

DECOMPOSITION

If there is a <u>numerical coefficient</u> in front of x^2 , then we use a method for factoring called <u>DECOMPOSITION</u>.

$$4x^2 + 5x - 6$$

Hard Trinomials

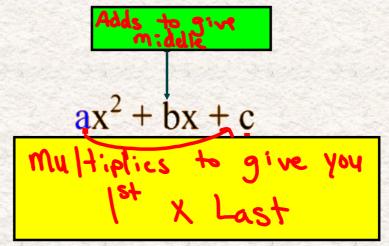
- has three terms with the form...

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

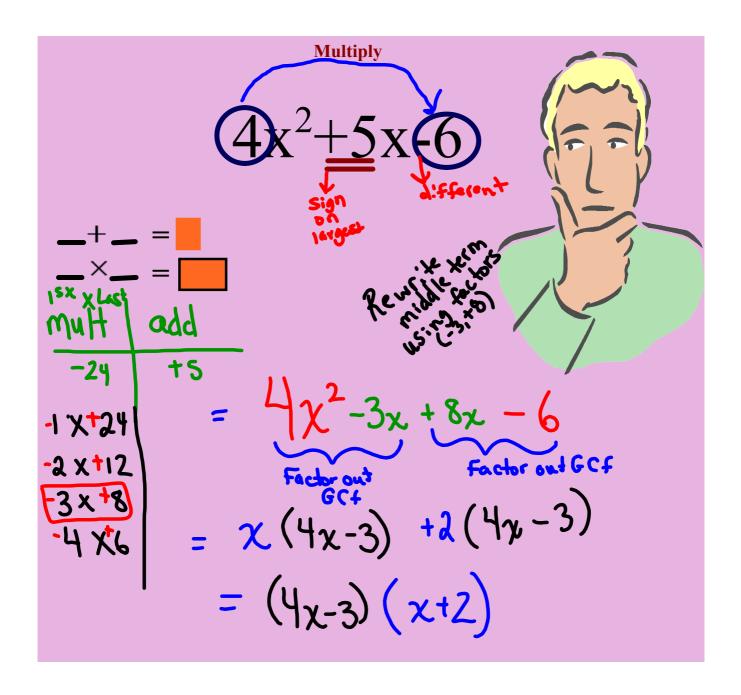
- a hard trinomial has an "a" value not equal to 1.
- we use a method of decomposition to factor them.

DECOMPOSITION METHOD

- here's how it goes... "What two numbers?"

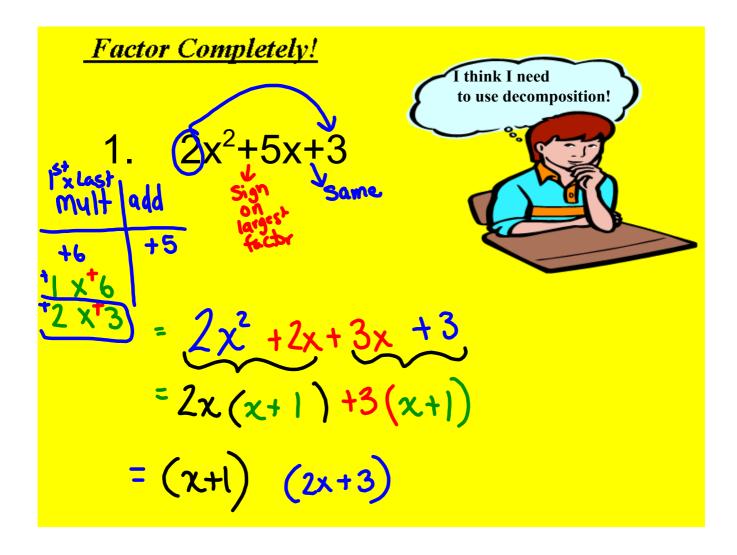


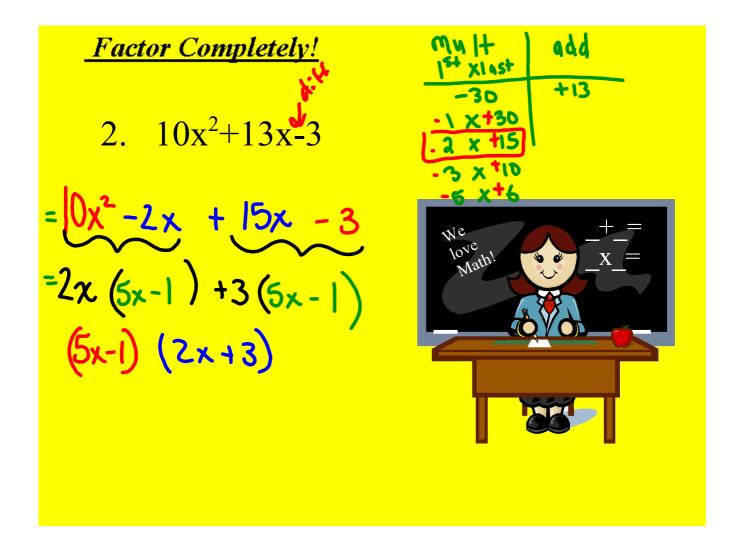
- once you find the two numbers, use them to break the MIDDLE TERM into two pieces (decomposition).
- then, factor by grouping.

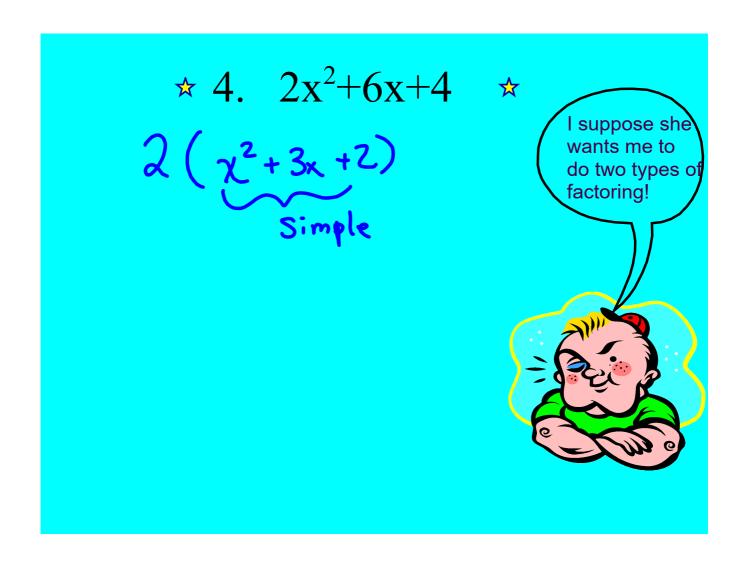


Always check the following when you are asked to factor:

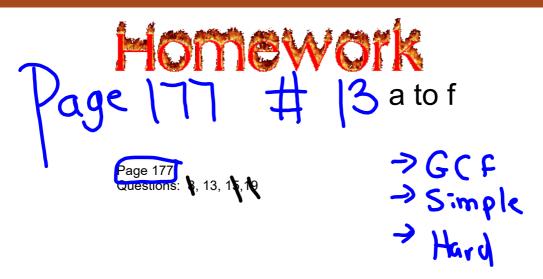
- 1) G.C.F (# and Letters) {if not....}
- 2) Simple Trinomial
- 3) Hard Trinomial ...







3.6 Polynomials of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$



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