



CLASS VIII: Maths
Chapter 12: Factorisation

Questions and Solutions | Exercise 12.1 - NCERT Books

Q 1. Find the common factors of the terms

(i) $12x, 36$

(ii) $2y, 22xy$

(iii) $14pq, 28p^2q^2$

(iv) $2x, 3x^2, 4$

(v) $6abc, 24ab^2, 12a^2b$

(vi) $16x^3, -4x^2, 32x$

(vii) $10pq, 20qr, 30rp$

(viii) $3x^2y^3, 10x^3y^2, 6x^2y^2z$

Answer :

(i) $12x = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times x$

$36 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3$

The common factors are 2, 2, 3.

And, $2 \times 2 \times 3 = 12$

(ii) $2y = 2 \times y$

$22xy = 2 \times 11 \times x \times y$

The common factors are 2, y.

And, $2 \times y = 2y$

(iii) $14pq = 2 \times 7 \times p \times q$

$28p^2q^2 = 2 \times 2 \times 7 \times p \times p \times q \times q$



The common factors are 2, 7, p , q .

$$\text{And, } 2 \times 7 \times p \times q = 14pq$$

$$\text{(iv) } 2x = 2 \times x$$

$$3x^2 = 3 \times x \times x$$

$$4 = 2 \times 2$$

The common factor is 1.

$$\text{(v) } 6abc = 2 \times 3 \times a \times b \times c$$

$$24ab^2 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times a \times b \times b$$

$$12a^2b = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times a \times a \times b$$

The common factors are 2, 3, a , b .

$$\text{And, } 2 \times 3 \times a \times b = 6ab$$

$$\text{(vi) } 16x^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times x \times x \times x$$

$$-4x^2 = -1 \times 2 \times 2 \times x \times x$$

$$32x = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times x$$

The common factors are 2, 2, x .

$$\text{And, } 2 \times 2 \times x = 4x$$

$$\text{(vii) } 10pq = 2 \times 5 \times p \times q$$

$$20qr = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times q \times r$$

$$30rp = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times r \times p$$

The common factors are 2, 5.

$$\text{And, } 2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$\text{(viii) } 3x^2y^3 = 3 \times x \times x \times y \times y \times y$$

$$10x^3y^2 = 2 \times 5 \times x \times x \times x \times y \times y$$



$$6x^2y^2z = 2 \times 3 \times x \times x \times y \times y \times z$$

The common factors are x, x, y, y .

And,

$$x \times x \times y \times y = x^2y^2$$

Q2 :

Factorise the following expressions

(i) $7x - 42$

(ii) $6p - 12q$

(iii) $7a^2 + 14a$

(iv) $-16z + 20z^3$

(v) $20l^2m + 30alm$

(vi) $5x^2y - 15xy^2$

(vii) $10a^2 - 15b^2 + 20c^2$

(viii) $-4a^2 + 4ab - 4ca$

(ix) $x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2$

(x) $ax^2y + bxy^2 + cxyz$

Answer :

(i) $7x = 7 \times x$

$$42 = 2 \times 3 \times 7$$

The common factor is 7.

$$\therefore 7x - 42 = (7 \times x) - (2 \times 3 \times 7) = 7(x - 6)$$



$$(ii) 6p = 2 \times 3 \times p$$

$$12q = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times q$$

The common factors are 2 and 3.

$$\therefore 6p - 12q = (2 \times 3 \times p) - (2 \times 2 \times 3 \times q)$$

$$= 2 \times 3 [p - (2 \times q)]$$

$$= 6(p - 2q)$$

$$(iii) 7a^2 = 7 \times a \times a$$

$$14a = 2 \times 7 \times a$$

The common factors are 7 and a .

$$\therefore 7a^2 + 14a = (7 \times a \times a) + (2 \times 7 \times a)$$

$$= 7 \times a [a + 2] = 7a(a + 2)$$

$$(iv) 16z = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times z$$

$$20z^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times z \times z \times z$$

The common factors are 2, 2, and z .

$$\therefore -16z + 20z^3 = -(2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times z) + (2 \times 2 \times 5 \times z \times z \times z)$$

$$= (2 \times 2 \times z) [-(2 \times 2) + (5 \times z \times z)]$$

$$= 4z(-4 + 5z^2)$$

$$(v) 20l^2m = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times l \times l \times m$$

$$30alm = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times a \times l \times m$$

The common factors are 2, 5, l , and m .

$$\therefore 20l^2m + 30alm = (2 \times 2 \times 5 \times l \times l \times m) + (2 \times 3 \times 5 \times a \times l \times m)$$

$$= (2 \times 5 \times l \times m) [(2 \times l) + (3 \times a)]$$

$$= 10lm(2l + 3a)$$



$$(vi) 5x^2y = 5 \times x \times x \times y$$

$$15xy^2 = 3 \times 5 \times x \times y \times y$$

The common factors are 5, x, and y.

$$\therefore 5x^2y - 15xy^2 = (5 \times x \times x \times y) - (3 \times 5 \times x \times y \times y)$$

$$= 5 \times x \times y [x - (3 \times y)]$$

$$= 5xy (x - 3y)$$

$$(vii) 10a^2 = 2 \times 5 \times a \times a$$

$$15b^2 = 3 \times 5 \times b \times b$$

$$20c^2 = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times c \times c$$

The common factor is 5.

$$10a^2 - 15b^2 + 20c^2 = (2 \times 5 \times a \times a) - (3 \times 5 \times b \times b) + (2 \times 2 \times 5 \times c \times c)$$

$$= 5 [(2 \times a \times a) - (3 \times b \times b) + (2 \times 2 \times c \times c)]$$

$$= 5 (2a^2 - 3b^2 + 4c^2)$$

$$(viii) 4a^2 = 2 \times 2 \times a \times a$$

$$4ab = 2 \times 2 \times a \times b$$

$$4ca = 2 \times 2 \times c \times a$$

The common factors are 2, 2, and a.

$$\therefore -4a^2 + 4ab - 4ca = -(2 \times 2 \times a \times a) + (2 \times 2 \times a \times b) - (2 \times 2 \times c \times a)$$

$$= 2 \times 2 \times a [- (a) + b - c]$$

$$= 4a (-a + b - c)$$

$$(ix) x^2yz = x \times x \times y \times z$$

$$xy^2z = x \times y \times y \times z$$

$$xyz^2 = x \times y \times z \times z$$



The common factors are x , y , and z .

$$\therefore x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2 = (x \times x \times y \times z) + (x \times y \times y \times z) + (x \times y \times z \times z)$$

$$= x \times y \times z [x + y + z]$$

$$= xyz (x + y + z)$$

$$(x) ax^2y = a \times x \times x \times y$$

$$bxy^2 = b \times x \times y \times y$$

$$cxyz = c \times x \times y \times z$$

The common factors are x and y .

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Q3 :

Factorise

$$(i) x^2 + xy + 8x + 8y$$

$$(ii) 15xy - 6x + 5y - 2$$

$$(iii) ax + bx - ay - by$$

$$(iv) 15pq + 15 + 9q + 25p$$

$$(v) z - 7 + 7xy - xyz$$

Answer :

$$(i) x^2 + xy + 8x + 8y = x \times x + x \times y + 8 \times x + 8 \times y$$

$$= x(x + y) + 8(x + y)$$

$$= (x + y)(x + 8)$$

$$(ii) 15xy - 6x + 5y - 2 = 3 \times 5 \times x \times y - 3 \times 2 \times x + 5 \times y - 2$$



$$= 3x(5y - 2) + 1(5y - 2)$$

$$= (5y - 2)(3x + 1)$$

$$(iii) ax + bx - ay - by = a \times x + b \times x - a \times y - b \times y$$

$$= x(a + b) - y(a + b)$$

$$= (a + b)(x - y)$$

$$(iv) 15pq + 15 + 9q + 25p = 15pq + 9q + 25p + 15$$

$$= 3 \times 5 \times p \times q + 3 \times 3 \times q + 5 \times 5 \times p + 3 \times 5$$

$$= 3q(5p + 3) + 5(5p + 3)$$

$$= (5p + 3)(3q + 5)$$

$$(v) z - 7 + 7xy - xyz = z - x \times y \times z - 7 + 7 \times x \times x y$$

$$= z(1 - xy) - 7(1 - xy)$$

$$= (1 - xy)(z - 7)$$