

# Factorising Single Term



**What does the factor of a number mean?**



Factors of 8:

Factors of  $2x$ :

Factors of  $2x^2$ :

Factorising means :



Year 8 Factorisation

$$2x^2 + 4xz$$

Factorise



$$2x(x+2z)$$

Year 9 Factorisation

$$x^2 + 3x + 2$$

Factorise



$$(x+1)(x+2)$$

A Level Factorisation

$$2x^3 + 3x^2 - 11x - 6$$

Factorise



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

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We could have just 'factored out' the 3, but we wouldn't have fully factorised because there's also a factor of x.

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$$xy + x =$$

$$2xy + 4x =$$

$$1) 2x - 4 =$$

$$2) xyz + yz =$$

$$3) 5qr + 10r =$$

$$4) 55p^3 + 33p^2 =$$

a  $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 =$

b  $\frac{3}{8}x + \frac{1}{4}x^3 =$

c  $\frac{1}{2}xy + \frac{1}{3}x =$

d  $2x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 =$

$$1 \quad \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x^3 =$$

$$2 \quad \frac{1}{3}xy + \frac{1}{4}y^2 =$$

$$3 \quad 3xy + \frac{2}{3}x =$$

a  $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^3$

b  $2xy + \frac{3}{7}x - \frac{6}{7}x^2$

c  $4xy + 8x + \frac{2}{7}x^2$