Factoring with a Difference of Squares and Perfect Trinomials

III. Factoring the Difference of Two Squares

$$a^2 - 36 = (a + 6)(a - 6)$$
$$3x^2 - 48 = 3(x^2 - 16) = 3(x + 4)(x - 4)$$

Factor, write prime if prime.

1. $x^2 - 1$
2. $x^2 - 9$
3. $x^2 + 4$
4. $x^2 - 25$
5. $9y^2 - 16$
6. $4x^2 - 25$
7. $9x^2 - 1$
8. $a^2 - x^2$
9. $25 - m^2$
10. $x^2 - 16y^2$
11. $25m^2 - n^2$
12. $-x^2 + 16$
13. $36m^2 - 121$
14. $2x^2 - 8$
15. $25 + 4x^2$
16. $4a^2 - 81b^2$
17. $12x^2 - 75$
18. $a^2b - b^3$
19. $-98 + 2x^2$
20. $5x^2 - 45y^2$
21. $9x^4 - 4$
22. $16x^4 - y^2$

IV. Factoring Perfect Square Trinomials

$$x^2 - 14x + 49 = (x - 7)^2$$

Factor, write prime if prime.

1. $x^2 + 8x + 16$
2. $x^2 - 16x + 64$
3. $y^2 + 12y + 36$
4. $a^2 - 10a + 25$
5. $16y^2 + 8y + 1$
11. $25a^2 + 60a + 36$
12. $16 + 40x + 25x^2$
13. $16x^2 + 24x + 9$
14. $49x^2 - 14x + 1$
15. $9y^2 - 30y + 25$
6. $9x^2 - 6x + 1$
7. $25x^2 + 10x + 1$
8. $n^2 - 14n + 49$
9. $81x^2 - 90x + 25$
10. $4y^2 - 20y + 25$
16. $n^2 + 2n + 4$
17. $b^2 + 2b + 1$
18. $36x^2 + 84x + 49$
19. $81 - 18x + x^2$
20. $4 - 12y + 9y^2$