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Learning Goal 1.1

Given a polynomial expression, identify the GCF and use it to find factored form.

Factor the following expressions.

a. $3g + 6$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCF}(3g, 6) &= 3 \\ 3g + 6 &= 3(g + 2) \end{aligned}$$

b. $8d + 12d^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCF}(8d, 12d^2) &= 4d \\ 8d + 12d^2 &= 4d(2 + 3d) \end{aligned}$$

c. $6 - 12z + 18z^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCF}(6, -12z, 18z^2) &= 6 \\ 6 - 12z + 18z^2 &= 6(1 - 2z + 3z^2) \end{aligned}$$

d. $-20c^4d - 30c^3d^2 - 25cd$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCF}(-20c^4d, -30c^3d^2, -25cd) &= -5cd \\ -20c^4d - 30c^3d^2 - 25cd &= -5cd(4c^3 + 6c^2d + 5) \end{aligned}$$