

5-1 Operations w/ Polynomials

Monomial - a number, variable, or expression that is the product (\times) of one or more variables w/ non negative exponents.

ex: 3, x , x^2 , x^2y , $2xy^3$

x^a x is the base, a is the exponent or degree.

Properties

$$- x^a \cdot x^b \rightarrow x^{a+b}$$

$$- x^a / x^b \rightarrow x^{a-b}$$

$$- x^{-a} \rightarrow 1/x^a$$

$$- (x^a)^b \rightarrow x^{a \cdot b}$$

$$- (x \cdot y)^a \rightarrow x^a y^a$$

$$- (x/y)^a \rightarrow x^a / y^a$$

$$- x^0 = 1$$

mult 2 monomial w/same base: add exp.
Divide 2 monomial w/same base: sub exp.

Raise a monomial to a power, mult exp. \rightarrow all parts of the mono get the exponent

anything to the power of zero is 1

Simplified Monomial:

- no powers of powers
- each base appears once
- all fractions are in simplest form
- no negative exponents

Simplifying Expressions

$$\textcircled{1} (2a^{-2})(3a^3b^2)(c^{-2})$$

$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot 3 \cdot a^3 \cdot b^2 \cdot \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$2 \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot a^3 \cdot b^2 \cdot \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$6 \cdot \frac{a^3}{a^2} \cdot b^2 \cdot \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$6 \cdot a^{3-2} \cdot b^2 \cdot \frac{1}{c^2}$$

$$6 \cdot a \cdot b^2 \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} = \left(\frac{6ab^2}{c^2} \right)$$

① get rid of negative exponents

② bring together like terms

③ mult like terms

④ Simplify

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{q^2r^4}{q^7r^3}$$

$$q^{2-7} \cdot r^{4-3}$$

$$q^{-5} \cdot r^1$$

$$\left(\frac{r^1}{q^5} \right)$$

① Use division property

② Simplify

③ write w/ positive exponents

What is a polynomial?

An expression consisting of monomials that are being added or subtracted.

- no square roots of variables
- no fractional or negative powers on the variables
- no variables in the denominator

Determine if each expression is a polynomial, if so, state the degree (largest exponent of the poly)

① $3x^3 + 4x^5 + 3$ yes, degree = 5

② $\sqrt{x} + x + 4$ No, sqrt

③ $x^{-2} + x - 3$ No, neg exp

Simplify

① $(4x^2 - 5x + 6) - (2x^2 + 3x - 1)$

$$4x^2 - 5x + 6 - 2x^2 - 3x + 1$$

$$4x^2 - 2x^2 - 5x - 3x + 6 + 1$$

$$2x^2 - 8x + 7$$

① remove parenthesis (apply neg to second poly)

② combine like terms

③ simplify

Simplify

② $(6x^2 - 7x + 8) + (-4x^2 + 9x - 5)$

① remove parentheses
② combine like terms
③ simplify

$$6x^2 - 7x + 8 + -4x^2 + 9x - 5$$
$$6x^2 - 4x^2 - 7x + 9x + 8 - 5$$
$$(2x^2 + 2x + 3)$$

③ $3x(2x^2 - 4x + 6)$

① Distribute the 3x
② mult. like terms
③ no like terms to combine

$$3x(2x^2) + 3x(-4x) + 3x(6)$$
$$(6x^3 - 12x^2 + 18x)$$

④ $-2a(-3a^2 - 11a + 20)$

$$-2a(-3a^2) - 2a(-11a) - 2a(20)$$
$$(6a^3 + 22a^2 - 40a)$$

⑤ $(n^2 + 4n - 6)(n + 2)$

① multiply (similar to FOIL)
② combine like terms

$$(n^2 + 4n - 6)(n + 2)$$
$$n^3 + 2n^2 + 4n^2 + 8n - 6n - 12$$
$$(n^3 + 6n^2 + 2n - 12)$$

5-1 Practice Problems

Simplify. Your answer should contain only positive exponents.

1) $3x \cdot 3x^2y^4$

2) $4a^2b^{-2} \cdot ab^3$

3) $3v^{-4} \cdot v^3$

4) $yx^{-3} \cdot yx^4$

5) $4ab^4 \cdot 3a^{-1}b^2$

6) $2x^3 \cdot 4y$

7) $(b^2)^2$

8) $(2x^2y^4)^{-1}$

9) $(3x^{-3}y^4)^3$

10) $(2mn^2)^4$

11) $(3ab^4)^3$

12) $(m^2n^3)^3$

13) $\frac{3a^{-3}b^4}{b}$

14) $\frac{x^4y^2}{4x^{-3}}$

15) $\frac{4xy^{-2}}{4xy^3}$

16) $\frac{x^2}{x^4y^3}$

17) $\frac{2a^3}{4a^{-3}b^{-3}}$

18) $\frac{2yx^{-3}}{2x^2y^2}$

Simplify. Your answer should contain only positive exponents. (These are tough)

$$19) \frac{(2x^{-2})^{-2}}{x^2y^{-1} \cdot 2y^{-1}}$$

$$20) \frac{(2x^{-3})^3}{2x^{-4}y^3 \cdot 2x^{-1}y^3}$$

$$21) \frac{2u^4v^4 \cdot (2u^4)^2}{(u^4v^4)^4}$$

$$22) \frac{(2x^4)^{-1}}{yx^3 \cdot y}$$

$$23) \frac{(nm^{-1} \cdot m^{-1}n^3)^4}{2m^2n^{-4}}$$

$$24) \frac{(ba^2)^4}{a^3 \cdot 2b^3}$$

$$25) \left(\frac{2x^{-3}y^2 \cdot x^3y^2}{x^3y^{-4}} \right)^2$$

$$26) \left(\frac{x^{-2}y^3}{x \cdot 2x^4} \right)^4$$

Simplify each expression.

$$27) (8m^4 - 6 + 4m) + (7m^3 + 7m^4 - 1)$$

$$28) (4x^3 + x^2 + 4x^4) + (2x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x^4)$$

$$29) (5v + 2 - 8v^3) + (5 - 4v^3 - 5v)$$

$$30) (3n - 2n^2 + 4) + (4n^3 - 6n^2 + 6)$$

$$31) (3a - a^2 + 6) + (a^2 - a - 3)$$

$$32) (6a^2 + 2a^3 + 1) + (3a^2 - 5a^3 + 7)$$

Find each product.

$$33) (2n + 6)(3n^2 + n + 7)$$

$$34) (a + 1)(5a^2 + 4a + 6)$$

$$35) (5k - 6)(k^2 + 3k - 5)$$

$$36) (6x - 7)(4x^2 - 6x - 4)$$

$$37) (2r + 5)(r^2 - 8r + 1)$$

$$38) (p + 7)(p^2 + 4p + 2)$$

Answers to 5-1 Practice Problems

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) $9x^3y^4$ | 2) $4a^3b$ | 3) $\frac{3}{v}$ | 4) y^2x |
| 5) $12b^6$ | 6) $8x^3y$ | 7) b^4 | 8) $\frac{1}{2x^2y^4}$ |
| 9) $\frac{27y^{12}}{x^9}$ | 10) $16m^4n^8$ | 11) $27a^3b^{12}$ | 12) m^6n^9 |
| 13) $\frac{3b^3}{a^3}$ | 14) $\frac{x^7y^2}{4}$ | 15) $\frac{1}{y^5}$ | 16) $\frac{1}{x^2y^3}$ |
| 17) $\frac{a^6b^3}{2}$ | 18) $\frac{1}{x^5y}$ | 19) $\frac{x^2y^2}{8}$ | 20) $\frac{2}{x^4y^6}$ |
| 21) $\frac{8}{u^4v^{12}}$ | 22) $\frac{1}{2x^7y^2}$ | 23) $\frac{n^{20}}{2m^{10}}$ | 24) $\frac{ba^5}{2}$ |
| 25) $\frac{4y^{16}}{x^6}$ | 26) $\frac{y^{12}}{16x^{28}}$ | 27) $15m^4 + 7m^3 + 4m - 7$ | |
| 28) $6x^3 - 2x^2$ | 29) $-12v^3 + 7$ | 30) $4n^3 - 8n^2 + 3n + 10$ | |
| 31) $2a + 3$ | 32) $-3a^3 + 9a^2 + 8$ | 33) $6n^3 + 20n^2 + 20n + 42$ | |
| 34) $5a^3 + 9a^2 + 10a + 6$ | 35) $5k^3 + 9k^2 - 43k + 30$ | 36) $24x^3 - 64x^2 + 18x + 28$ | |
| 37) $2r^3 - 11r^2 - 38r + 5$ | 38) $p^3 + 11p^2 + 30p + 14$ | | |