

(This is NOT in the book, so take notes!)

ex. 1 Factor completely: $x^{12n} - 729$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x^{6n} - 27)(x^{6n} + 27) \\ & (x^{2n} + 3)(x^{2n} - 3)(x^{4n} + 3x^{2n} + 9)(x^{4n} - 3x^{2n} + 9) \end{aligned}$$

ex. 2 Factor by grouping: $(49x^2 - 14x + 1) - 9n^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & = (7x-1)^2 - 9n^2 \quad \boxed{A^2 - B^2} \\ & = (7x-1-3n)(7x-1+3n) \end{aligned}$$

Factoring by completing the square

ex. 3

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 + 64 & = (x^4 + 16x^2 + 64) - 16x^2 \\ & = (x^2 + 8)^2 - 16x^2 \\ & = (x^2 + 8 + 4x)(x^2 + 8 - 4x) \\ & = (x^2 + 4x + 8)(x^2 - 4x + 8) \end{aligned}$$

ex. 4

 $x^2 - 50x + 589$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x^2 - 50x + 625) + 589 - 625 \\ & = (x-25)^2 - 36 \\ & = (x-25+6)(x-25-6) \\ & = (x-19)(x-31) \end{aligned}$$