



Factor Polynomials of
the Form ax^2+bx+c
where $a \neq 1$

To factor a polynomial means to represent a polynomial as a multiplication of polynomials.

- Factoring a polynomial is the reverse of multiplying polynomials.
- The polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$ factors into the product of two binomial factors.

Factoring the Polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a \neq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x^2 - 5x + 2 &\cdot 3 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} x^2 - 5x + 6 \\
 &= \left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(x - \frac{3}{3}\right) \\
 &= (3x - 2)(x - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Factor pairs of 6

- 1 and 6
- 1 and -6
- 3 and 2
- 3 and -2**

$3x^2 - 5x + 2$ factors to $(3x - 2)(x - 1)$

✓ Check

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(3x - 2)(x - 1) \\
 &= 3x^2 - 3x - 2x + 2 \\
 &= 3x^2 - 5x + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

*Some polynomials **CANNOT** be factored.*

$$2x^2 - 4x + 3$$

*The trinomial **CANNOT** be factored; none of the factor pairs of 6 add to -4*

Factor pairs of 6

- 1 and 6
- 1 and -6
- 2 and 3
- 2 and -3

Factoring $ax^2 + bx + c$

$$2x^2 + 9x - 5 = (2x - 1)(x + 5)$$

Diagram showing $2x^2 + 9x - 5$ factoring to $(2x - 1)(x + 5)$. Arrows indicate that $(2x - 1)$ multiplies to $2x^2 - x - 5$ and $(x + 5)$ multiplies to $x^2 + 5x - 5$, which together sum to the original polynomial.

CFU

Show the following polynomial factored: $3x^2 + 13x + 4$
 How do you know the polynomial is factored?

A $3x^2 + 13x + 4 = 3x^2 + x + 12x + 4$

B $3x^2 + 13x + 4 = (3x + 10)(x + 4)$

After factoring a polynomial, explain how you would check your work.

Use the factor pairs of 6 to explain why you cannot factor the following trinomial:
 $6x^2 + 8x - 1$

Vocabulary

1 opposite (synonym)

Factoring $1x^2 + bx + c$

$$x^2 + 8x + 15 = (x + 3)(x + 5)$$

$\underbrace{\quad\quad}_{3+5} \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad}_{3 \cdot 5}$

CFU

- 1 How did I/you identify a, b, and c in the polynomial?
- 2 How did I/you rewrite the polynomial?
- 5 How did I/you rewrite the factorization?

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- 5 Rewrite the factorization with the denominator as the leading coefficient of the binomial factors.
- 6 Check and interpret₃ the factorization. “_____ factors to _____”

$$1.) \quad 5m^2 - 11m + 2 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} m^2 - 11m + 10$$

$$a = \underline{5} \quad b = \underline{-11} \quad c = \underline{2} \quad = \left(m - \frac{1}{5}\right) \left(m - \frac{10}{5}\right)$$

$$= (5m - 1)(m - 2)$$

Check

$$\begin{aligned} &(5m - 1)(m - 2) \\ &5m^2 - 10m - m + 2 \\ &5m^2 - 11m + 2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Factor pairs of 10

$$\begin{aligned} &1 \text{ and } 10 \\ &\boxed{-1 \text{ and } -10} \\ &2 \text{ and } 5 \\ &-2 \text{ and } -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$2.) \quad 7n^2 + 5n - 2 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} n^2 + 5n - 14$$

$$a = \underline{7} \quad b = \underline{5} \quad c = \underline{-2} \quad = \left(n - \frac{2}{7}\right) \left(n + \frac{7}{7}\right)$$

$$= (7n - 2)(n + 1)$$

Check

$$\begin{aligned} &(7n - 2)(n + 1) \\ &7n^2 + 7n - 2n - 2 \\ &7n^2 + 5n - 2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Factor pairs of -14

$$\begin{aligned} &1 \text{ and } -14 \\ &-1 \text{ and } 14 \\ &2 \text{ and } -7 \\ &\boxed{-2 \text{ and } 7} \end{aligned}$$

Vocabulary

- ² way something is done
³ explain

Skill Development/Guided Practice (continued)

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Factoring $1x^2 + bx + c$

$$x^2 + 8x + 15 = (x + 3)(x + 5)$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{3+5} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{3 \cdot 5}$

CFU

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- 5 How did I/you rewrite the factorization?

3.) $6x^2 - 7x + 2$ Rewrite $\rightarrow x^2 - 7x + 12$

$a = \underline{6}$ $b = \underline{-7}$ $c = \underline{2}$ $= (x - \frac{3}{6})(x - \frac{4}{6})$

$= (2x - 1)(3x - 2)$

Check

$$(2x - 1)(3x - 2)$$

$$6x^2 - 4x - 3x + 2$$

$$6x^2 - 7x + 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of 12

- 1 and 12
- 1 and -12
- 2 and 6
- 2 and -6
- 3 and 4
- 3 and -4

4.) $8x^2 + 14x + 3$ Rewrite $\rightarrow x^2 + 14x + 24$

$a = \underline{8}$ $b = \underline{14}$ $c = \underline{3}$ $= (x + \frac{2}{8})(x + \frac{12}{8})$

$= (4x + 1)(2x + 3)$

Check

$$(4x + 1)(2x + 3)$$

$$8x^2 + 12x + 2x + 3$$

$$8x^2 + 14x + 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of 24

- | | |
|----------|------------|
| 1 and 24 | -1 and -24 |
| 2 and 12 | -2 and -12 |
| 3 and 8 | -3 and -8 |
| 4 and 6 | -4 and -6 |

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$$x^2 + 8x + 15 = (x + 3)(x + 5)$$

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CFU

- How did I/you identify a , b , and c in the polynomial?
- How did I/you rewrite the polynomial?
- How did I/you rewrite the factorization?

5.) $2x^2 + 5x + 7$ Rewrite \rightarrow $x^2 + 5x + 14$

$a = \underline{2}$ $b = \underline{5}$ $c = \underline{7}$

Cannot be factored since none of the factor pairs of 14 add to 5.

Check

Factor pairs of 14

- 1 and 14
- 1 and -14
- 2 and 7
- 2 and -7

6.) $4p^2 - 7p - 3$ Rewrite \rightarrow $p^2 - 7p - 12$

$a = \underline{4}$ $b = \underline{-7}$ $c = \underline{-3}$

Cannot be factored since none of the factor pairs of -12 add to -7.

Check

Factor pairs of -12

- 1 and -12
- 1 and 12
- 2 and -6
- 2 and 6
- 3 and -4
- 3 and 4

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1 Factoring polynomials will help you solve quadratic equations.

Solve the following quadratic equation.

$$4x^2 + 9x + 5 = 0$$

$$(x + 4)(x + 5) = 0$$

$$(x + 1)(4x + 5) = 0$$

$$x + 4 = 0 \quad 4x + 5 = 0$$

$$x = -4 \quad x = -\frac{5}{4}$$

2 Factoring polynomials will help you do well on tests.

Sample Test Question:

55. Which of the following shows $9x^2 + 12x + 4$ factored completely?

- A $(3x + 2)^2$
- B $(3x + 4)(3x + 1)$
- C $(3x + 4)(3x + 1)$
- D $9x^2 + 12x + 4$

CFU

Does anyone else have another reason why it is relevant to factor polynomials? (Pair-Share) Why is it relevant to factor polynomials? You may give me one of my reasons or one of your own. Which reason is more relevant to you? Why?

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Factoring $1x^2 + bx + c$

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Skill Closure

Factor polynomials of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a \neq 1$.

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1.) $2n^2 + 9n + 7$ Rewrite $\rightarrow n^2 + 9n + 14$

$a = \underline{2}$ $b = \underline{9}$ $c = \underline{7}$

$$= (n + \frac{2}{2})(n + \frac{7}{2})$$

$$= (n + 1)(2n + 7)$$

Check

$$(n + 1)(2n + 7)$$

$$2n^2 + 7n + 2n + 7$$

$$2n^2 + 9n + 7 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of 14

1 and 14	-1 and -14
2 and 7	-2 and -7

2.) $9m^2 + 3m - 2$ Rewrite $\rightarrow m^2 + 3m - 18$

$a = \underline{9}$ $b = \underline{3}$ $c = \underline{-2}$

$$= (m - \frac{3}{9})(m + \frac{6}{9})$$

$$= (3m - 1)(3m + 2)$$

Check

$$(3m - 1)(3m + 2)$$

$$9m^2 + 6m - 3m - 2$$

$$9m^2 + 3m - 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of -18

1 and -18	-1 and 18
2 and -9	-2 and 9
3 and -6	-3 and 6

Constructed Response Closure

$2x + 3$ is a factor of $4x^2 + 4x - 3$. Without factoring, which of the following is the other factor of $4x^2 + 4x - 3$? How do you know?

$(2x + 3)(\quad ? \quad) = 4x^2 + 4x - 3$

- A $4x - 1$
- B $2x + 1$
- C $4x + 1$
- D $2x - 1$

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about factoring polynomials of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$ where $a \neq 1$? (Pair-Share)

Independent Practice

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$= (p + 1)(2p + 3)$

Check

$(p + 1)(2p + 3)$

$2p^2 + 3p + 2p + 3$

$2p^2 + 5p + 3$ ✓

Factor pairs of 6

1 and 6

-1 and -6

2 and 3

-2 and -3

2.) $4m^2 - 3m - 1$ Rewrite $\rightarrow m^2 - 3m - 4$

$a = \underline{4}$ $b = \underline{-3}$ $c = \underline{-1}$ $= (m + \frac{1}{4})(m - \frac{4}{4})$

$= (4m + 1)(m - 1)$

Check

$(4m + 1)(m - 1)$

$4m^2 - 4m + m - 1$

$4m^2 - 3m - 1$ ✓

Factor pairs of -4

1 and -4

-1 and 4

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$= (2x - 1)(3x + 2)$

Check

$$(2x - 1)(3x + 2)$$

$$6x^2 + 4x - 3x - 2$$

$$6x^2 + x - 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of -12

- 1 and -12
- 1 and 12
- 2 and -6
- 2 and 6
- 3 and -4
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4.) $4x^2 + 8x + 3$ Rewrite $\rightarrow x^2 + 8x + 12$

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$= (2x + 1)(2x + 3)$

Check

$$(2x + 1)(2x + 3)$$

$$4x^2 + 6x + 2x + 3$$

$$4x^2 + 8x + 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of 12

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5.) $5m^2 - 9m + 2$ ↗ Rewrite ↘ $m^2 - 9m + 10$

$a = \underline{5}$ $b = \underline{-9}$ $c = \underline{2}$

Cannot be factored since none of the factor pairs of 10 add to -9.

Check

Factor pairs of 10

- 1 and 10
- 1 and -10
- 2 and 5
- 2 and -5

6.) $3y^2 - 8y - 4$ ↗ Rewrite ↘ $y^2 - 8y - 12$

$a = \underline{3}$ $b = \underline{-8}$ $c = \underline{-4}$

Cannot be factored since none of the factor pairs of -12 add to -8.

Check

Factor pairs of -12

- 1 and -12
- 1 and 12
- 2 and -6
- 2 and 6
- 3 and -4
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1.) $2n^2 + 15n + 7 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} n^2 + 15n + 14$

$a = \underline{2}$ $b = \underline{15}$ $c = \underline{7}$ $= (n + \frac{1}{2})(n + \frac{14}{2})$

$= (2n + 1)(n + 7)$

Check

$$(2n + 1)(n + 7)$$

$$2n^2 + 14n + n + 7$$

$$2n^2 + 15n + 7 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of 14
- 1 and 14
 - 1 and -14
 - 2 and 7
 - 2 and -7

2.) $6x^2 + 7x + 2 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} x^2 + 7x + 12$

$a = \underline{6}$ $b = \underline{7}$ $c = \underline{2}$ $= (x + \frac{3}{6})(x + \frac{4}{6})$

$= (2x + 1)(3x + 2)$

Check

$$(2x + 1)(3x + 2)$$

$$6x^2 + 4x + 3x + 2$$

$$6x^2 + 7x + 2 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of 12
- 1 and 12
 - 1 and -12
 - 2 and 6
 - 2 and -6
 - 3 and 4
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3.) $4w^2 + 3w - 1$ Rewrite $\rightarrow w^2 + 3w - 4$

$a = \underline{4}$ $b = \underline{3}$ $c = \underline{-1}$ $= (w - \frac{1}{4})(w + \frac{4}{4})$

$= (4w - 1)(w + 1)$

Check

$$(4w - 1)(w + 1)$$

$$4w^2 + 4w - w - 1$$

$$4w^2 + 3w - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of -4
- 1 and -4
 - 1 and 4
 - 2 and -2
 - 2 and 2

4.) $3n^2 + 11n + 6$ Rewrite $\rightarrow n^2 + 11n + 18$

$a = \underline{3}$ $b = \underline{11}$ $c = \underline{6}$ $= (n + \frac{2}{3})(n + \frac{9}{3})$

$= (3n + 2)(n + 3)$

Check

$$(3n + 2)(n + 3)$$

$$3n^2 + 9n + 2n + 6$$

$$3n^2 + 11n + 6 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of 18
- 1 and 18
 - 1 and -18
 - 2 and 9
 - 2 and -9
 - 3 and 6
 - 3 and -6

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5.) $2y^2 + 5y - 3$ Rewrite $\rightarrow y^2 + 5y - 6$

$a = \underline{2}$ $b = \underline{5}$ $c = \underline{-3}$ $= (y - \frac{1}{2})(y + \frac{6}{2})$

$= (2y - 1)(y + 3)$

Check

$$(2y - 1)(y + 3)$$

$$2y^2 + 6y - y - 3$$

$$2y^2 + 5y - 3 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of -6
- 1 and -6
 - 1 and 6
 - 2 and -3
 - 2 and 3

6.) $9x^2 + 12x + 4$ Rewrite $\rightarrow x^2 + 12x + 36$

$a = \underline{9}$ $b = \underline{12}$ $c = \underline{4}$ $= (x + \frac{6}{9})(x + \frac{6}{9})$

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

Check

$$(3x + 2)(3x + 2)$$

$$9x^2 + 6x + 6x + 4$$

$$9x^2 + 12x + 4 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of 36
- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 and 36 | -1 and -36 |
| 2 and 18 | -2 and -18 |
| 3 and 12 | -3 and -12 |
| 4 and 9 | -4 and -9 |
| 6 and 6 | -6 and -6 |

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7.) $3n^2 + 7n + 3 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} n^2 + 7n + 9$

$a = \underline{3}$ $b = \underline{7}$ $c = \underline{3}$

Cannot be factored since none of the factor pairs of 9 add to 7.

Check

Factor pairs of 9

- 1 and 9
- 1 and -9
- 3 and 3

8.) $10x^2 + x - 2 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} x^2 + x - 20$

$a = \underline{10}$ $b = \underline{1}$ $c = \underline{-20}$ $= \left(x - \frac{4}{10} \right) \left(x + \frac{5}{10} \right)$

$= (5x - 2)(2x + 1)$

Check

$$(5x - 2)(2x + 1)$$

$$10x^2 + 5x - 4x - 2$$

$$10x^2 + x - 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of 20

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1 and -20 | -1 and 20 |
| 2 and -10 | -2 and 10 |
| 4 and -5 | -4 and 5 |

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$\underbrace{\quad\quad}_3 + 5 \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad}_3 \bullet 5$

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1.) $2p^2 + 5p + 3 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} p^2 + 5p + 6$

$a = \underline{2} \quad b = \underline{5} \quad c = \underline{3} \quad = \left(p + \frac{2}{2} \right) \left(p + \frac{3}{2} \right)$

$= (p + 1)(2p + 3)$

Check

$$(p + 1)(2p + 3)$$

$$2p^2 + 3p + 2p + 3$$

$$2p^2 + 5p + 3 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of 6
- 1 and 6
 - 1 and -6
 - 2 and 3
 - 2 and -3

2.) $2n^2 + 3n + 5 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} n^2 + 3n + 10$

$a = \underline{2} \quad b = \underline{3} \quad c = \underline{5}$

Cannot be factored since none of the factor pairs of 10 add to 3.

Check

- Factor pairs of 10
- 1 and 10
 - 1 and -10
 - 2 and 5
 - 2 and -5

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$= (7y - 1)(y + 1)$

Factor pairs of -7

$\boxed{1 \text{ and } -7}$
 $\boxed{-1 \text{ and } 7}$

Check

$(7y - 1)(y + 1)$

$7y^2 + 7y - y - 1$

$7y^2 + 6y - 1 \quad \checkmark$

4.) $4x^2 + 8x + 3 \xrightarrow{\text{Rewrite}} x^2 + 8x + 12$

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$= (2x + 1)(2x + 3)$

Factor pairs of 12

$1 \text{ and } 12$
 $-1 \text{ and } -12$
 $\boxed{2 \text{ and } 6}$
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 $3 \text{ and } 4$
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$2y^2 + 5y - 3$ ✓

Factor pairs of -6

1 and -6

-1 and 6

2 and -3

-2 and 3

6.) $10x^2 - x - 3$ Rewrite $\rightarrow x^2 - x - 30$

$a = \underline{10}$ $b = \underline{-1}$ $c = \underline{-3}$ = $(x + \frac{5}{10})(x - \frac{6}{10})$

$= (2x + 1)(5x - 3)$

Check

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Factor pairs of -30

1 and -30 -1 and 30

2 and -15 -2 and 15

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5 and -6 -5 and 6

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1.) $6n^2 + 11n - 2$ ↔ Rewrite $n^2 + 11n - 12$

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$= (6n - 1)(n + 2)$

Check

$$(6n - 1)(n + 2)$$

$$6n^2 + 12n - n - 2$$

$$6n^2 + 11n - 2 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of -12**
- 1 and -12
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 - 3 and -4
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3.) $2k^2 + 9k + 7$ Rewrite \rightarrow $k^2 + 9k + 14$

$a = \underline{2}$ $b = \underline{9}$ $c = \underline{7}$ $= (k + \frac{2}{2})(k + \frac{7}{2})$

$= (k + 1)(2k + 7)$

Check

$$(k + 1)(2k + 7)$$

$$2k^2 + 7k + 2k + 7$$

$$2k^2 + 9k + 7 \quad \checkmark$$

Factor pairs of 14

- 1 and 14
- 1 and -14
- 2 and 7
- 2 and -7

4.) $6x^2 + 7x - 1$ Rewrite \rightarrow $x^2 + 7x - 6$

$a = \underline{6}$ $b = \underline{7}$ $c = \underline{-1}$

Cannot be factored since none of the factor pairs of -6 add to 7.

Check

Factor pairs of -6

- 1 and -6
- 1 and 6
- 2 and -3
- 2 and 3

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5.) $15x^2 - 2x - 1$ ↗ Rewrite ↘ $x^2 - 2x - 15$

$a = \underline{15}$ $b = \underline{-2}$ $c = \underline{-1}$ $= (x + \frac{3}{15})(x - \frac{5}{15})$

$= (5x + 1)(3x - 1)$

Check

$$(5x + 1)(3x - 1)$$

$$15x^2 - 5x + 3x - 1$$

$$15x^2 - 2x - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of -15
- 1 and -15
 - 1 and 15
 - 3 and -5
 - 3 and 5

6.) $8x^2 + 14x + 3$ ↗ Rewrite ↘ $x^2 + 14x + 24$

$a = \underline{8}$ $b = \underline{14}$ $c = \underline{3}$ $= (x + \frac{2}{8})(x + \frac{12}{8})$

$= (4x + 1)(2x + 3)$

Check

$$(4x + 1)(2x + 3)$$

$$8x^2 + 12x + 2x + 3$$

$$8x^2 + 14x + 3 \quad \checkmark$$

- Factor pairs of 24
- 1 and 24
 - 2 and 12
 - 3 and 8
 - 4 and 6
 - 1 and -24
 - 2 and -12
 - 3 and -8
 - 4 and -6

Why does bottoms up work? Consider $4x^2 - 4x - 3$

$$\underline{4}x^2 - 4x - 3$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 12$$

$$(x - \frac{6}{4})(x + \frac{2}{4})$$

$$(x - \frac{3}{2})(x + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$(2x - 3)(2x + 1)$$

$$4(x^2 - 1x - \frac{3}{4})$$

$$4(x - \frac{3}{2})(x + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$2(x - \frac{3}{2})2(x + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$(2x - 3)(2x + 1)$$

