Adding and Subtracting Polynomials

Adding Polynomials

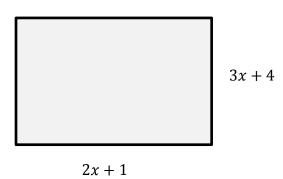
Ex 1.

Add and write the resulting polynomial in descending order of degree.

$$(-2x^3 - 5x + 7) + (3x^2 - 8x - 4)$$

Ex 2.

Write an expression in simplest form for the perimeter of the rectangle shown.



Subtracting Polynomials

To subtract polynomials, you can turn the problem into addition:

$$(5x^2 + 6x + 3) - (2x^2 + x + 1)$$

$$= (5x^2 + 6x + 3) + (-2x^2 - x - 1)$$

$$= 3x^2 + 5x + 2$$

Ex 3.

Subtract and write the resulting polynomial in descending order of degree.

$$(x^4 - 9x^2 + 2) - (2x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2 - 7)$$