

### 4.3 Factoring Trinomials (when a=1)

**Opener**

a) Put the following in Factored Form  
 $y = 3x^2 - 30x$   
 $y = 3x(x-10)$

b) Find the zeros  
 $y = 0$   
 $0 = 3x$   
 $0 = x - 10$   
 $0 = x$   
 $10 = x$

c) Find the vertex  
 $x = \frac{0+10}{2}$   
 $x = 5$   
 $y = 3(5)^2 - 30(5)$   
 $y = 3(25) - 150$   
 $y = 75 - 150$   
 $y = -75$   
Vertex:  $(5, -75)$

d) Sketch

Expand each of the following and put into standard form (use another sheet of paper for your rough work)

Factored Form	Standard Form	Value of b	Value of c
$y = (x+3)(x+4)$	$y = x^2 + 7x + 12$	7	12
$y = (x+3)(x+5)$	$y = x^2 + 8x + 15$	8	15
$y = (x+3)(x+6)$	$y = x^2 + 9x + 18$	9	18
$y = (x+4)(x+4)$	$y = x^2 + 8x + 16$	8	16
$y = (x-3)(x+5)$	$y = x^2 + 2x - 15$	2	-15
$y = (x-1)(x-5)$	$y = x^2 - 6x + 5$	-6	5

What pattern do you notice about the b and c values when a=1?

$$r + s = b$$

$$r \times s = c$$



- Factoring a trinomial means working backwards from expanding

$$y = x^2 - x - 72 \rightarrow \text{Need } \frac{2}{2} \text{ numbers that add to } -1 \text{ and } \sqrt{-72} \text{ multiply to}$$

Step 1 – Make an Add/Multiply Chart (A/M chart) and T-chart to help you find your multiples

Add to b | Multiply to (c)(a) Find all multiples, make a T-chart

-1	(1)(-72)
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-72	
-1	72
-2	36
-3	24
-6	12
-8	9
-9	8

\*Note 1 number must be (-) to get

$$\begin{aligned} -8 + 9 &= +1 \\ +8 - 9 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

- The numbers +8 and -9 add to -1 (b value) and multiple to -72 (c value)

Step 2 – Split your b value (doesn't matter which # goes first)

$$y = x^2 - x - 72$$

$$y = \underbrace{x^2 + 8x}_{1^{st}} - \underbrace{9x - 72}_{2^{nd}}$$

GCF: x and -9

$$y = x(x+8) - 9(x+8)$$

GCF: (x+8)

Step 3 – the rest is just factoring – factor the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 terms and the last 2 terms separately

$$y = (x+8)(x-9)$$