

2.8 Expansion of Brackets

1. Copy and complete the following multiplication tables. Some are done for you.

(a)

x	$y - 2$	$3y$	$\frac{6}{y}$	$4 - 3y$
-1		$-3y$		
$\frac{1}{4}$				$1 - \frac{3}{4}y$
2				
$-\frac{1}{2}$			$-\frac{3}{y}$	

(b)

x	$-k$	$\frac{2k}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3k}$	$2 - 2k$
6	$-6k$			
-4			$-\frac{8}{3k}$	
3				
$-\frac{1}{2}$				

2. Remove the brackets in each of the following algebraic expressions.

(a) $2(u - 3)$

(b) $8(v + 7)$

(c) $4(2x + 3y)$

(d) $6(5a - b)$

(e) $-2(p - q)$

(f) $-5(a + b)$

(g) $-3(-2u - 3v)$

(h) $8(-2u - 3v)$

(i) $\frac{1}{2}(10p - 6q)$

(j) $\frac{1}{5}(20x - 15)$

(k) $-(b + c)$

(l) $-(p - q)$

(m) $-x(p + q)$

(n) $-y(-x + y)$

(o) $-(-p - q)$

(p) $-(-t + r)$

(q) $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}a - \frac{4}{5}b\right)$

(r) $6a\left(\frac{1}{3}b - \frac{5}{6}c\right)$

3. Simplify each of the following algebraic expressions.

(a) $(3x - 2y) + (4x - y)$

(b) $(p - m) + (m - 2p)$

(c) $5(x - 2) + 3(4 - x)$

(d) $(3a + 2b) - (a - b)$

(e) $2(3m + n) - 3(m - 3n)$

(f) $(x - y) - (y - z) - (z - x)$

(g) $3a(b - c) + (3b - 2)a$

(h) $m(m - n) - n(n - m)$

(i) $x(y - z) + y(z - x) + z(x - y)$

(j) $3(2y + 5z) - 4(2y - x)$

4. Multiply out and simplify each of the following expressions.

(a) $6(3x + y)$

(b) $5z(z - 2y)$

(c) $\frac{1}{2}(2xy - 4yz)$

(d) $q(p + 2r - 3s)$

(e) $(p + q)(r + s)$

(f) $(x + y)(z + 2w)$

(g) $(3a + b)(a + c)$

(h) $(m + 2n)(2p + 3q)$

(i) $(a - b)(c + d)$

(j) $(2e - f)(2g - h)$

(k) $(3p - 4q)(s + 2t)$

(l) $(a + 7)(2b + 5)$

(m) $(x + 3)(x + 4)$

(n) $(a + 5)(a - 3)$

(o) $(x - 7)(x - 6)$

(p) $(3 + c)(6 - c)$

(q) $(1 - 3x)(4 + 3x)$

(r) $(2p + 3)(p + 5)$

(s) $(4x + 5y)(2x + 3y)$

(t) $(d - 7)(d - 5)$

(u) $(a + 5)^2$

(v) $(x - 3)^2$

(w) $(b + 2)^2$

(x) $(e - 4)^2$

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

(z) $(3x - 2)^2$

5. (a) Expand $p(p^2 - 3p)$. (b) Factorise $y^2 + 5y$.
(c) Factorise completely $2x^2 + 6xy$.

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