

Preparing for Factoring Trinomials by Decomposition

#1.

$$4x^2 + \boxed{9}x + 5$$

(a)
(c)

Use the trinomial above to complete the following table. The first, two rows have been done as an example.

9x-term decomposed	Coefficients of Decomposition	Product, ac	Are the coefficients both factors of ac ?
$1x + 8x$	1, 8	$4(5) = 20$	Yes; 1 and 8 are both factors of 20
$2x + 7x$	2, 7	20	No
		20	
		20	
		20	

Over for #2 →

#2.

$$4x^2 + \boxed{12}x + 5 \quad \leftarrow \text{Now try this one.}$$

(a) (c)

Use the trinomial above to complete the following table.

12x-term decomposed	Coefficients of Decomposition	Product, ac	Are the coefficients both factors of ac ?
		$4(5) = 20$	
		20	
		20	
		20	
		20	