

SOL HW 4.5

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Math 9 Enriched: Section 4.5 Factoring Difference and Sums of Powers

Difference of squares: $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$

Difference and Sums of Cubes: $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$ $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

Difference of Powers: $a^n - b^n = (a-b)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + \dots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1})$

Difference of Sums: $a^{2n+1} + b^{2n+1} = (a+b)(a^{2n} - a^{2n-1}b + a^{2n-2}b^2 - \dots - ab^{2n-1} + b^{2n})$

1. Factor each and simplify the following expressions completely:

<p>a) $x^6 - 64$ $(x^3 + 8)(x^3 - 8)$ $(x+2)(x^2 - ab + b^2)(x-2)(x^2 + ab + b^2)$</p>	<p>b) $9^3 - a^6 x^6$ $(3^3)^3 - (a^2 x^2)^3$ $(3^3)^3 - (ax)^6$ or $= (3^3 - a^2 b^3)(3^3 + a^2 b^3)$ $3^6 - (ax)^6 = (3-a)(9-3ab+a^2b^2)(3+ab)(9+3ab+a^2b^2)$ $= (3-ax)(3^5 + 3^3 ax + 3^2 a^2 x^2 + 3 a^3 x^3 + 3 a^4 x^4 + a^5 x^5)$</p>
<p>c) $81 - (3a+2)^4$ $3^4 - (3a+2)^4$ $[3^2 + (3a+2)^2][3^2 - (3a+2)^2]$ $(9 + (9a^2 + 12a + 4))(-9a^2 - 3a - 4)$ $= (9a^2 + 12a + 13)(-9a^2 - 3a - 4)$ $- (9a^2 + 12a + 13)(9a^2 + 3a + 4)$</p>	<p>d) $\frac{1000 + 27x^3}{100 - 9x^2}$ $\frac{10^3 + (3x)^3}{10^2 - (3x)^2}$ $= \frac{(10 + 3x)(100 - 30x + 9x^2)}{(10 + 3x)(10 - 3x)}$</p>
<p>e) $\frac{a^3 - 27b^3}{a^2 - 9b^2}$ $\frac{a^3 - (3b)^3}{a^2 - (3b)^2} = \frac{(a-3b)(a^2 + 3ab + 9b^2)}{(a-3b)(a+3b)} = \frac{a^2 + 3ab + 9b^2}{a+3b}$</p>	<p>f) $y^6 + 16y^3 + 15$ $(y^3 + 15)(y^3 + 1)$ $(y^3 + 15)(y+1)(y^2 - y + 1)$</p>
<p>g) $x^6 - 7x^3 - 8$ $(x^3 - 8)(x^3 - 1)$ $(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)(x-1)(x^2 + x + 1)$</p>	<p>h) $8y^6 - 9y^3 + 1$ $8 \rightarrow -1 = -6$ $1 \rightarrow -1 = -1$ $(8y^3 - 1)(y^3 - 1)$ $(2y-1)(4y^2 + 2y + 1)(y-1)(y^2 + y + 1)$</p>

i) $x^6 - 26x^3 - 27$

j) $27y^6 + 35y^3 + 8$

2. Factor completely: $-a^2b^2 + 2ab^3 - b^4 + a^2c^2 - 2abc^2 + b^2c^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & -b^2(a^2 - 2ab + b^2) + c^2(a^2 - 2ab + b^2) \\ & -b^2(a-b)(a-b) + c^2(a-b)(a-b) \\ & (a-b)(a-b)(c^2 - b^2) \\ & (a-b)(a-b)(c+b)(c-b) // \end{aligned}$$

3. Factor completely with integral coefficients: $x^{12} - y^{12}$

$$\begin{aligned} & x^{12} - y^{12} \\ & = (x^6 + y^6)(x^6 - y^6) \\ & = (x^2 + y^2)(x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^2)(x^3 - y^3)(x^3 + y^3) \\ & = (x^2 + y^2)(x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^2)(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)(x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) // \end{aligned}$$

4. Factor and simplify the expression as much as possible: $\left(\frac{a^3 - 1}{a^2 - 1}\right)\left(\frac{a^2 + 2a + 1}{a^3 + 1}\right)\left(\frac{a^2 - a + 1}{a + 1}\right)$

5. When $x^9 - x$ is factored as completely as possible into polynomials and monomials with integral coefficients, how many factors are there?

$$\begin{aligned} x^9 - x &= x(x^8 - 1) \\ &= x(x^4 + 1)(x^4 - 1) \\ &= x(x^4 + 1)(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1) \\ &= \underline{x}(x^4 + 1)(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x - 1) \end{aligned}$$

6. If $x + y = 4$ and $xy = 2$, then find $x^6 + y^6$

7. Find the value of $x^6 + \frac{1}{x^6}$ if the value of $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{x} + x &= 3 \\ \left(\frac{1}{x} + x\right)^2 &= 9 \\ x^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{x^2} &= 9 \\ \boxed{\frac{1}{x^2} + x^2 &= 7} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + x^2\right)\left(\frac{1}{x} + x\right) &= 21 \\ \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x} + x^2 + x^3 &= 21 \\ \frac{1}{x^3} + x^3 + 3 &= 21 \\ \boxed{\frac{1}{x^3} + x^3 &= 18} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + x^3\right)^2 &= 18^2 \\ \frac{1}{x^6} + \frac{1}{x^2} + x^2 + x^6 &= 324 \\ \frac{1}{x^6} + x^6 + 3 &= 324 \\ \boxed{\frac{1}{x^6} + x^6 &= 322} \end{aligned}$$

8. If $a + b = 1$, $a^2 + b^2 = 2$, find the value of $a^4 + b^4$

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= 1 & a^2 + b^2 &= 2 & a^4 + b^4 & \\ (a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + b^2) &= 4 & (a+b)(a+b) &= 1 & a^4 + b^4 + \frac{1}{2} &= 4 \\ a^4 + 2a^2b^2 + b^4 &= 4 & a^2 + 2ab + b^2 &= 1 & \boxed{a^4 + b^4 &= \frac{7}{2}} \\ a^4 + 2a^2b^2 + b^4 &= 4 & 2ab + 2 &= 1 & & \\ & & 2ab &= -1 & & \\ & & 4a^2b^2 &= 1 & & \\ & & 2a^2b^2 &= \frac{1}{2} & & \end{aligned}$$

9. If $\frac{1}{a+c} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c}$, find the value of $\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a+c} &= \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} & \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^3 &=? \\ \frac{1}{a+c} &= \frac{c+a}{ac} & 0 &= a^2 - c^2 \\ \frac{1}{a+c} &= \frac{a+c}{ac} & \frac{a^2}{c^2} - \frac{a^2}{c} & \\ ac &= (a+c)^2 & \frac{a^2}{c^2} &= \frac{a^2}{a+c} \\ ac &= a^2 + 2ac + c^2 & \frac{a^2}{c^2} &= \frac{a^2}{a+c} \\ (a-c)0 &= (a^2 + ac + c^2)(a-c) & \frac{a^2}{c^2} &= \frac{a^2}{a+c} \\ a^2 - c^2 &= (a^2 + ac + c^2)(a-c) & \frac{a^2}{c^2} &= \frac{a^2}{a+c} \end{aligned}$$

10. Find the sum of $\frac{1}{3+2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{7}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+2} + \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}}$.

11. Challenge: Find the sum of: $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1} + \sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{6} + \sqrt[3]{9}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{9} + \sqrt[3]{12} + \sqrt[3]{16}}$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1} + \sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{4}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{(\sqrt[3]{1})^2 + (\sqrt[3]{2})^2 + (\sqrt[3]{4})^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{1} - \sqrt[3]{2}}{1 - 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{6} + \sqrt[3]{9}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\sqrt[3]{4})^2 + (\sqrt[3]{6})^2 + (\sqrt[3]{9})^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{4} - \sqrt[3]{6}}{2 - 3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{9} + \sqrt[3]{12} + \sqrt[3]{16}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\sqrt[3]{9})^2 + (\sqrt[3]{12})^2 + (\sqrt[3]{16})^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{9} - \sqrt[3]{12}}{3 - 4}$$

$a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
 $\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a - b} = (a^2 + ab + b^2)$
 $\frac{a - b}{a^2 - b^2} = \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2}$

$(\sqrt[3]{1} + \sqrt[3]{2}) + (-\sqrt[3]{2} + \sqrt[3]{3}) + (-\sqrt[3]{3} + \sqrt[3]{4})$
 $= \sqrt[3]{4} - \sqrt[3]{1} //$

12. Challenge: March 2009 (Adler). Show that $n^{n-1} - 1$ is divisible by $(n-1)^2$ for every positive integer "n".

$$(n^{n-1} - 1) = (n-1) \left(n^{n-2} + n^{n-3} + n^{n-4} + n^{n-5} + \dots + 1 \right)$$

THESE ARE $(n-1)$ TERMS IN HERE

- I'm going to add a bunch of zero pairs
- I will add $(n-1)$'s subtract 's from each term.

$$= (n-1) \left(n^{n-2} - 1 + n^{n-3} - 1 + n^{n-4} - 1 + n^{n-5} - 1 + \dots + n^2 - 1 + n - 1 + 1 - 1 + (n-1) \right)$$

$$= (n-1) \left((n^{n-2} - 1) + (n^{n-3} - 1) + (n^{n-4} - 1) + \dots + (n^2 - 1) + (n - 1) + 0 + (n-1) \right)$$

$$= (n-1) \left[\underbrace{(n-1)} (n^{n-3} + n^{n-4} + \dots) + \underbrace{(n-1)} (n^{n-4} + n^{n-5} + \dots) + \dots + \underbrace{(n-1)} (n^2 + n^1) + \underbrace{(n-1)} + \underbrace{(n-1)} \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{(n-1)} (n-1) \left[(n^{n-3} + n^{n-4} + \dots) + (n^{n-4} + n^{n-5} + \dots) + \dots + (n^2 + 1 + 1) \right]$$

13. (Challenge) Let "x" and "y" be two-digit integers such that "y" is obtained by reversing the digits of "x". The integers "x" and "y" satisfy $x^2 - y^2 = m^2$ for some positive integer "m". What is the value of $x + y + m$?

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 10a + b \\ y &= 10b + a \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} x + y &= 11(a + b) \\ x - y &= 9(a - b) \end{aligned} \quad \therefore \begin{aligned} x &= 56 \\ y &= 65 \\ m &= 9 \times 11 \\ &= 99 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x^2 - y^2 = m^2$$

$$11(a+b)(9)(a-b) = m^2$$

$$\hookrightarrow 11 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

$$\boxed{a=6 \quad b=5} //$$

$$\therefore x + y + m = 56 + 65 + 99 = 220 //$$