

Problem Set 2 : Solutions

$$(1) 64 - 20 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot a - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$$

$$= 2(3a - 10)$$

$$(2) 35x^4y^2 + 21x^3y^3 - 56x^5y^7$$

$$= 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} \cdot \underline{y} + 3 \cdot 7 \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} \cdot \underline{y} \cdot \underline{y} - 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} \cdot \underline{y} \cdot \underline{y}$$

$$= 7x^3y^2(5x + 3y - 8x^2y^5)$$

$$(3) \frac{4x^3(3y+5)^3 - 20x^2(3y+5)^2 - 16x^4(3y+5)^4}{-2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot (3y+5) \cdot (3y+5) \cdot (3y+5) - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot (3y+5) \cdot (3y+5) - 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot (3y+5) \cdot (3y+5) \cdot (3y+5)}$$

$$= 4x^2(3y+5)^2 [-4x^2(3y+5)^2 + x(3y+5) - 5]$$

$$(4) -3x^3 + 4x^2 + 9x - 12 = x^2(-3x + 4) - 3(-3x + 4)$$

$$= (x^2 - 3)(-3x + 4)$$

$$(5) 12x^2 + 18xy + 2x + 3y = 12x^2 + 2x + 18xy + 3y$$

$$= 2x(6x + 1) + 3y(6x + 1) = (6x + 1)(2x + 3y)$$

$$(6) -4x^2 - 2x + 10x + 5 = -2x(2x + 1) + 5(2x + 1)$$

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

$$(7) -15x^2 - 12y + 6xy + 30x = -15x^2 + 30x + 6xy - 12y$$

$$= -15x(x - 2) + 6y(x - 2) = (x - 2)(-15x + 6y)$$

$$(8) 3y^4 + 9y^2 - 6y^3 - 18y$$

$$3y^2(y^2 + 3) - 6y(y^2 + 3) = (y^2 + 3)(3y^2 - 6y)$$

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

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

$$(9) y^2 + 7y + 10 = (y + 2)(y + 5)$$

$$(10) t^2 + 2t - 15 = (t + 5)(t - 3)$$

$$(11) x^2 - 7xy - 30y^2 = (x + 3y)(x - 10y)$$

$$(12) a^2 + 16ab + 28b^2 = (a + 4b)(a + 7b)$$

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$$(13) 2c^2f - 18cdf + 36d^2f$$

$$= 2f[c^2 - 9cd + 18d^2]$$

$$= 2f[(c - 6d)(c - 3d)]$$

$$= 2f(c - 6d)(c - 3d)$$

$$(14) 3s^2 + 12st - 63t^2 = 3[s^2 + 4st - 21t^2]$$

$$= 3(s + 7t)(s - 3t)$$

$$(15) 6x^2 + 10x - 4 = 2(3x^2 + 5x - 2)$$

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

$$(16) 81K^2 - 180K + 100 \quad (a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$\sqrt{a^2} = \sqrt{81K^2} \quad \sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{100}$$

$$a = 9K$$

$$b = 10$$

$$(9K - 10)^2$$

$$(17) 25m^2 - 64 \quad a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

$$\sqrt{25m^2} = \sqrt{a^2} \quad \sqrt{64} = \sqrt{b^2}$$

$$5m = a$$

$$8 = b$$

$$= (5m + 8)(5m - 8)$$

$$(18) x^4 - 1 \quad a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

$$\sqrt{x^4} = \sqrt{a^2} \quad \sqrt{1} = \sqrt{b^2}$$

$$x^2 = a \quad 1 = b$$

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

$$(19) a^6 - 8 \quad a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$\sqrt[3]{a^6} = \sqrt[3]{a^3} \quad \sqrt[3]{8} = \sqrt[3]{b^3}$$

$$a^2 = a \quad 2 = b$$

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

$$(20) [u^2 - 2uv + v^2] - w^2 \rightarrow a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)^2$$

$$(u - v)^2 - w^2 \quad a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

$$\sqrt{(u - v)^2} = \sqrt{a^2} \quad \sqrt{w^2} = \sqrt{b^2}$$

$$u - v = a \quad w = b$$

$$= [(u - v) + w][(u - v) - w] = (u - v + w)(u - v - w)$$

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PS2 solutions (continued)

$$(21) [4a^2 + 12ab + 9b^2] \cdot m^2 + 8mn - 16n^2$$

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

$$\sqrt{a^2} = \sqrt{4a^2} \quad \sqrt{b^2} = \sqrt{9b^2}$$

$$a = 2a \quad b = 3b$$

$$(2a+3b)^2 \cdot [m^2 - 8mn + 16n^2]$$

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

$$\sqrt{m^2} = \sqrt{a^2}$$

$$a = m$$

$$\sqrt{16n^2} = \sqrt{b^2}$$

$$4n = b$$

$$(2a+3b)^2 - (m-4n)^2$$

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

$$\sqrt{(2a+3b)^2} = \sqrt{a^2} \quad \sqrt{(m-4n)^2} = \sqrt{b^2}$$

$$a = 2a+3b$$

$$b = m-4n$$

$$= [(2a+3b) + (m-4n)][(2a+3b) - (m-4n)]$$

$$= (2a+3b+m-4n)(2a+3b-m+4n)$$

$$(22) 9x^4 + 45x^2 + 14$$

$$a=9 \quad b=45 \quad c=14$$

$$a \cdot c = 9 \cdot 14 = 126$$

$$m \cdot n = 126$$

$$m+n = 45$$

$$m = 42$$

$$n = 3$$

now split our b term into two terms added together

~~$$9x^4 + 45x^2 + 14 = 9x^4 + 3x^2 + 42x^2 + 14 = 3x^2(3x^2+1) + 14(3x^2+1) = (3x^2+1)(3x^2+14)$$~~

$$= 9x^4 + 3x^2 + 42x^2 + 14 = 3x^2(3x^2+1) + 14(3x^2+1) = (3x^2+1)(3x^2+14)$$

$$(23) 15a^6 + 31a^3 - 24$$

$$a=15 \quad b=31 \quad c=-24$$

$$a \cdot c = -360$$

$$m \cdot n = -360$$

$$m+n = 31$$

$$m = 40$$

$$n = -9$$

now split our b term into the sum of m+n

$$= 15a^6 - 9a^3 + 40a^3 - 24 = 3a^3(5a^3-3) + 8(5a^3-3) = (5a^3-3)(3a^3+8)$$