

5-2 Polynomials

Objective: Add, subtract, and Multiply Polynomials.

Polynomial: a monomial or sum of monomials.

Binomial: 2 unlike terms ie. $xy + z^3$

Trinomial: 3 unlike terms
ie. $x^2 + 3x + 1$

Degree of a Polynomial: The degree of the monomial with the greatest degree

$4x^3 + 3x^2$ degree 3 $5x^5y + 4x^3y^6$ degree 9

$\begin{matrix} 3 & 2 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{matrix} 6 & 9 \\ \hline \end{matrix}$

Remember

$$(x^2)^5 = x^{10}$$

$$x^2 \cdot x^5 = x^7$$

I. Determine whether each is a polynomial and state the degree.

- A. $c^2 - 4\sqrt{c} + 18$ Not a polynomial since "c" is under the radical
- B. $-16p^5 + (3/4)p^2q^7$ yes it's a polynomial. Degree: 9

II. Simplify

A. $(2a^3 + 5a - 7) - (a^3 - 3a + 2)$

$2a^3 + 5a - 7 - a^3 + 3a - 2 = a^3 + 8a - 9$

B. $-y(4y^2 + 2y - 3)$

$-y \cdot 4y^2 + -y \cdot 2y + -y \cdot -3$

$-4y^3 - 2y^2 + 3y$

Note
 $a + a = 2a$
 $a \cdot a = a^2$

C. $(2p + 3)(4p + 1)$

$8p^2 + 2p + 12p + 3$

$8p^2 + 14p + 3$

Binomial · Binomial

FOIL

First Outside Inside Last

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

D. $(a^2 + 3a - 4)(a + 2)$

way #1

	$a^2 + 3a - 4$	
a	a^3	$3a^2 - 4a$
$+2$	$2a^2$	$6a - 8$

$$a^3 + 5a^2 + 2a - 8$$

way #2

$$(a^2 + 3a - 4)(a + 2)$$

$$a^3 + 3a^2 - 4a + 2a^2 + 6a - 8$$

$$a^3 + 5a^2 + 2a - 8$$

E. $(n^2 + 6n - 2)(n + 4)$

	$n^2 + 6n - 2$	
n	n^3	$6n^2 - 2n$
$+4$	$4n^2$	$24n - 8$

$$n^3 + 10n^2 + 22n - 8$$

Note

	$a - 8$
$-a$	$-a^2 + 8a$
$+2$	$2a - 16$

$$-a^2 + 10a - 16$$