



Practice Run

Express each of the following polynomials as a product of its factors.

1. $2x^2 + 20x + 42$

2. $18m^2 - 8$



Compare your answers.

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1. $2x^2 + 20x + 42$ (GCF and trinomial factoring)

$$2x^2 + 20x + 42 = 2(x^2 + 10x + 21)$$

Find two values that have a product of 21 and sum to 10. The values are 3 and 7.

$$2(x^2 + 10x + 21) = 2(x + 3)(x + 7)$$

2. $18m^2 - 8$ (GCF and difference of squares)

$$\text{GCF} = 2$$

$$\frac{18m^2}{2} - \frac{8}{2} = 9m^2 - 4$$

$$18m^2 - 8 = 2(9m^2 - 4)$$

$$9m^2 - 4 \text{ (Difference of Squares)}$$

$$\sqrt{9m^2} = 3m$$

$$\sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$9m^2 - 4 = (3m - 2)(3m + 2)$$

$$18m^2 - 8 = 2(3m + 2)(3m - 2)$$