

Factor by guess and check

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Leading Coefficient  
is Prime or has  
minimal Factors

Factor:  $3x^2 + 5x + 2$

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

$\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$

$$(3x)(1) + 2(x) = 5x$$
$$(3x)(2) + 1(x) = 7x$$

Factor:  $3y^2 + 22y + 7$

$$(3y + 1)(y + 7)$$

$\begin{array}{cc} +7 & +1 \\ +1 & +7 \end{array}$

$$= (3y)(1) + (y)(7) = 10y$$
$$(3y)(7) + (y)(1) = 22y$$

Factor:  $4b^2 + 5b + 1$

$$(4b + 1)(b + 1)$$

$\begin{array}{cc} 2b & 2b \\ 4b & b \\ +1 & +1 \end{array}$

$$(2b)(1) + (2b)(1) = 4b$$
$$(4b)(1) + b(1) = 5b$$

Factor:  $10y^4 + 55y^3 + 60y^2$

$$5y^2(2y^2 + 11y + 12)$$

$$(2y + 3)(y + 4)$$

$\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 \end{array}$

$$(2y)(2) + 6(y) = 10y$$
$$(2y)(4) + 2(y) = 14y$$
$$(3y)(4) + 3(y) = 11y$$

Factor:  $15x^3 - 85x^2 + 100x$

$$5x(3x^2 - 17x + 20)$$

$$5x(3x - 5)(x - 4)$$

$$12x^2 + 17x + 36$$

Split the Middle Term

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

Factor any GCF

Find the product of ac.

Find two numbers m and n

$$\text{Multiply to ac } m \cdot n = a \cdot c$$

$$\text{Add to b } m + n = b$$

Split the middle term using m and n

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$ax^2 + mx + nx + c$$

Factor by grouping

$$8 \cdot (-21) = \underline{-168}$$

$$-21 \cdot 8$$

$$-8 \cdot 21$$

$$\underline{-24 \cdot 7}$$

Factor:  $8u^2 - 17u - 21$

$$(8u^2 - 24u) + (7u - 21)$$

$$8u(u-3) + 7(u-3)$$

$$(u-3)(8u+7)$$

$$(6)(-20) = \underline{-120}$$

$$-20 \cdot 6$$

$$-6 \cdot 20$$

$$24 \cdot -5$$

Factor:  $6x^2 + 19x - 20$

$$(6x^2 + 24x) - (5x - 20)$$

$$6x(x+4) - 5(x+4)$$

$$(6x-5)(x+4)$$

Factor:  $3t^2 + 8t + 5$

$$\frac{15}{5 \cdot 3}$$

$$(3t^2 + 5t) + (3t + 5)$$

$$t(3t+5) + 1(3t+5)$$

$$(3t+5)(t+1)$$

$$(3t^2 + 3t) + (5t + 5)$$

$$3t(t+1) + 5(t+1)$$

$$(3t+5)(t+1)$$

Factor:  $10y^2 - 55y + 70$

$$5(2y^2 - 11y + 14)$$

$$(2y^2 - 7y)(4y + 14)$$

$$y(2y-7) - 2(2y-7)$$

$$\frac{28}{-7 \cdot -4}$$

$$-7 \cdot -4$$

$$5(2y-7)(y-2)$$

Factor:  $16x^2 - 32x + 12$

$$4(4x^2 - 8x + 3)$$

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

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

$$\frac{12}{-6 \cdot -2}$$

$$-6 \cdot -2$$

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