

Multiplying Polynomials (Special Cases)

Objective:

By the end of the lesson you will be able to multiply polynomials using special cases (identities).

Review - Multiplying Polynomials

Last lesson we multiplied binomials. We do this by using the distributive property twice:

Examples:

1) $(x + 7)(x - 3)$

2) $(x - 9)(x - 2)$

What is special about this problem?

3) $(x + 7)(x - 7)$

Special Cases for Multiplying Polynomials

Some types of problems occur so often when multiplying polynomials that it makes sense to have shortcuts.

These shortcuts are pre-formatted 'looks' called identities.

The special case we will start with is Difference of Squares.

Example:

$$4) (n + 3)(n - 3)$$

$$5) (2n + 9)(2n - 9)$$

Simplify the following:

6) $(x + 5)(x - 5)$

7) $(3x + 1)(3x - 1)$

8) $(2x + 3y)(2x - 3y)$

9) $(10x - y^3)(10x + y^3)$

Special Cases for Multiplying Polynomials

The next special case we will look at is Perfect Square Binomials.

Simplify the following:

10) $(k + 5)^2$

11) $(k - 8)^2$

12) $(x + 4)^2$

13) $(x - 7)^2$

Simplify the following:

14) $(2a + 5b)^2$

15) $(a - 6b)^2$

16) $(2x + y)^2$

17) $(x - 4y)^2$

Wrap up

Can you multiply polynomials: () ()?

Do you recognize the Difference of Squares?

Do you recognize Perfect Square Binomials?

Assignment - Due next class

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