products. Identify the type of special polynomials.

a) $(2x + 7)^2$ perfect \square

$$(2x + 7)(2x + 7)$$
$$4x^2 + 14x + 14x + 49$$
$$4x^2 + 28x + 49$$

c) $(4 - k)(4 + k)$

$$16 + 4k - 4k - k^2$$
$$16 - k^2 \quad \text{diff of } \square$$

b) $(a^2 - 5)^2$ perfect \square

$$(a^2 - 5)(a^2 - 5)$$
$$a^4 - 5a^2 - 5a^2 + 25$$
$$a^4 - 10a^2 + 25$$

d) $(3m^2 - 4n)(3m^2 + 4n)$

$$9m^4 + 12m^2n - 12m^2n - 16n^2$$
$$9m^4 - 16n^2 \quad \text{diff of } \square$$