

## Adding, Subtracting, and Multiplying Polynomials

A number or a number multiplied by variables is called a \_\_\_\_\_ (also called a \_\_\_\_\_).

### Ex 1.

Which of the following are monomials?

$$-4x^2 \quad 5x^2 + 3x \quad 2x^4y^5 \quad \frac{4}{x} \quad 17$$

The sum of the exponents of the variables is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of a monomial.

The numerical factor in a monomial is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Ex 2.

What are the degrees and coefficients of the following monomials?

Monomial	Degree	Coefficient
$-4x^2$		
$5x^2y^4z^7$		
$2x^3y$		
$\frac{x}{4}$		
$ab$		
$-z$		
17		

One or more monomials added together is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

ex:  $-3x^2y^3 + 2x^4 - 3xy + 24$

The highest degree of all terms in a polynomial is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the polynomial.

ex: What is degree of above polynomial?

A polynomial with 2 terms is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

A polynomial with 3 terms is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Adding and Subtracting Polynomials****Ex 3.**

Add:  $6x^3 - 4x^2 + 3$  and  $-2x^3 + 7x^2 - 5$

**Ex 4.**

Add:  $(-3x^2y^3 + 2x^4 - 3x^3y^2 + 24) + (2x^2y^3 - 2x^4 + 5x^3y^2 + 6x - 4)$

**Ex 5.**

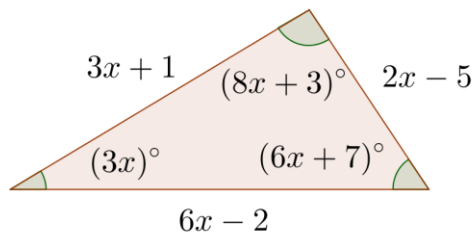
Subtract:  $(6x^2y^5 - 2xy^3 - 8) - (-7x^2y^5 - 4xy^3 + 2)$

**Ex 6.**

Simplify:  $[(6t^2 - 3t + 1) - (12t^2 + 2t - 6)] - [(4t^2 - 3t - 8) + (-6t^2 + 10t - 12)]$

**Ex 7.**

Find a polynomial that represents the perimeter of the triangle. Also, find the angles of the triangle.

**Multiplying Polynomials**

To multiply polynomials, take each term of the first polynomial times every term of the second polynomial.

**Ex 8.**

Multiply:  $4x^2(3x - 5)$

**Ex 9.**

Multiply:  $-3x^3y^2(4x^2y + 2y^2 - 8)$

**Ex 10.**

Multiply:  $(2x + 5)(x^2 + 3x + 4)$

**Note:**

When multiplying two binomials, the mnemonic **FOIL** is sometimes helpful.

**FOIL** stands for **F**irst **O**uter **I**nner **L**ast.

For example,  $(3x - 1)(2x + 4) = \underbrace{3x \cdot 2x}_{\text{First}} + \underbrace{3x \cdot 4}_{\text{Outer}} - \underbrace{1 \cdot 2x}_{\text{Inner}} - \underbrace{1 \cdot 4}_{\text{Last}}$

**Some Shortcuts**

$$(A + B)^2 =$$

$$(A - B)^2 =$$

$$(A + B)(A - B) =$$

We can use these shortcuts to multiply certain polynomials.

**Ex 11.**

Multiply:  $(2x + 3y)^2$

**Ex 12.**

Multiply:  $\left(\frac{1}{2}x - 3y^4\right)^2$

**Ex 13.**

Multiply:  $(3xy^2 + 5y)(3xy^2 - 5y)$

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**Practice**


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1. Determine the coefficient of each term, the degree of each term, and the degree of the polynomial.

$$12x^4y - 5x^3y^7 - x^2 + 4$$

Term	Coefficient	Degree

Degree of the polynomial: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Add:  $(6x^2 - 3x + 7) + (-2x^2 + 3x - 11)$

3. Subtract:  $(5x^4y^2 + 6x^3y - 7y) - (3x^4y^2 - 5x^3y - 6y + 8x)$

4. Simplify:  $(3x^3 + 7x^2 - 2x) + (5x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x) - (-2x^3 + 6x^2 + 1)$

5. Multiply.

a)  $-5xy(8x + 3y - 2x^2y^3)$

b)  $(3x - y)(2x + 5y)$

c)  $(x^2 - 2x + 3)(x^2 + x + 1)$

d)  $(3x + 4y)^2$

e)  $(5xy^2 - xy)^2$

f)  $(3x + 2)(3x - 2)$

g)  $(x + 5)^3$

h)  $-2x(x + 3)(5x - 1)$

Q: What has many keys but can't open any doors?