

## 8.8 Grouping

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### Factor by Grouping 4 Terms

Recall how to combine like terms.

$$3x + 2x =$$

$$3(x) + 2(x) =$$

$$* \quad 3(x+1) + 2(x+1) = 5(x+1)$$

$$* \quad 4(y+3) + x(y+3) =$$

$$8(w^2+1) - 9(w^2+1) =$$

$$x(x+7) - 9(x+7) =$$

Factor 4 terms by grouping them into 2 binomials.  
Then factor each binomial, and look for like terms

Example

$$(4a^3 - 6a^2) + (2a - 3)$$

$$\underline{2a^2(2a - 3)} + \underline{1(2a - 3)}$$

$$(2a^2 + 1)(2a - 3)$$

Careful  
with the negatives

$$(4x^3 + 2x^2) + (-2x - 1)$$

$$2x^2(\underline{2x + 1}) + \underline{-1(2x + 1)}$$

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

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$$15n^2 + 28 - 20n - 21n$$

$$x^2 + 7x + x + 7$$

$$2x^2 + 10x + 3x + 15$$

$$30y^2 - 25y + 18y - 15$$

$$2a^4 - 3a - 16a + 24$$

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(1-10) show your work

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