

# NOTES: FACTOR OUT A GCF

## Distributive Property Recap

1.  $2x(3x + 2)$
2.  $3x^2y(4xy - 1)$
3.  $5a(2a^2 - 4a + 10)$

## What are Factors?

Numbers or “parts” (polynomials in this case), that when \_\_\_\_\_ together, form a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Prime Factors

Polynomials that \_\_\_\_\_ be factored further.

## When Factoring out a GCF...

- 1) Coefficients, then variables –
- 2) Take a variable out only if \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Distribute means to \_\_\_\_\_  
GCF means to \_\_\_\_\_

# Examples

Factor each polynomial by factoring out the Greatest Common Factor.

**1.**  $2x + 8$

**2.**  $5x - 5$

**3.**  $4x^2 - 10x$

**4.**  $-12x - 8x^2$

**5.**  $5x + 9x^2$

**6.**  $8x + 7y$

**7.**  $8x^4 + 4x^3 - 2x^2$

**8.**  $6x^2 + 3xy$

**9.**  $15a^2b + 45ab$

**10.**  $10y^3 + 40y^2 - 5y$

**11.**  $m^2n - m$

**12.**  $16x^2y^4 + 12x^2y^3$

**13.**  $45a^2 - 9ab + 90ab^2$

**14.**  $4a^4b^7c^3 + 16a^3b^4c^3 - 8a^2bc^2$

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# A. FACTOR OUT A GCF

Factor each polynomial by factoring out the Greatest Common Factor.

**1.**  $4x + 10$

**2.**  $12x - 2$

**3.**  $9x^2 - 81x$

**4.**  $-10m - 15m^2$

**5.**  $3n + 7n^2$

**6.**  $5mn + 7ab$

**7.**  $12x^4 + 6x^3 - 8x^2$

**8.**  $14x^2y + 12xy^2$

**9.**  $14a^2b^2 + 21ab^2$

**10.**  $25y^4 + 30y^2 - 5y$

**11.**  $x^2y - x$

**12.**  $28x^3y^5 + 21x^2y^3$

**13.**  $30m^2 - 10mn - 60mn^2$

**14.**  $24a^5b^7c^2 + 16a^5b^4c^3 - 32a^4bc^3$

**15.**  $-15b^2 - 5a^2$

**16.**  $3x^4 + 9x^2 - 3$

**17.**  $a^4b^2 - ab$

**18.**  $55x^5y^4 + 11x^2y^3$

**19.**  $72x^2 - 9xy - 8xy^2$

**20.**  $49a^5b^7c^2 + 7a^5b^4c^3 - 21a^4b^2c$

**21.**  $16m^2n - 16mn^2 - 64n^2$

**22.**  $36b + 20b^2 + 4$

**23.**  $100a^5b^7 + 25a^3b^4c^3 - 16a^2bc^2$

**24.**  $121x^4y^4 + 44x^2y^2 - 132xy$