

## 5.3 Naming/add/subtract polynomials

### NAMING A MONOMIAL:

**Monomial** – any SINGLE term. It can be a #, variable or both together.

The **Degree of a Monomial** is the sum of the powers of the variables. IT DOES NOT include the power of the numbers.

4  $x^6 y^2$  Degree is 8. IT DOES NOT include the power of the numbers.

4 It is a #. There is no variable so its degree = 0.

$x^2 y$  Degree is 3.

It is not a polynomial  
if the exponent is  
negative or in the  
denominator:

$$\frac{2}{x} \quad 5^2 x^{-3}$$

not polynomials

### NAMING A POLYNOMIAL:

Polynomial - More than one monomial in an expression or equation

Example:  $2x^2 - 7x - 4$  *degree 2*

Standard form of a polynomial – writing the polynomial from greatest degree to least degree.

A # by itself is called a constant and has degree zero. The -4 in the example is the constant.

Degree of a polynomial is the monomial with the highest degree. The degree is 2 in the example.

There are 2 parts to name a Polynomial:

Degree + # of terms

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

Degree  
monomials 4 5 2 0

Degree  
polynomial 5

Degree	Name
0	constant
1	linear
2	quadratic
3	cubic
4	quartic
5	quintic

#	terms	name
1		monomial
2		binomial
3		trinomial
4		polynomial with 4 terms
5		polynomial with 5 terms

Write in standard form  
and name:

a)  $-7x + 5x^4$

b)  $x^2 - 4x + 3x^3 + 2x$

c)  $4x - 6x + 5$

d)  $(x+1)^3$

$$-7x + 5x^4 \quad 2 \text{ terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \\ 5x^4 - 7x \\ \textcircled{4} \quad \textcircled{1} \end{array}$$

Degree of  
polynomial = 4

quartic binomial



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

combine like terms

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

(3)      (2)      (1)

3 terms
Degree polynomial = 3

cubic trinomial

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$$4x - 6x + 5$$

$$-2x + 5$$

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Linear binomial

$$(x+1)^3 = (x+1)(x+1)(x+1)$$

$$(x+1)(x+1)$$

$$(x+1)(x^2 + 2x + 1)$$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 + x + x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

cubic polynomial  
with 4 terms

$$7 - 6 + 4 - 2 = 3$$

constant monomial

If  $P(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 5$   
find  $P(1)$  Evaluate  $x=1$

$$P(1) = 3(1)^2 - 2(1) - 5$$
$$3 - 2 - 5 = -4$$

find  $P(-2) = 3(-2)^2 - 2(-2) - 5$

$$= 12 + 4 - 5 = 11$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad x^2 + x$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad x^2 (x') = x^{2+1} = x^3$$

$$x^3 + x^5 = \textcircled{x^5 + x^3}$$

Add/Subtract - combine like terms only. It is not  $x^8$

$$x^3(x^5) = \text{multiply so add exponents} = x^8$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 5x^4 + (3x^2 - 2x + 4)$$

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$$\textcircled{3a} \quad 5x^4 - (3x^2 - 2x + 4)$$

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$$\textcircled{3b} \quad 5x^4 - 3x^2 - 2x + 4$$



$$\textcircled{3} \quad 5x^4 + (3x^2 - 2x + 4)$$
$$5x^4 + 3x^2 - 2x + 4$$

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$$\textcircled{3a} \quad 5x^4 - 1(3x^2 - 2x + 4)$$
$$5x^4 - 3x^2 + 2x - 4$$

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$$\textcircled{3b} \quad 5x^4 - 3x^2 - 2x + 4$$