Exercise 5.1

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Question 1: Factorize $x^3 + x - 3x^2 - 3$

Solution:

$$x^3 + x - 3x^2 - 3$$

Here x is common factor in $x^3 + x$ and -3 is common factor in $-3x^2 - 3$

$$x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 3$$

$$x^{2}(x-3)+1(x-3)$$

Taking (x-3) common

$$(x-3)(x^2+1)$$

Therefore $x^3 + x - 3x^2 - 3 = (x - 3)(x^2 + 1)$

Question 2: Factorize $a(a + b)^3 - 3a^2b(a + b)$

Solution:

$$a(a + b)^3 - 3a^2b(a + b)$$

$$= a(a + b) \{(a + b)^2 - 3ab\}$$

$$= a(a + b) \{a^2 + b^2 + 2ab - 3ab\}$$

$$= a(a + b) (a^2 + b^2 - ab)$$

Question 3: Factorize $x(x^3 - y^3) + 3xy(x - y)$

Solution:

$$x(x^3 - y^3) + 3xy(x - y)$$

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

Taking x(x - y) as a common factor

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

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

Question 4: Factorize $a^2x^2 + (ax^2 + 1)x + a$

Solution:

$$a^2x^2 + (ax^2 + 1)x + a$$

$$= a^2x^2 + a + (ax^2 + 1)x$$

$$= a(ax^2 + 1) + x(ax^2 + 1)$$

$$= (ax^2 + 1) (a + x)$$

Question 5: Factorize $x^2 + y - xy - x$

Solution:

$$x^2 + y - xy - x$$

$$= x^2 - x - xy + y$$

$$= x(x-1) - y(x-1)$$

$$= (x - 1) (x - y)$$

Question 6: Factorize $x^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2 - 6y^3$

Solution:

$$x^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2 - 6y^3$$

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

Question 7: Factorize $6ab - b^2 + 12ac - 2bc$

Solution:

$$6ab - b^2 + 12ac - 2bc$$

= $6ab + 12ac - b^2 - 2bc$

Taking 6a common from first two terms and –b from last two terms

$$= 6a(b + 2c) - b(b + 2c)$$

Taking (b + 2c) common factor

$$= (b + 2c) (6a - b)$$

Question 8: Factorize $(x^2 + 1/x^2) - 4(x + 1/x) + 6$

Solution:

$$(x^2 + 1/x^2) - 4(x + 1/x) + 6$$

$$= x^2 + 1/x^2 - 4x - 4/x + 4 + 2$$

$$= x^2 + 1/x^2 + 4 + 2 - 4/x - 4x$$

$$= (x^2) + (1/x)^2 + (-2)^2 + 2x(1/x) + 2(1/x)(-2) + 2(-2)x$$

As we know,
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx = (x+y+z)^2$$

So, we can write;

$$= (x + 1/x + (-2))^2$$

or
$$(x + 1/x - 2)^2$$

Therefore,
$$x^2 + 1/x^2$$
) - $4(x + 1/x) + 6 = (x + 1/x - 2)^2$

Question 9: Factorize x(x-2)(x-4) + 4x - 8

Solution:

$$x(x-2)(x-4) + 4x - 8$$

$$= x(x-2)(x-4) + 4(x-2)$$

$$= (x-2)[x(x-4)+4]$$

=
$$(x-2) (x^2-4x+4)$$

= $(x-2) [x^2-2 (x)(2) + (2)^2]$
= $(x-2) (x-2)^2$
= $(x-2)^3$

Question 10: Factorize (x + 2) ($x^2 + 25$) - $10x^2$ - 20x

Solution:

$$(x + 2) (x^2 + 25) - 10x (x + 2)$$

Take (x + 2) as common factor;

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

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

Expanding the middle term of $(x^2 - 10x + 25)$

$$=(x+2)(x^2-5x-5x+25)$$

$$=(x+2){x(x-5)-5(x-5)}$$

$$=(x+2)(x-5)(x-5)$$

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

Therefore, $(x + 2) (x^2 + 25) - 10x (x + 2) = (x + 2)(x - 5)^2$

Question 11: Factorize $2a^2 + 2\sqrt{6} ab + 3b^2$

Solution:

$$2a^2 + 2\sqrt{6} ab + 3b^2$$

Above expression can be written as $(\sqrt{2}a)^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{2}a \times \sqrt{3}b + (\sqrt{3}b)^2$

As we know,
$$(p + q)^2 = p^2 + q^2 + 2pq$$

Here
$$p = \sqrt{2}a$$
 and $q = \sqrt{3}b$

$$= (\sqrt{2a} + \sqrt{3b})^2$$

Therefore, $2a^2 + 2\sqrt{6} ab + 3b^2 = (\sqrt{2}a + \sqrt{3}b)^2$

Question 12: Factorize $(a - b + c)^2 + (b - c + a)^2 + 2(a - b + c)(b - c + a)$ Solution:

$$(a-b+c)^2 + (b-c+a)^2 + 2(a-b+c)(b-c+a)^2$$

{Because
$$p^2 + q^2 + 2pq = (p + q)^2$$
}
Here $p = a - b + c$ and $q = b - c + a$

$$= [a - h + c + h - c + a]^2$$

$$= [a - b + c + b - c + a]^2$$

$$= (2a)^2$$

$$= (2a)$$

= $4a^2$

Question 13: Factorize $a^2 + b^2 + 2(ab+bc+ca)$ Solution:

$$a^2 + b^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca$$

As we know,
$$p^2 + q^2 + 2pq = (p + q)^2$$

We get,

$$= (a+b)^2 + 2bc + 2ca$$

$$= (a+b)^2 + 2c(b+a)$$

Or
$$(a+b)^2 + 2c(a+b)$$

Take (a + b) as common factor;

$$= (a + b)(a + b + 2c)$$

Therefore,
$$a^2 + b^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca = (a + b)(a + b + 2c)$$

Question 14: Factorize $4(x-y)^2 - 12(x-y)(x+y) + 9(x+y)^2$

Solution:

Consider
$$(x-y) = p, (x+y) = q$$

$$=4p^2-12pq+9q^2$$

Expanding the middle term, -12 = -6 - 6 also $4 \times 9 = -6 \times -6$

$$=4p^2-6pq-6pq+9q^2$$

$$=2p(2p-3q)-3q(2p-3q)$$

$$= (2p - 3q)(2p - 3q)$$

$$= (2p - 3q)^2$$

Substituting back p = x - y and q = x + y;

=
$$[2(x-y) - 3(x+y)]^2 = [2x - 2y - 3x - 3y]^2$$

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

$$=[-x-5y]^2$$

$$=[(-1)(x+5y)]^2$$

$$=(x+5y)^2$$

Therefore, $4(x-y)^2 - 12(x-y)(x+y) + 9(x+y)^2 = (x+5y)^2$

Question 15: Factorize $a^2 - b^2 + 2bc - c^2$

Solution:

$$a^2 - b^2 + 2bc - c^2$$

As we know, $(a-b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$

$$= a^2 - (b - c)^2$$

Also we know, $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$

$$= (a + b - c)(a - (b - c))$$

$$= (a + b - c)(a - b + c)$$

Therefore,
$$a^2 - b^2 + 2bc - c^2 = (a + b - c)(a - b + c)$$



Question 16: Factorize $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 - c^2$ Solution:

$$a^{2} + 2ab + b^{2} - c^{2}$$

= $(a^{2} + 2ab + b^{2}) - c^{2}$
= $(a + b)^{2} - (c)^{2}$
We know, $a^{2} - b^{2} = (a + b) (a - b)$
= $(a + b + c) (a + b - c)$

Therefore $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 - c^2 = (a + b + c) (a + b - c)$