

The Weekly Rigor

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“A mathematician is a machine for turning coffee into theorems.”

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40 Problems in Factoring by the Difference of Squares (Part 3)

$$33. x^4 - y^4.$$

$$34. 9x^4 - 16y^4.$$

$$35. 25x^4 - 81y^4.$$

$$36. x^2 - 5.$$

$$37. x^2 - 10.$$

$$38. 2x^2 - 50.$$

$$39. 27x^2 - 48y^2.$$

$$40. a^8 - b^8.$$

ANSWERS

1. $(x + 3)(x - 3)$	2. $(x + 4)(x - 4)$
3. $(x + 1)(x - 1)$	4. $(x + 5)(x - 5)$
5. $(x + 6)(x - 6)$	6. $(x + 12)(x - 12)$
7. $(7 + x)(7 - x)$	8. $(1 + x)(1 - x)$
9. $(9 + x)(9 - x)$	10. $(2x + 3)(2x - 3)$
11. $(4x + 1)(4x - 1)$	12. $(7x + 5)(7x - 5)$
13. $(5 + 2x)(5 - 2x)$	14. $(6 + 3x)(6 - 3x)$
15. $(1 + 4x)(1 - 4x)$	16. $(3x + y)(3x - y)$
17. $(8x + y)(8x - y)$	18. $(11x + y)(11x - y)$
19. $(x + 2y)(x - 2y)$	20. $(x + 6y)(x - 6y)$
21. $(x + 11y)(x - 11y)$	22. $(3x + 4y)(3x - 4y)$
23. $(7x + 5y)(7x - 5y)$	24. $(9x + 8y)(9x - 8y)$
25. $(x + y + 2)(x + y - 2)$	26. $(x - y + 9)(x - y - 9)$
27. $(3 + x + y)(3 - x - y)$	28. $(8 + x - y)(8 - x + y)$
29. $4(x + y + 2)(x + y - 2)$	30. $(9x - 9y + 1)(9x - 9y - 1)$
31. $-4(x + 4)$	32. $-3(2x + 1)$
33. $(x^2 + y^2)(x + y)(x - y)$	34. $(3x^2 + 4y^2)(3x^2 - 4y^2)$
35. $(5x^2 + 9y^2)(5x^2 - 9y^2)$	36. $(x + \sqrt{5})(x - \sqrt{5})$
37. $(x + \sqrt{10})(x - \sqrt{10})$	38. $2(x + 5)(x - 5)$
39. $3(3x + 4y)(3x - 4y)$	40. $(a^4 + b^4)(a^2 + b^2)(a + b)(a - b)$

“Only he who never plays, never loses.”