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Lesson #8.3: Factor Pairs

Learning Goal: We are learning to find factor pairs, and to expand more complicated polynomials.

Today, we are going to play a game. Before we play this game, we need to first figure out how to make lists of factor pairs. A **factor pair** is two numbers which *multiply* to a given number.

Create the complete list of factor pairs for each number.

a) 24

Small	Big
1	24
2	12
3	8
4	6

b) 32

1	32
2	16
4	8

c) 45

1	45
3	15
5	9

d) 144

1	144
2	72
3	48
4	36
6	24
8	18
9	16
12	12

e) 73

1	73
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Prime.

f) 1890

1	1890	15	126
2	945	18	105
3	630	21	90
5	378	27	70
6	315	30	63
7	270	35	54
9	210	42	45
10	189		
14	135		

16 pairs!

Now that we see how to create a list of factor pairs, we will now add an element which will have us search for a **specific** factor pair. In the following examples, you will be given a number to multiply to and a number to add to. This means that you will need to find a factor pair which both multiplies to and adds to the given numbers. Without further adieu, let's play "Find the Pair!"

Find the **SINGLE** factor pair that satisfies the given conditions. (Note: M = multiply to, A = adds to)

a) M: +45
A: +18

$$\begin{array}{l} 1, 45 \\ 3, 15 = 18 \\ 5, 9 \end{array}$$

b) M: -132
A: +1

Small

$$\begin{array}{l} -1, 132 = 132 \\ -2, 66 = 66 \\ -3, 44 = 44 \\ -4, 33 = 29 \\ -6, 22 = 16 \\ -11, 12 = 1 \end{array}$$

$(-)(+) = -$

$-5, 7$

$5, -7$

$-5 + 7 = +$

$(-11)(12) = -132$

$-11 + 12 = 1$

c) M: 60
A: -23

$$\begin{array}{l} -1, -60 = -60 \\ -2, -30 = -30 \\ -3, -20 = -23 \end{array}$$

$(-)(-) = +$

$(-)+(-) = -$

e) M: -216
A: -19

Big

$$\begin{array}{l} 1, -216 = -216 \\ 2, -108 = -108 \\ 3, -72 = -69 \\ 4, -54 = -50 \\ 6, -36 = -30 \\ 8, -27 = -19 \end{array}$$

M	A	S	B
+	+	+	+
+	-	-	-
-	+	-	+
-	-	+	-

Success Criteria:

- I can use the distributive property to expand larger polynomials
- I can find all of the factor pairs for a given number
- I can find a specific factor pair that meets a set of conditions