

L8-1 Adding and Subtracting Polynomials

Define the following:

- monomial - single term (-2 , $-2x^4$)
- polynomial - an expression involving multiple terms ($x-1$, $12x^9+1x-8$)
- binomial - polynomial with two terms
- trinomial - polynomial with three terms
- degree of a monomial - sum of the exponents of the variables ($3xyz$ has a degree of 3)
- degree of a polynomial - the term with the greatest power ($3x^8-2x^3+5$ has a degree of 8)
- standard form of a polynomial - order the terms in ABC and descending power order
- leading coefficient - coefficient in front of the term with the greatest power

Identify Polynomials

State whether each expression is a polynomial. If it is a polynomial, identify it as a *monomial*, *binomial*, or *trinomial*.

Expression	Is it a polynomial?	Monomial, binomial, or trinomial?
a. $6x - 4$	Yes; $6x - 4$ is the difference of two monomials.	binomial
b. $x^2 + 2xy - 7$	Yes; $x^2 + 2xy - 7$ is the sum and difference of three monomials.	trinomial
c. $\frac{14d + 19e^3}{5d^4}$	No; $\frac{14d}{5d^5}$ and $\frac{19e^3}{5d^4}$ are not monomials.	none of these
d. $26b^2$	Yes; $26b^3$ has one term.	monomial

Degree	Name
0	constant
1	linear
2	quadratic
3	cubic
4	quartic
5	quintic
6 or more	6th degree, 7th degree, and so on

A. State whether $3x^2 + 2y + z$ is a polynomial. If it is a polynomial, identify it as a *monomial*, *binomial*, or *trinomial*. State its degree.

3 terms \therefore trinomial

Degree is 2 because $3x^2$ is the greatest power.

B. State whether $4a^2 - b^{-2}$ is a polynomial. If it is a polynomial, identify it as a *monomial*, *binomial*, or *trinomial*. State its degree.

$$4a^2 - b^{-2} = \frac{4a^2}{-b^2}$$

not a polynomial
because it
involves division.

C. State whether $8r - 5s$ is a polynomial. If it is a polynomial, identify it as a *monomial*, *binomial*, or *trinomial*. Identify its degree.

$8r - 5s$ binomial
degree of 1

D. State whether $3y^5$ is a polynomial. If it is a polynomial, identify it as a *monomial*, *binomial*, or *trinomial*. Identify its degree.

$3y^5$ monomial (one term)
degree of 5

Standard Form of a Polynomial

A. Write $9x^2 + 3x^6 - 4x$ in standard form. Identify the leading coefficient.

$$3x^6 + 9x^2 - 4x$$

① ABC - (alpha order)

② Decreasing power

③ Constant always comes last

B. Write $12 + 5y + 6xy + 8xy^2$ in standard form. Identify the leading coefficient.

$$8xy^2 + 6xy + 5y + 12$$

Add Polynomials

A. Find $(7y^2 + 2y - 3) + (2 - 4y + 5y^2)$.

Horizontal Method

$$(7y^2 + 2y - 3) + (2 - 4y + 5y^2) =$$

$$(7y^2 + 5y^2) + (2y - 4y) + (-3 + 2) =$$

① Combine like terms

② add

③ simplify equation

$$12y^2 + (-2y) + (-1) =$$

$$12y^2 - 2y - 1$$

Vertical Method

$$\begin{array}{r}
 7y^2 + 2y - 3 \\
 + 5y^2 - 4y + 2 \\
 \hline
 12y^2 - 2y - 1
 \end{array}$$

① Put expression in standard form

② add

③ Simplify

Subtract Polynomials

A. Find $(6y^2 + 8y^4 - 5y) - (9y^4 - 7y + 2y^2)$.

Horizontal Method

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

$$(\cancel{6y^2} + \cancel{8y^4} - 5y) + (\cancel{-9y^4} + 7y - \cancel{2y^2})$$

① Add the opposite

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

② combine like terms

$$-1y^4 + 4y^2 + 2y$$

③ Simplify

Vertical Method

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

① Standard form

$$\begin{array}{r} 8y^4 + 6y^2 - 5y \\ + (-9y^4 - 2y^2 + 7y) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

② Add opposite

$$-1y^4 + 4y^2 + 2y$$

③ Simplify

Find $(6n^2 + 11n^3 + 2n) - (4n - 3 + 5n^2)$.

Horizontal Method

Vertical Method

VIDEO GAMES The total amount of toy sales T (in billions of dollars) consists of two groups: sales of video games V and sales of traditional toys R . In recent years, the sales of traditional toys and total sales could be modeled by the following equations, where n is the number of years since 2000.

$$R = 0.46n^3 - 1.9n^2 + 3n + 19$$

$$T = 0.45n^3 - 1.85n^2 + 4.4n + 22.6$$

A. Write an equation that represents the sales of video games V .

B. Use the equation to predict the amount of video game sales in the year 2009.

52. **CCSS REASONING** The perimeter of the triangle can be represented by the expression $3x^2 - 7x + 2$. Write a polynomial that represents the measure of the third side.

