

Sec 9-8: Factoring a polynomial with 4 terms.

$$2m^3 + 3m^2 - 8m - 12$$

The textbook calls this
"Factor by Grouping"

$$\boxed{2m^3 + 3m^2} \quad \boxed{- 8m - 12}$$

GCF GCF

$$m^2(2m + 3) \quad - 4(2m + 3)$$

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GCF

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

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What can you still do? factor $m^2 - 4$ using difference of perfect squares.

$$2m^3 + 3m^2 - 8m - 12 = \boxed{(2m + 3)(m + 2)(m - 2)}$$

Another way to factor with 4 terms

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Use the Box!

m^2	$2m^3$	$+3m^2$
-4	$-8m$	-12

$$\begin{matrix} (2m+3)(m^2-4) \\ \boxed{(2m+3)(m+2)} \end{matrix}$$

Factor.

$$2m^3 + 7m^2 - 12m - 42 = \boxed{(2m+7)(m^2-6)}$$

m^2	$2m^3$	$7m^2$
-6	$-12m$	-42

Factor completely. $15a^4 + 5a^3 - 135a^2 - 45a$

$$\begin{aligned} & 5a(3a^3 + a^2 - 27a - 9) \\ & 5a(3a+1)(a^2-9) \\ & \boxed{5a(3a+1)(a+3)} \end{aligned}$$

a^2	$3a^3$	$+a^2$
-9	$-27a$	-9

Factor. $14j^3 - 35j^2k^2 + 4jk^3 - 10k^5$

$$\begin{aligned} & \boxed{(2j-5k^2)(7j^2+2k^3)} \\ & \begin{matrix} 2j & -5k^2 \\ 7j^2 & \\ \hline 4jk^3 & -10k^5 \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

Factor.

$$-4a^3h^2 + 3ga^3 - 8bh^2 + 6bg$$

$$\begin{array}{c} +4h^2 \quad -3g \\ \hline -a^3 \quad -4a^3h^2 \quad 3ga^3 \\ \hline -2b \quad -8bh^2 \quad 6bg \end{array}$$

$(-4h^2 + 3g)(a^3 + 2b)$