

Answer on Question #60331 – Math – Algebra

Question

1. Expand the brackets in the following expressions.

$$(11x - 4)(6x + 12)$$

$$(5a - 8b)^2$$

2. Factorise the following expressions.

$$x^2 + 21x - 72$$

$$64m^2 - 169n^2$$

Solution

1.

$$(11x - 4)(6x + 12) = 11x \cdot 6x + 11x \cdot 12 - 4 \cdot 6x - 4 \cdot 12 = 66x^2 + 132x - 24x - 48 = 66x^2 + 108x - 48;$$

$$(5a - 8b)^2 = (5a)^2 - 2 \cdot (5a) \cdot (8b) + (8b)^2 = 25a^2 - 80ab + 64b^2.$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 21x - 72 &= x^2 + 24x - 3x - 72 = (x^2 + 24x) - (3x + 72) = x(x + 24) - 3(x + 24) = \\ &= (x + 24)(x - 3); \end{aligned}$$

$$64m^2 - 169n^2 = (8m)^2 - (13n)^2 = (8m - 13n)(8m + 13n).$$

Answer:

1. $66x^2 + 108x - 48$; $25a^2 - 80ab + 64b^2$.

2. $(x + 24)(x - 3)$; $(8m - 13n)(8m + 13n)$.