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Algebra II

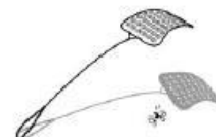
Chapter 6: Factoring Bust the B

Bust the 'B'

Directions: Factor the given quadratics as far as possible.

When factoring $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, the process is simpler when $a = 1$.

This method is used if this is not the case ($a \neq 1$)



Example: $y = 2x^2 + x - 6$

$$\underline{2 \cdot 6 = 12}$$

1 and 12

2 and 6

3 and 4

Multiply a and c

Find the factors of ac that differ to b

$$y = 2x^2 + 4x - 3x - 6$$

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

$$y = 2x(x + 2) - 3(x + 2)$$

$$y = (2x - 3)(x + 2)$$

Split the b term

Group the pairs

Factor out GCFs

Write the two binomials.

Smile, you did it!

1. $5x^2 + 8x + 3$

2. $2x^2 - 13x - 7$

3. $3x^2 - 16x + 5$

4. $2x^2 + x - 1$

5. $7x^2 + 10x + 3$

6. $5x^2 - 11x + 2$