

Algebra 1 8.1

Write polynomials in standard form

Add and subtract polynomials

monomial *var., number, product*

polynomial

binomial (2)

\* trinomial (3)

degree (of a monomial)

degree (of a polynomial)

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5 in a row

$$x^2 + 3x + -7$$

$$\underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad}$$

$$n^3 + 5$$

**Monomial**

$5x$

Yes

number  
variable  
product

**Binomial**

$2x^2 + 7$

No

variable in denom  
 $\sqrt{\text{var}}$   
neg expon.

**Trinomial**

$x^3 - 10x + 1$

exponent

Degree	Name
0	6 constant
1	$y'$ linear
2	$n^2$ quadratic
3	$x^3$ cubic

Polynomials are named based on their degree (exponents) and number of terms included



Expression
a. $4y$
b. $-6.5$
c. $7a^{-3} + 9b$
d. $6x^3 + 4x + x + 3$

Is it a polynomial?

Degree

Name

Y

1

mono

Y

0

mono

N

Y

3

poly

### Guided Practice

1A.  $x$

1C.  $5r^2 + 7t^3$   $d = 3$   
2 3

$$\underbrace{8x^2y^1}_{\substack{2 \\ d=3}} - 3x^1y^2$$

1B.  $-3y^2 - 2y + 4y - 1$

1D.  $10x^{-4} - 8x^2$

$$\frac{5}{x^2} + 3n^4$$

leading coefficient

yes

Standard form:

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

greatest degree



3

2

1

Standard form:

- degree from highest to lowest
- constant is always last



### Example 2 Standard Form of a Polynomial

Write each polynomial in standard form. Identify the leading coefficient.

a.  $3x^2 + 4x^5 - 7x$

$4x^5 + 3x^2 - 7x^1$   
Le = 4

b.  $+5y - 9 - 2y^4 - 6y^3$

$-2y^4 - 6y^3 + 5y - 9$   
Lc = -2

Guided Practice

2A.  $8 - 2x^2 + 4x^4 - 3x$

$$4x^4 - 2x^2 + 3x + 8$$

$$LC = 4$$

2B.  $y + 5y^3 - 2y^2 - 7y^6 + 10$

$$-7y^6 + 5y^3 - 2y^2 + y + 10$$

$$LC = -7$$

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Terms

Like terms

Same shape  
(exp)

### Example 3 Add Polynomials

Find each sum.

a.  $(2x^2 + 5x - 7) + (3 - 4x^2 + 6x)$

$$-2x^2 + 11x + -4$$

$$\text{b. } (3y + y^3 - 5) + (4y^2 - 4y + 2y^3 + 8)$$

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

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### Guided Practice

$$3A. (5x^2 - 3x + 4) + (6x - 3x^2 - 3) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$3B. (y^4 - 3y + 7) + (2y^3 + 2y - 2y^4 - 11)$$

$$-3y$$

$$+2y$$

$$= -1y^4$$

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

$$LC = -1$$

Distributive property

**Example 4 Subtract Polynomials**

**Find each difference.**

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

Danger!

**b.**  $(7p + 4p^3 - 8) - (3p^2 + 2 - 9p)$

### Guided Practice

**4A.**  $(4x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 4) - (-2x^3 + x^2 - 2)$

**4B.**  $(8y - 10 + 5y^2) - (7 - y^3 + 12y)$