

Quiz 1

Solutions given without showing work may earn a zero. This quiz is open note, and you may use a calculator.

Completely factor each of the following polynomials. **Don't forget to look for a GCF first!**

Problem 1. [3 points] $27x^2 - 3$

Problem 2. [3 points] $9x^2 + 12x + 4$

Problem 3. [4 points] $3x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x + 24$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 27x^2 - 3 &= 3(9x^2 - 1) = 3((3x)^2 - 1^2) \\ &\quad \text{GCF} = 3 \qquad \qquad \qquad A^2 - B^2 = (A+B)(A-B) \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad A = 3x, \quad B = 1 \\ &\qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad = \boxed{3(3x+1)(3x-1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad 9x^2 + 12x + 4 &= 9x^2 + 6x + 6x + 4 \\ &\quad \begin{array}{c} 36 \\ 6 \times 6 \\ +12 \end{array} \\ &= (9x^2 + 6x) + (6x + 4) \\ &= 3x(3x + 2) + 2(3x + 2) \\ &= (3x + 2)(3x + 2) = \boxed{(3x + 2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

ck: $(3x+2)(3x+2)$
 $= 9x^2 + 6x + 6x + 4$
 $= 9x^2 + 12x + 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad 3x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x + 24 &= (3x^3 + 9x^2) + (8x + 24) \\ &= 3x^2(x + 3) + 8(x + 3) = \boxed{(x + 3)(3x^2 + 8)} \\ &\quad \text{ck: } 3x^3 + 8x + 9x^2 + 24 \end{aligned}$$