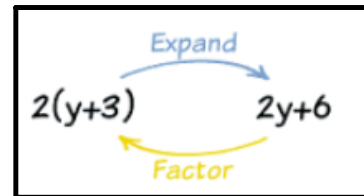


# Factors and Products

↳ Section 3.3 to 3.8



## Section 3.3: Common Factors of a Polynomial

### Grade 9 Review

#### Polynomial

↳ an algebraic expression that contains one term, or the sum of terms, where all variables will have whole number exponents.

↳ This polynomial  $x^2 - 3x - 4$  has ...

\* 3 terms \_\_\_\_\_

\* a variable \_\_\_\_\_

\* a constant term \_\_\_\_\_

\* numerical coefficients \_\_\_\_\_

\* leading numerical coefficient \_\_\_\_\_

terms are  
separated by  
+ or -



In Grade 9 we discussed 3 types of polynomials:

Monomial: \_\_\_\_\_ → Example \_\_\_\_\_

Binomial: \_\_\_\_\_ → Example \_\_\_\_\_

Trinomial: \_\_\_\_\_ → Example \_\_\_\_\_

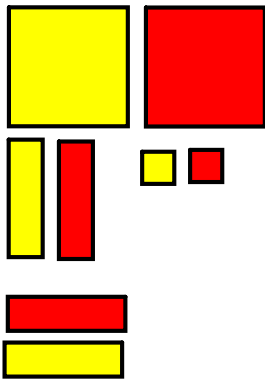
## Represent Polynomials using Algebra Tiles

↳ Shaded is positive   
Unshaded is negative 

In the text,  
yellow is positive  
and  
red is negative.

### Example 1

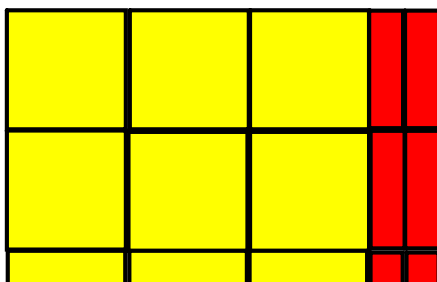
(a) Represent the polynomial  $x^2 + 3x - 4$  using algebra tiles.



(b) Could you represent the tiles of the polynomial  $x^2 + 3x - 4$  in a rectangular shape?



(c) Write the polynomial represented by the following tiles. Identify the length and width.



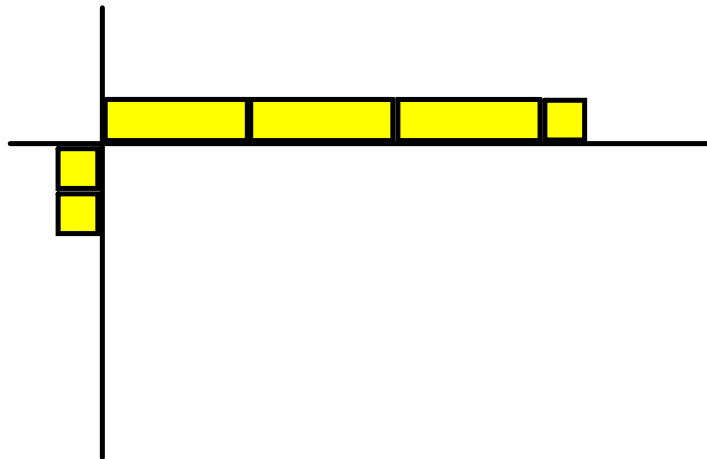
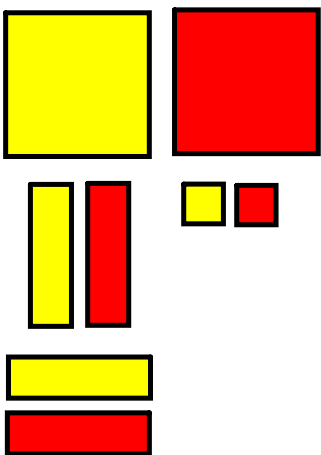
# Multiply a Monomial by a Binomial

Example 2 Multiply each monomial by a binomial using:

- (i) algebra tiles
- (ii) the distributive property (algebra)

a)  $2(3x+1)$

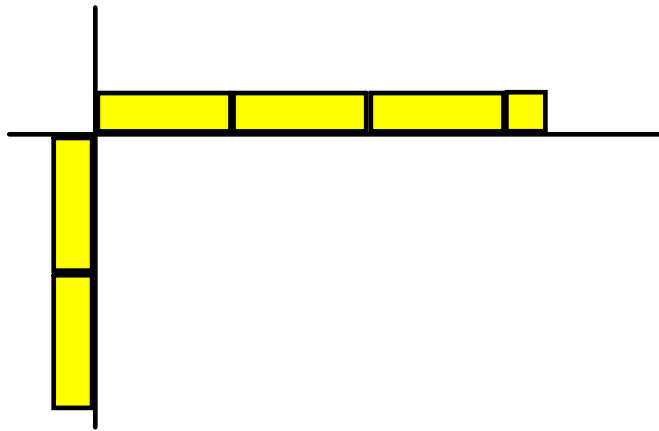
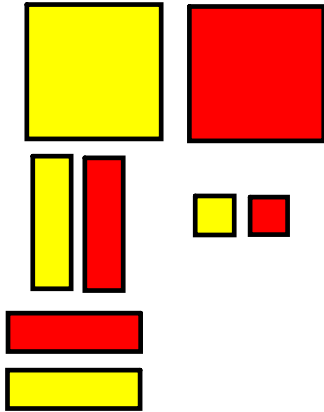
Algebra Tiles



Distributive Property:  $2(3x+1)$

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

Algebra tiles



Distributive Property:  $2x(3x + 1)$

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**Example 3 Your Turn:** Algebraically multiply the following:

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

b)  $-2x(x - 7)$

b)  $-2y(3x - 5y)$

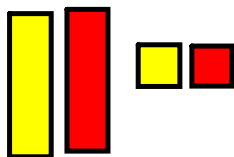
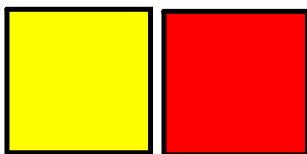
## Divide a Binomial by a Monomial

Example 4 Divide each binomial by a monomial using:

- └ (i) algebra tiles  
└ (ii) algebra

a)  $\frac{4x^2 + 8x}{2}$  ← Idea: arrange the polynomial into 2 equal groups

Algebra tiles

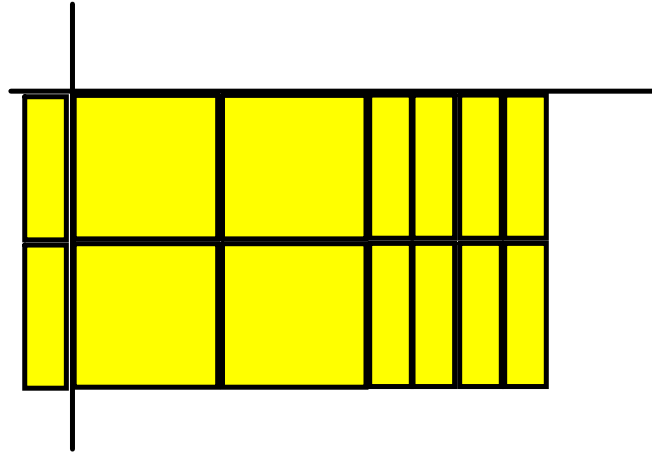
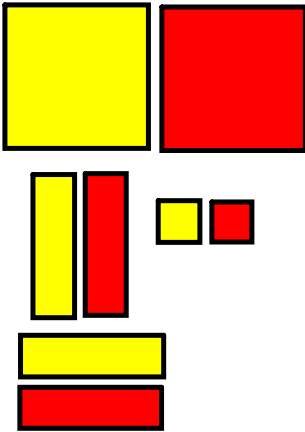


Algebra:  $\frac{4x^2 + 8x}{2}$

$$\text{b) } \frac{4x^2 + 8x}{2x}$$

← Idea: create a rectangle with a width of  $2x$

Algebra Tiles



$$\text{Algebra: } \frac{4x^2 + 8x}{2x}$$

**Example 5 Your Turn:** Algebraically divide the following polynomials:

$$\text{a) } \frac{20x^2 + 25x}{5x}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{16x^3 + 2x^2}{8x}$$

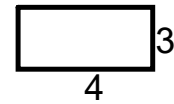
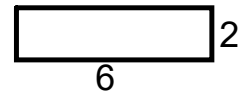
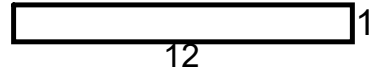
### Example 6

- Using the algebra tiles  $6x + 12$ , sketch all the ways you can arrange these tiles to form a rectangle.
- Beside each diagram, label the length and the width of the rectangle.
- Write the area as a multiplication sentence for each diagram.



### Think About:

If the Area of a rectangle is  $12 \text{ cm}^2$  what are some possible dimensions of the rectangle?



Even though the area  $6x + 12$  can be modelled 4 ways, only one of these are factored completely.

Can you tell which one?

It's the length and width that looked most like a square.

**Note**

Our goal is to always ensure a polynomial is factored completely. Therefore, look for the **greatest common factor** between all the terms.

**Example 7** Refer to the polynomial  $8x + 36$

- a) What is the GCF of each term in the polynomial?
- b) Factor the polynomial.
- c) Verify that the factors are correct.

**Example 8** Factor each binomial and verify that the factors are correct.

a)  $14n + 21$

b)  $8m + 12m^2$



Example 9 Factor the trinomials.

a)  $2m^2 + 6m - 10$

b)  $6 - 9x + 3x^2$

c)  $-12n^2 - 6 - 10n$

Note

If the expression begins with a negative value factor out the negative with the GCF.

d)  $-20x^4y^3 + 15x^3y^2 - 10x^2y$

e)  $7x^3y^4 + 14xy^2 - 21x^2y$

Work Book Questions

p.155 - 156 #4ab, 8abd, 10abd,  
12, 16abc

Extra Practice Questions

p.155 - 156 #7bcd, 8cef, 9bd,  
10cef, 14, 16def