



**Class 8**  
**Important Formulas**  
**Chapter 12 - Factorisation**

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### Factorisation of algebraic expression

When we factorise an algebraic expression, we write it as a product of factors. These factors may be numbers, algebraic variables or algebraic expressions

The expression  $6x(x - 2)$ . It can be written as a product of factors.  
 $2, 3, x$  and  $(x - 2)$

$$6x(x - 2) = 2 \times 3 \times x \times (x - 2)$$

The factors  $2, 3, x$  and  $(x + 2)$  are irreducible factors of  $6x(x + 2)$ .

## Method of Factorisation

Name	Working
Common factor method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) We can look at each of the term in the algebraic expression, factorize each term</li><li>2) Then find common factors to factorize the expression</li></ol> <p><b>Example</b> <math>2x+4</math> <math>=2(x+2)</math></p>
Factorisation by regrouping terms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) First we see common factor across all the terms</li><li>2) we look at grouping the terms and check if we find binomial factor from both the groups.</li><li>3) Take the common Binomial factor out</li></ol> <p><b>Example</b> <math>2xy + 3x + 2y + 3</math> <math>= 2 \times x \times y + 3 \times x + 2 \times y + 3</math> <math>= x \times (2y + 3) + 1 \times (2y + 3)</math> <math>= (2y + 3)(x + 1)</math></p>
Factorisation using identities	Use the below identities to factorise it $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$ $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$

Factorisation of the form  $(x+a)(x+b)$

Given  $x^2+ px + q$ ,

1) we find two factors a and b of q (i.e., the constant term) such that

$$ab = q \text{ and } a + b = p$$

2) Now expression can be written

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

$$\text{or } x^2 + ax + bx + ab$$

$$\text{or } x(x + a) + b(x + a)$$

or  $(x + a) (x + b)$  which are the required factors.

**Example**

$$x^2 - 7x + 12$$

$$\text{Now } 12 = 3 \times 4 \text{ and } 3 + 4 = 7$$

$$= x^2 - 3x - 4x + 12$$

$$= x(x - 3) - 4(x - 3) = (x - 3)(x - 4)$$

### Division of algebraic expression

Division of algebraic expression is performed by Factorisation of both the numerator and denominator and then cancelling the common factors.

#### Steps of Division

- 1) Identify the Numerator and denominator
- 2) Factorise both the Numerator and denominator by the technique of Factorisation using common factor, regrouping, identities and splitting
- 3) Identify the common factor between numerator and denominator
- 4) Cancel the common factors and finalize the result

#### Example

$$48(x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2) / 4xyz$$

$$= 48xyz(x + y + z) / 4xyz$$

$$= 4 \times 12 \times xyz(x + y + z) / 4xyz$$

$$= 12(x + y + z)$$

$$\text{Here Dividend} = 48(x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2)$$

$$\text{Divisor} = 4xyz$$

$$\text{Quotient} = 12(x + y + z)$$

So, we have

$$\text{Dividend} = \text{Divisor} \times \text{Quotient.}$$

In general, however, the relation is

$$\text{Dividend} = \text{Divisor} \times \text{Quotient} + \text{Remainder}$$

When remainder is not zero