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R.1 Sets

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R.1 Sets

Basic Definitions ■ Operations on Sets

R.1 Example 1 Listing the Elements of a Set (page 3)

Write the elements belonging to:

(a) $\{x|x \text{ is a natural number between 8 and 12}\}$

$\{9, 10, 11\}$

(b) $\{x|x \text{ is a state that borders Iowa}\}$

$\{\text{Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri}\}$

R.1 Example 2 Finding the Complement of a Set (page 4)

Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$,
 $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$, $B = \{3, 6, 9\}$

Find A' , B' , U' , \emptyset'

A' contains the elements of U that are not in A :
 $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$

B' contains the elements of U that are not in B :
 $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$

$$U' = \emptyset$$

$$\emptyset' = U$$

Find

$$(a) \{15, 20, 25, 30\} \cap \{12, 18, 24, 30\}$$

$$\{15, 20, 25, 30\} \cap \{12, 18, 24, 30\} = \{30\}$$

The element 30 is the only one belonging to both sets.

R.1 Example 3 Finding the Intersection of Two Sets (cont.)

Find

$$(b) \{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18\} \cap \{6, 12, 18, 24\}$$

$$\{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18\} \cap \{6, 12, 18, 24\} = \{6, 12, 18\}$$

The elements 6, 12, and 18 belong to both sets.

Find

$$(a) \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\} \cup \{3, 6, 9, 12\}$$

List the elements of the first set, then include the elements from the second set that are not already listed.

$$\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\} \cup \{3, 6, 9, 12\} = \{1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12\}$$

R.1 Example 4 Finding the Union of Two Sets (cont.)

Find

$$(b) \{9, 10, 11, 12\} \cup \{10, 12, 14, 16\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{9, 10, 11, 12\} \cup \{10, 12, 14, 16\} \\ = \{9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16\} \end{aligned}$$

R.2 Real Numbers and Their Properties

Sets of Numbers and the Number Line ■ Exponents ■ Order of Operations ■ Properties of Real Numbers ■ Order on the Number Line ■ Absolute Value

R.2 Example 1 Identifying Elements of Subsets of the Real Numbers (page 8)

$$\text{Let } S = \left\{ -12, -7.25, -\sqrt{3}, -\frac{5}{6}, 0, .\overline{45}, \sqrt{9}, \frac{21}{3}, 999 \right\}$$

List the elements of S that belong to each set.

(a) natural numbers $\left\{ \sqrt{9} \text{ (or 3)}, \frac{21}{3} \text{ (or 7)}, 999 \right\}$

(b) whole numbers $\left\{ 0, \sqrt{9} \text{ (or 3)}, \frac{21}{3} \text{ (or 7)}, 999 \right\}$

R.2 Example 1 Identifying Elements of Subsets of the Real Numbers (cont.)

$$\text{Let } S = \left\{ -12, -7.25, -\sqrt{3}, -\frac{5}{6}, 0, \overline{.45}, \sqrt{9}, \frac{21}{3}, 999 \right\}$$

List the elements of S that belong to each set.

(c) integers $\left\{ -12, 0, \sqrt{9} \text{ (or } 3), \frac{21}{3} \text{ (or } 7), 999 \right\}$

(d) rational numbers $\text{All elements of } S \text{ except } -\sqrt{3}$

R.2 Example 1 Identifying Elements of Subsets of the Real Numbers (cont.)

$$\text{Let } S = \left\{ -12, -7.25, -\sqrt{3}, -\frac{5}{6}, 0, \overline{.45}, \sqrt{9}, \frac{21}{3}, 999 \right\}$$

List the elements of S that belong to each set.

(e) irrational numbers $-\sqrt{3}$

(f) real numbers **All elements of S are real numbers.**

R.2 Example 2 Evaluating Exponential Expressions (page 10)

Evaluate each expression and identify the base and the exponent.

$$(a) 10^3 \quad 10^3 = \underbrace{10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10}_{3 \text{ factors of } 10} = 64 \quad \text{Base: } 10 \\ \text{Exponent: } 3$$

$$(b) (-3)^4 \quad (-3)^4 = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) = 81 \\ \text{Base: } -3 \quad \text{Exponent: } 4$$

R.2 Example 2 Evaluating Exponential Expressions (cont.)

Evaluate each expression and identify the base and the exponent.

$$(c) -3^4 \quad -3^4 = -(3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) = -81$$

Base: 3 Exponent: 4

$$(d) 2 \cdot 5^2 \quad 2 \cdot 5^2 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 50$$

Base: 5 Exponent: 2

$$(e) (2 \cdot 5)^2 \quad (2 \cdot 5)^2 = 10^2 = 10 \cdot 10 = 100$$

Base: 10 Exponent: 2

R.2 Example 3(a) Using Order of Operations (page 11)

Evaluate

$$6 \div 3 + 2^3 \cdot 5$$

$$6 \div 3 + 2^3 \cdot 5 = 6 \div 3 + 8 \cdot 5$$

Evaluate the exponential

$$= 2 + 8 \cdot 5$$

Divide

$$= 2 + 40$$

Multiply

$$= 42$$

Add

R.2 Example 3(b) Using Order of Operations (cont.)

Evaluate

$$(30 - 5) \cdot 3 \div 15 + 7$$

$$(30 - 5) \cdot 3 \div 15 + 7 = 25 \cdot 3 \div 15 + 7$$

Work within the
parenthesis

$$= 75 \div 15 + 7$$

Multiply

$$= 5 + 7$$

Divide

$$= 12$$

Add

R.2 Example 3(c) Using Order of Operations (cont.)

Evaluate

$$\frac{2^4 - 11}{9 + 3 \cdot 2}$$

$$\frac{2^4 - 11}{9 + 3 \cdot 2} = \frac{16 - 11}{9 + 6}$$

Evaluate the exponential

Multiply

$$= \frac{5}{15} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Subtract

Add

Simplify

R.2 Example 3(d) Using Order of Operations (cont.)

Evaluate

$$\frac{-7^2 - (-9)}{6(-3) - 1(-2)}$$

$$\frac{-7^2 - (-9)}{6(-3) - 1(-2)} = \frac{-49 - (-9)}{6(-3) - 1(-2)}$$

Evaluate the exponential

$$= \frac{-49 + 9}{-18 + 2}$$

Multiply

$$= \frac{-40}{-16} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Add

Simplify

Add

R.2 Example 4(a) Using Order of Operations (page 11)

Evaluate $6a^2 + 5b - 3c$ using $a = -4$, $b = 3$, and $c = -6$.

$$\begin{aligned}6a^2 + 5b - 3c &= 6(-4)^2 + 5(3) - 3(-6) && \text{Substitute} \\ &= 6(16) + 5(3) - 3(-6) && \text{Evaluate the} \\ & && \text{exponential} \\ &= 96 + 15 + 18 && \text{Multiply} \\ &= 129 && \text{Add}\end{aligned}$$

R.2 Example 4(b) Using Order of Operations (cont.)

Evaluate $\frac{4b - 3(a - 1)^2}{c + 9}$ using $a = -4$, $b = 3$, and $c = -6$.

$$\frac{4b - 3(a - 1)^2}{c + 9} = \frac{4(3) - 3(-4 - 1)^2}{-6 + 9}$$

Substitute

$$= \frac{4(3) - 3(-5)^2}{-6 + 9}$$

Subtract

$$= \frac{4(3) - 3(25)}{-6 + 9}$$

Evaluate the exponential

$$= \frac{12 - 75}{3} = \frac{-63}{3} = -21$$

Multiply, subtract, and simplify

R.2 Example 5(a) Using the Commutative and Associative Properties to Simplify Expressions (page 13)

Simplify $(12 + 2x) + 18$

$$(12 + 2x) + 18 = (2x + 12) + 18 \quad \text{Commutative property}$$

$$= 2x + (12 + 18) \quad \text{Associative property}$$

$$= 2x + 30$$

R.2 Example 5(b) Using the Commutative and Associative Properties to Simplify Expressions (cont.)

Simplify $\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)(-35t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)(-35t) &= \left(\frac{4}{7} \cdot (-35)\right)t \\ &= -20t\end{aligned}$$

Associative property

R.2 Example 5(c) Using the Commutative and Associative Properties to Simplify Expressions (cont.)

Simplify $(-54s)\left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)$

$$(-54s)\left(-\frac{4}{9}\right) = (s(-54))\left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)$$

Commutative property

$$= s\left(-54 \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)\right)$$

Associative property

$$= \left(-54 \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{9}\right)\right)s$$

Commutative property

$$= 24s$$

R.2 Example 6 Using the Distributive Property (page 14)

Rewrite using the distributive property and simplify.

$$(a) \ 8(m - 2n) = 8(m - 2n) = 8m - 16n$$

$$(b) \ -(-3r + 5s) = -1(-3r + 5s) = -3r - 5s$$

R.2 Example 6 Using the Distributive Property (cont.)

Rewrite using the distributive property and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad & \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{5}{6}p + \frac{1}{2}q - 28 \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{5}{6}p + \frac{1}{2}q - 28 \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{5}{6}p \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}q \right) - \frac{3}{4}(28) \\ &= \frac{5}{8}p + \frac{3}{8}q - 21 \end{aligned}$$

R.2 Example 6 Using the Distributive Property (cont.)

Rewrite using the distributive property and simplify.

$$(d) \quad 22t - 55 = 11(2t) - 11(5) = 11(2t - 5)$$

R.2 Example 7 Evaluating Absolute Values (page 15)

Evaluate each expression:

$$(a) \quad |-6.85| = 6.85$$

$$(b) \quad -|50| = -50$$

$$(c) \quad -\left|-\frac{2}{3}\right| = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$(d) \quad |y|, \text{ if } y = \sqrt{2}$$

$$|\sqrt{2}| = \sqrt{2}$$

Find P_d for a patient with a systolic pressure, P , of 146.

$$P_d = |P - 120| = |146 - 120| = |26| = 26$$

R.2 Example 9 Evaluating Absolute Value Expressions

(page 16)

Let $m = 13$ and $n = -9$. Evaluate each expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad |3m + 5n| &= -|3(13) + 5(-9)| \\ &= -|39 - 45| = -|6| = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \frac{|2m| - 3|n|}{|m + n|} &= \frac{|2(13)| - 3|(-9)|}{|13 + (-9)|} = \frac{|26| - 3|-9|}{|4|} \\ &= \frac{26 - 3(9)}{4} = \frac{26 - 27}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

R.3 Polynomials

Rules for Exponents ■ Polynomials ■ Addition and Subtraction ■
Multiplication ■ Division

R.3 Example 1 Using the Product Rule (page 22)

Find each product.

$$(a) m^6 \cdot m^8 = m^{6+8} = m^{14}$$

$$(b) (-5r^3)(6r^4)(-3r) = (-5)(6)(-3) \cdot (r^3r^4r)$$

Commutative and
associative properties

$$= 90 \cdot r^{3+4+1} \quad \text{Product rule}$$

$$= 90r^8$$

R.3 Example 2 Using the Power Rules (page 22)

Simplify. Assume all variables represent nonzero real numbers.

$$(a) \quad (7^3)^5 = 7^{3(5)} = 7^{15}$$

$$(b) \quad (2^5 y^3)^4 = (2^5)^4 (y^3)^4 \\ = 2^{5(4)} y^{3(4)} = 2^{20} y^{12}$$

R.3 Example 2 Using the Power Rules (cont.)

Simplify. Assume all variables represent nonzero real numbers.

$$(c) \left(\frac{4^3}{z^2} \right)^5 = \frac{(4^3)^5}{(z^2)^5} = \frac{4^{3(5)}}{z^{2(5)}} = \frac{4^{15}}{z^{10}}$$

$$(d) \left(\frac{-3a^3}{bc^4} \right)^2 = \frac{(-3a^3)^2}{(bc^4)^2} = \frac{(-3)^2 (a^3)^2}{b^2 (c^4)^2} = \frac{9a^6}{b^2 c^8}$$

R.3 Example 3 Using the Definition of a^0 (page 24)

Evaluate each power.

$$(a) 8^0$$

$$(b) -8^0$$

$$(c) (-8)^0$$

$$(d) -(-8)^0$$

$$(e) (-3b^8)^0$$

$$(a) 8^0 = 1$$

$$(b) -8^0 = -1$$

$$(c) (-8)^0 = 1$$

$$(d) -(-8)^0 = -1$$

$$(e) (-3b^8)^0 = 1, b \neq 0$$

Add or subtract.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & (17x^3 - 10x^2 + x) + (-9x^3 + 10x^2 - 5x) \\ &= (17 - 9)x^3 + (-10 + 10)x^2 + (1 - 5)x \\ &= 8x^3 - 4x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad & (-6m^4 - 11m^2 + 21) - (m^4 - 6m^2 + 35) \\ &= (-6 - 1)m^4 + [-11 - (-6)]m^2 + (21 - 35) \\ &= -7m^4 - 5m^2 - 14 \end{aligned}$$

Add or subtract.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad & (10r^3s^6 + 5r^6s^3) + (25r^3s^6 - 15r^6s^3) \\ &= (10 + 25)r^3s^6 + (5 - 15)r^6s^3 \\ &= 35r^3s^6 - 10r^6s^3 \end{aligned}$$

Add or subtract.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad & 6(z^2 - 5z + 3) - 4(3z^2 - 2z + 9) \\ &= 6z^2 - 6(5z) + 6(3) - 4(3z^2) - 4(-2z) - 4(9) \\ &= 6z^2 - 30z + 18 - 12z^2 + 8z - 36 \\ &= -6z^2 - 22z - 18 \end{aligned}$$

R.3 Example 5 Multiplying Polynomials (page 26)

Multiply $(4t - 5)(3t^2 - 2t + 7)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3t^2 - 2t + 7 \\ 4t - 5 \\ \hline -15t^2 + 10t - 35 \\ 12t^3 - 8t^2 + 28t \\ \hline 12t^3 - 23t^2 + 38t - 35 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow -5(3t^2 - 2t + 7) \\ \leftarrow 4t(3t^2 - 2t + 7) \\ \text{Add in columns} \end{array}$$

R.3 Example 6(a) Using FOIL to Multiply Two Binomials (page 27)

Find the product.

$$(7y + 3)(4y - 5)$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & \text{F} & & \text{O} & & \text{I} & & \text{L} \\ = & (7y) & (4y) & + & (7y) & (-5) & + & 3(4y) & + & 3(-5) \\ = & 28y^2 & - 23y & - 15 & & -35y & + & 12y & = & -23y \end{array}$$

R.3 Example 6(b) Using FOIL to Multiply Two Binomials (cont.)

Find the product.

$$(6p + 11)(6p - 11)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \text{F} & & \text{O} & & \text{I} & & \text{L} \\ = & (6p) &) & (6p) & + & 6p &) & (-11) & + & 11 &) & (6p) & + & 11 &) & (-11) \end{array}$$

$$= 36p^2 - 121 \quad - 66p + 66p = 0$$

R.3 Example 6(c) Using FOIL to Multiply Two Binomials (cont.)

Find the product.

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

$$= x^3 [2x(2x) + 2x(5) + (-5)(2x) + (-5)(5)] \quad \text{FOIL}$$

$$= x^3 (4x^2 + 10x - 10x - 25) = x^3 (4x^2 - 25)$$

Combine like terms

$$= 4x^5 - 25x^3 \quad \text{Distributive property}$$

R.3 Example 7 Using the Special Products (page 27)

Find each product.

$$(a) (7m - 10)(7m + 10) = 49m^2 - 100$$

$$(b) (4r^2 + 9)(4r^2 - 9) = 16r^4 - 81$$

$$(c) (5x^2 - 8y^4)(5x^2 + 8y^4) = 25x^4 - 64y^8$$

R.3 Example 7 Using the Special Products (cont.)

Find each product.

$$(d) (8z + 3)^2 = 64z^2 + 48z + 9$$

$$(e) (5z - 12q^3)^2 = 25z^2 - 120zq^3 + 144q^6$$

R.3 Example 8(a) Multiplying More Complicated Binomials

(page 28)

Find the product: $[(4x - 3) + 7y][(4x - 3) - 7y]$

$$[(4x - 3) + 7y][(4x - 3) - 7y]$$

Product of the sum
and difference of two
terms

$$= (4x - 3)^2 - (7y)^2$$

$$= 16x^2 - 24x + 9 - 49y^2$$

R.3 Example 8(b) Multiplying More Complicated Binomials

(cont.)

Find the product: $(a - b)^4$

$$\begin{aligned}(a - b)^4 &= (a - b)^2 (a - b)^2 \\ &= (a^2 - 2ab + b^2)(a^2 - 2ab + b^2) \\ &= a^4 - 2a^3b + a^2b^2 - 2a^3b + 4a^2b^2 \\ &\quad - 2ab^3 + a^2b^2 - 2ab^3 + b^4 \\ &= a^4 - 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 - 4ab^3 + b^4\end{aligned}$$

R.3 Example 8(c) Multiplying More Complicated Binomials

(cont.)

Find the product: $(s + 4t)^3$

$$(s + 4t)^3 = (s + 4t)^2 (s + 4t)$$

$$= (s^2 + 8st + 16t^2)(s + 4t)$$

$$= s^3 + 8s^2t + 16st^2 + 4s^2t + 32st^2 + 64t^3$$

$$= s^3 + 12s^2t + 48st^2 + 64t^3$$

R.3 Example 9 Dividing Polynomials (page 29)

Divide $12n^3 + 11n^2 + 5n - 8$ by $3n + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4n^2 + n + 1 \\ 3n + 2 \overline{) 12n^3 + 11n^2 + 5n - 8} \\ \underline{12n^3 + 8n^2} \\ 3n^2 + 5n \\ \underline{3n^2 + 2n} \\ 3n - 8 \\ \underline{3n + 2} \\ -10 \end{array}$$

R.3 Example 9 Dividing Polynomials (cont.)

$$(12n^3 + 11n^2 + 5n - 8) \div (3n + 2) = 4n^2 + n + 1 + \frac{-10}{3n + 2}$$

R.3 Example 10 Dividing Polynomials with Missing Terms (page 29)

Divide $8x^4 + 12x^2 + 7x - 18$ by $x^2 + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8x^2 \qquad -4 \\ x^2 + 0x + 2 \overline{) 8x^4 + 0x^3 + 12x^2 + 7x - 18} \\ \underline{8x^4 + 0x^3 + 16x^2} \\ -4x^2 + 7x - 18 \\ \underline{-4x^2 - 0x - 8} \\ 7x - 10 \end{array}$$

$$(8x^4 + 12x^2 + 7x - 18) \div (x^2 + 2) = 8x^2 - 4 + \frac{7x - 10}{x^2 + 2}$$

R.4 Factoring Polynomials

Factoring Out the Greatest Common Factor ■ Factoring by Grouping ■ Factoring Trinomials ■ Factoring Binomials ■ Factoring by Substitution

R.4 Example 1 Factoring Out the Greatest Common Factor (page 34)

Factor out the greatest common factor from each polynomial.

$$(a) \quad 6a^2 - 18a^4 = 6a^2(1 - 3a^2)$$

$$(b) \quad 14x^3y^2 - 28x^2y^3 + 21x^2y^2 \\ = 7x^2y^2(2x - 4y + 3)$$

R.4 Example 1 Factoring Out the Greatest Common Factor (cont.)

Factor out the greatest common factor from the polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad & 24(x-2)^3 - 16(x-2)^2 + 6(x-2) \\ &= 2(x-2) \left[12(x-2)^2 - 16(x-2) + 1 \right] \\ &= 2(x-2) \left[12(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 8x + 16 + 3 \right] \quad \text{GCF} = 2(x-2) \\ &= 2(x-2) (12x^2 - 48x + 48 - 8x + 16 + 3) \\ &= 2(x-2) (12x^2 - 56x + 67) \end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 2(a) Factoring By Grouping (page 35)

Factor by grouping.

$$\begin{aligned}r^2s + 3r^2 - 5s - 15 &= (r^2s + 3r^2) - (5s + 15) \\ &= r^2(s + 3) - 5(s + 3) \\ &= (r^2 - 5)(s + 3)\end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 2(b) Factoring By Grouping (page 35)

Factor by grouping.

$$\begin{aligned}4m^2 - m^2n + 4n - n^2 &= (4m^2 - m^2n) + (4n - n^2) \\ &= m^2(4 - n) + n(4 - n) \\ &= (m^2 + n)(4 - n)\end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 2(c) Factoring By Grouping (page 35)

Factor by grouping.

$$\begin{aligned}9y^3 - 15y^2 + 6y - 10 &= (9y^3 - 15y^2) + (6y - 10) \\ &= 3y^2(3y - 5) + 2(3y - 5) \\ &= (3y^2 + 2)(3y - 5)\end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 3(a) Factoring Trinomials (page 36)

Factor $5z^2 + 4z - 12$, if possible.

The positive factors of 5 are 5 and 1.

The factors of -12 are -12 and 1, 12 and -1 , -6 and 2, 6 and -2 , -4 and 3, or 4 and -3 .

R.4 Example 3(a) Factoring Trinomials (cont.)

Factor $5z^2 + 4z - 12$.

Try different combinations:

$$(5z - 12)(z + 1) = 5z^2 - 7z - 12 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(5z + 4)(z - 3) = 5z^2 - 11z - 12 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(5z - 6)(z + 2) = 5z^2 + 4z - 12 \quad \text{correct}$$

$$5z^2 + 4z - 12 = (5z - 6)(z + 2)$$

R.4 Example 3(b) Factoring Trinomials (page 36)

Factor $12t^2 - 5t - 3$, if possible.

The positive factors of 12 are 12 and 1, 6 and 2, or 4 and 3.

The factors of -3 are -3 and 1 or 3 and -1 .

R.4 Example 3(b) Factoring Trinomials (cont.)

Factor $12t^2 - 5t - 3$.

Try different combinations:

$$(2t + 3)(6t - 1) = 12t^2 + 16t - 3 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(12t - 3)(t + 1) = 12t^2 + 9t - 3 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(4t - 3)(3t + 1) = 12t^2 - 5t - 3 \quad \text{correct}$$

$$12t^2 - 5t - 3 = (4t - 3)(3t + 1)$$

R.4 Example 3(c) Factoring Trinomials (page 36)

Factor $3x^2 - 15x + 16$, if possible.

The positive factors of 3 are 3 and 1.

The negative factors of 16 are -16 and -1 ,
 -8 and -2 , or -4 and -4 .

R.4 Example 3(c) Factoring Trinomials (page 36)

Factor $3x^2 - 15x + 16$.

Try different combinations:

$$(3x - 16)(x - 1) = 3x^2 - 19x + 16 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(3x - 1)(x - 16) = 3x^2 - 49x + 16 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(3x - 8)(x - 2) = 3x^2 - 14x + 16 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(3x - 2)(x - 8) = 3x^2 - 26x + 16 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(3x - 4)(x - 4) = 3x^2 - 16x + 16 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$3x^2 - 15x + 16$ is prime.

R.4 Example 3(d) Factoring Trinomials (page 36)

Factor $24x^2 + 42x + 15$, if possible.

Factor out the GCF, 3, first:

$$24x^2 + 42x + 15 = 3(8x^2 + 14x + 5)$$

The positive factors of 8 are 8 and 1 or 4 and 2.

The positive factors of 5 are 5 and 1.

R.4 Example 3(d) Factoring Trinomials (page 36)

Factor $24x^2 + 42x + 15$.

Try different combinations:

$$(2x + 5)(4x + 1) = 8x^2 + 22x + 5 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(8x + 5)(x + 1) = 8x^2 + 13x + 5 \quad \text{incorrect}$$

$$(4x + 5)(2x + 1) = 8x^2 + 14x + 5 \quad \text{correct}$$

$$24x^2 + 42x + 15 = 3(8x^2 + 14x + 5) = 3(4x + 5)(2x + 1)$$

R.4 Example 4 Factoring Perfect Square Trinomials (page 37)

Factor each trinomial:

$$(a) \quad 49x^2 + 28xy + 4y^2 = (7x + 2y)^2$$

$$(b) \quad 81a^2b^2 - 90ab + 25 = (9ab - 5)^2$$

R.4 Example 5 Factoring Differences of Squares (page 38)

Factor each trinomial:

$$(a) \quad 64r^2 - 49 = (8r - 7)(8r + 7)$$

$$(b) \quad 169u^6 - 144v^4 = (13u^3 + 12v^2)(13u^3 - 12v^2)$$

$$(c) \quad (2c - 3d)^2 - 16f^2 = (2c - 3d + 4f)(2c - 3d - 4f)$$

R.4 Example 5 Factoring Differences of Squares (cont.)

Factor the trinomial:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d) } x^2 + 18x + 81 - 25y^2 &= (x^2 + 18x + 81) - 25y^2 \\ &= (x + 9)^2 - 25y^2 \\ &= (x + 9 + 5y)(x + 9 - 5y) \end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 5 Factoring Differences of Squares (cont.)

Factor the trinomial:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e) } 4x^2 - y^2 - 10y - 25 &= 4x^2 - (y^2 + 10y + 25) \\ &= 4x^2 - (y + 5)^2 \\ &= (2x + (y + 5))(2x - (y + 5)) \\ &= (2x + y + 5)(2x - y - 5) \end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 6 Factoring Sums or Differences of Cubes (page 39)

Factor each polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad t^3 + 1000 &= t^3 + 10^3 = (t + 10)(t^2 - 10t + 10^2) \\ &= (t + 10)(t^2 - 10t + 100) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad r^3 - 8s^3 &= r^3 - (2s)^3 \\ &= (r - 2s)[r^2 - r(2s) + (2s)^2] \\ &= (r - 2s)(r^2 - 2rs + 4s^2) \end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 6 Factoring Sums or Differences of Cubes (cont.)

Factor each polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } 125u^9 - 216v^{12} &= (5u^3)^3 - (6v^4)^3 \\ &= (5u^3 - 6v^4)^3 \left[(5u^3)^2 + (5u^3)(6v^4) + (6v^4)^2 \right] \\ &= (5u^3 - 6v^4)^3 (25u^6 + 30u^3v^4 + 36v^8) \end{aligned}$$

R.4 Example 7(a) Factoring by Substitution (page 40)

Factor $15m^4 - m^2 - 6$

Replace m^2 with u : $15m^4 - m^2 - 6 = 15u^2 - u - 6$

Factor using FOIL: $15u^2 - u - 6 = (3u - 2)(5u + 3)$

Replace u with m^2 :

$$(3u - 2)(5u + 3) = (3m^2 - 2)(5m^2 + 3)$$

$$15m^4 - m^2 - 6 = (3m^2 - 2)(5m^2 + 3)$$

R.4 Example 7(b) Factoring by Substitution (page 40)

Factor $8(3x + 1)^2 + 10(3x + 1) - 25$

Replace $(3x + 1)$ with u :

$$8(3x + 1)^2 + 10(3x + 1) - 25 = 8u^2 + 10u - 25$$

Factor using FOIL: $8u^2 + 10u - 25 = (2u + 5)(4u - 5)$

Replace u with $(3x + 1)$, then simplify:

$$\begin{aligned}(2u + 5)(4u - 5) &= [2(3x + 1) + 5][4(3x + 1) - 5] \\ &= (6x + 2 + 5)(12x + 4 - 5) \\ &= (6x + 7)(12x - 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$8(3x + 1)^2 + 10(3x + 1) - 25 = (6x + 7)(12x - 1)$$

R.4 Example 7(c) Factoring by Substitution (page 40)

Factor $(3x + 1)^3 - 27$

Replace $(3x + 1)$ with u : $(3x + 1)^3 - 27 = u^3 - 27$

Write as the difference of cubes, then factor:

$$u^3 - 27 = u^3 - 3^3 = (u - 3)(u^2 + 3u + 9)$$

Replace u with $(3x + 1)$, then simplify:

$$\begin{aligned}(u - 3)(u^2 + 3u + 9) &= [(3x + 1) - 3][(3x + 1)^2 + 3(3x + 1) + 9] \\ &= (3x - 2)[9x^2 + 6x + 1 + 9x + 3 + 9] \\ &= (3x - 2)(9x^2 + 15x + 13)\end{aligned}$$

$$(3x + 1)^3 - 27 = (3x - 2)(9x^2 + 15x + 13)$$