

Ch 5 - Exponential Expressions & Polynomials

Due Tuesday, 9/15:

5.1 #63-85 odd

(5.2 #3-7odd, 15-25odd, 35-49odd) — due tomorrow (Wed.)
5.3 #25-29odd, 43-51odd, 61-67odd, 89-97odd, 109-117odd
5.4 #19-25 odd; 27-43 odd; 55-61 odd
5.5 #21-47 odd

Product $b^p \cdot b^q = b^{p+q}$

Quotient $\frac{b^p}{b^q} = b^{p-q} = \frac{1}{b^{q-p}}$

Power $(b^p)^q = b^{pq}$

Distributive $(a^p b^q)^r = a^{pr} b^{qr}$, $\left(\frac{a^p}{b^q}\right)^r = \frac{a^{pr}}{b^{qr}}$

Reciprocal $b^{-p} = \frac{1}{b^p}$

$$\frac{1}{b^{-p}} = b^p$$

$$\frac{y^{2n}}{-y^{8n}} = -\frac{y^{2n}}{y^{8n}} = -\frac{y^{2n-8n}}{1} = -\frac{1}{y^{8n-2n}}$$

$$= -y^{-6n} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{y^{6n}}}$$

$$\frac{x^{2n-1} y^{n-3}}{x^{n+4} y^{n+3}} = \frac{x^{2n-1-(n+4)}}{y^{n+3-(n-3)}} = \frac{x^{n-5}}{y^6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 81 \left(\frac{9ab^{-2}}{8a^{-2}b} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{3a^{-2}b}{2a^2b^{-2}} \right)^3 \\
 &= \frac{9^{-2} a^{-2} b^4}{8^{-2} a^4 b^{-2}} \cdot \frac{3^3 a^{-6} b^3}{2^3 a^6 b^{-6}} = \\
 &= \frac{8^2 b^6}{9^2 a^6} \cdot \frac{3^3 b^9}{2^3 a^{12}} = \frac{(2^3)^2 \cdot 3^3 b^{15}}{(3^2)^2 \cdot 2^3 a^{18}} = \frac{2^6 \cdot 3^3 b^{15}}{3^4 \cdot 2^3 a^{18}} \\
 &= \frac{2^3 b^{15}}{3^1 a^{18}} = \boxed{\frac{8b^{15}}{3a^{18}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

5.2 Introduction to Polynomials

A polynomial is an expression consisting of variables and constants, using only the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and non-negative integer exponents.

A polynomial with one term is a monomial.

e.g. $3x^2$ or $5xy^3$

A polynomial with two terms is a binomial.

e.g. $7xy^5 - 3x$ or $xyzw + 23x^2$ or $x - 2$

A polynomial with three terms is a trinomial.

e.g. $x^2 + 5x - 6$

The degree of a monomial is the sum of the exponents of the variables.

$7x^1y^5$ has degree 6

$x^1y^1z^1w^1$ has degree 4

$13x^3y^1z^2$ has degree 6

$-2db^3$ has degree 4

The degree of a polynomial is the greatest of the degrees of any of its terms.

$x^2 + 5x - 6$ has degree 2

$3x^2y - 15x^3y + 2v^3xz$ has degree 5

$15xy^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 32xyz - 5000$ has degree 3

The terms of a polynomial in only one variable are usually arranged in descending order, so that the exponents of the variable decrease from left to right, in the form

$$f(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$$

a_n, \dots, a_0 are real-numbered coefficients

a_nx^n is the lead term (term containing the variable with the largest exponent)

a_n is the leading coefficient (coefficient of the variable with the largest exponent)

a_0 is the constant term (term without a variable)

n is the degree of the polynomial (largest exponent)

The linear function $f(x) = mx + b$ is a polynomial of degree one.

A second-degree polynomial of the form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

is called a quadratic function.

A third-degree polynomial is called a cubic function.

Problems from Section 5.2:

Is it a polynomial? If so, state the lead term, leading coefficient, degree, and constant term.

$$16. P(x) = 3x^4 - 3x - 7$$

Lead term: $3x^4$
 Leading coefficient: 3
 Degree: 4
 Constant term: -7

$$18. R(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 2x + 1}{x}$$

Lead term:
 Leading coefficient:
 Degree:
 Constant term:

not a polynomial!

$$20. f(x) = x^2 - \sqrt{x+2} - 8$$

Lead term:
 Leading coefficient:
 Degree:
 Constant term:

not a polynomial!

$$22. g(x) = -4x^5 + 3x^2 + x - \sqrt{7}$$

Lead term: $-4x^5$
 Leading coefficient: -4
 Degree: 5
 Constant term: $-\sqrt{7}$

To evaluate a polynomial, replace the variable by its value and simplify.

6. Given $R(x) = -x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 4$, evaluate $R(-1)$.

$$R(-1) = -(-1)^3 + 2(-1)^2 - 3(-1) + 4 =$$

$$= (-1)(-1) + 2(1) + (-1)(3)(-1) + 4$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 3 + 4$$

$$= \boxed{10}$$

Polynomials can be added by combining like terms.

36. $(3x^2 - 2x + 7) + (-3x^2 + 2x - 12)$

$$0 + 0 - 5 = \boxed{-5}$$

42. $(3a^2 - 9a) - (-5a^2 + 7a - 6) = 3a^2 - 9a + 5a^2 - 7a + 6$

$$= \boxed{8a^2 - 16a + 6}$$

50. $(2x^4 - 2x^2 + 1) - (3x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 8) = 2x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 - 3x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 8$

$$= \boxed{2x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x - 7}$$

46. $(2x^{2n} - x^n - 1) - (5x^{2n} + 7x^n + 1)$

$$= \boxed{-3x^{2n} - 8x^n - 2}$$

Review

Simplify: $\frac{2x^{-5}y^4}{3x^2y^1} \cdot \frac{3^{-2}xy^3}{2^3x^4}$

$$= \frac{y^{4+3-1}}{2^{3-1} \cdot 3^{1-(-2)} \cdot x^{2+1-(-5)-1}}$$

$$= \frac{y^6}{2^2 3^3 x^7} = \frac{y^6}{4 \cdot 27 x^7} = \boxed{\frac{y^6}{108x^7}}$$

Find the equation of the line passing through the points

$(5, -3)$ & $(-1, 1)$.

$$\frac{-3-1}{5-(-1)} = \frac{-4}{6} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$y - 1 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - (-1))$$

$$y - 1 = -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3} + 1$$

$$\boxed{y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}}$$

5.3 Multiplication of Polynomials

Distributive Property: $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ $a(b + c + d + e + f) = ab + ac + ad + ae + af$ Multiplying a Polynomial by a Monomial $-3xy^2(2x^3y - xy^4 + 4x^3y^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-3xy^2)(2x^3y) + (-3xy^2)(-xy^4) + (-3xy^2)(4x^3y^2) \\
 &= -6x^4y^3 + 3x^2y^6 - 12x^4y^4
 \end{aligned}$$

In general, multiply every term by every other term and then combine like terms.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(3x^5 - 2x^3 + 3)(4x^2) + (3x^5 - 2x^3 + 3)(-5x) \\
 &(3x^5)(4x^2) + (-2x^3)(4x^2) + 3(4x^2) + (3x^5)(-5x) + (-2x^3)(-5x) \\
 &= 12x^7 - 8x^5 + 12x^2 - 15x^6 + 10x^4 - 15x \\
 &= 12x^7 - 15x^6 - 8x^5 + 10x^4 + 12x^2 - 15x \\
 &(2x - 3 + 4x^2)(5x^3 - x^8 + 2x) \\
 &2x(5x^3) + 2x(-x^8) + 2x(2x) + (-3)(5x^3) + (-3)(-x^8) + (-3)(2x) + \\
 &\quad (4x^2)(5x^3) + (4x^2)(-x^8) + (4x^2)(2x) \\
 &= 10x^4 - 2x^9 + 4x^2 - 15x^3 + 3x^8 - 6x + 20x^5 - 4x^{10} + 8x^3 \\
 &= -4x^{10} - 2x^9 + 3x^8 + 20x^5 + 10x^4 - 7x^3 + 4x^2 - 6x
 \end{aligned}$$

