

ALGEBRA I ACTIVITY 1: BINOMIAL MULTIPLICATION

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW:

In this activity we will

- Enter an expression showing the multiplication of two binomials into Y1 in an equation that can be graphed.
- Multiply the binomials and enter the result into Y2 to verify that the graph remains the same.
- Combine like terms and enter the result into Y3 to verify.

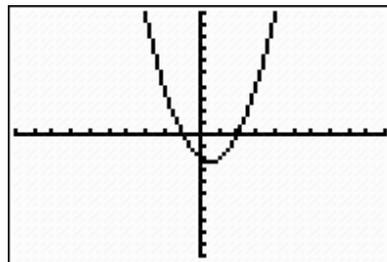
First start by entering the expression shown in the $\boxed{Y=}$ menu.

```
Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
\Y1=(X-2)(X+1)
\Y2=
\Y3=
\Y4=
\Y5=
\Y6=
\Y7=
```

Next, press \boxed{WINDOW} and set to the Zoom 6 Standard.

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MEMORY
1:ZBox
2:Zoom In
3:Zoom Out
4:ZDecimal
5:ZSquare
6:ZStandard
7:ZTrig
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Now graph the equation by pressing the \boxed{GRAPH} key.



Go back to the $\boxed{Y=}$ menu and distribute like terms.

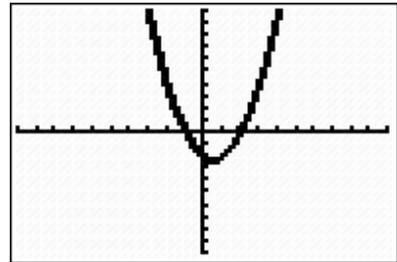
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Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
\Y1=(X-2)(X+1)
\Y2=X^2+1X-2X-2
\Y3=
\Y4=
\Y5=
\Y6=
\Y7=
```

Backspace all the way to the left with the left arrow key and then press **ENTER** until a thick, bold line is displayed

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Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
Y1=(X-2)(X+1)
Y2=X^2+1X-2X-2
Y3=
Y4=
Y5=
Y6=
Y7=
    
```

Press the **GRAPH** key and notice a thicker curve graphs on top of the original curve. This proves that the equations are equal, since both representations generate the same graph.



Go back to the **Y=** menu, combine like terms and enter your new expression into **Y=**. Then backspace all the way to the left and press **ENTER** until the trail appears.

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Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
Y1=(X-2)(X+1)
Y2=X^2+1X-2X-2
+Y3=X^2-1X-2
Y4=
Y5=
Y6=
Y7=
    
```

Now press the **GRAPH** key and notice the third curve trails on top of the other two, visually representing the equality of the three equations. Note: If one curve does not lie on top of the previous one, there lies the error – either with distribution property or combining like terms.

