

Algebra.

Monomials.

Monomial is a product of variables in nonnegative integer power and a number, which is called a coefficient. For example: xy^3 , 6, 56 , $3c^5d^{10}$, $2x^3y^5$.

Two monomials are equal if their difference is only on the order of factors.

Monomial is equal to 0 if one of the factors is 0.

Usually, monomials are written in the following form: first goes a coefficient (only one number), then the variable with the highest power and so on... Example above $6y^3x$, 56 , $3d^{10}c^5$, $30xy$.

Degree of a monomial is the sum of all exponents of variables. The degree of $6y^3x$ is 4 ($1 + 3 = 4$).

Several monomials can be added together and/or multiply.

$$5x^2m^3 \cdot 7m^2y^3 = 35x^2m^5y^3$$

Polynomials.

We can add together a few monomials and get a polynomial:

$$A = 6y^3x + 56 + 3d^{10}c^5 + 30xy$$

The degree of a polynomial is the highest of the degrees of its monomials (individual terms) with non-zero coefficients. The term order has been used as a synonym of degree but, nowadays, may refer to several other concepts. For example, the polynomial $7x^2y^3 + 4x - 9$ which can also be expressed as $7x^2y^3 + 4x^1y^0 - 9x^0y^0$ has three terms. The first term has a degree of 5 (the sum of the powers 2 and 3), the second term has a degree of 1, and the last term has a degree of 0. Therefore, the polynomial has a degree of 5, which is the highest degree of any term.

To determine the degree of a polynomial that is not in standard form (for example:

$(x + 1)^2 - (x - 1)^2$, one has to put it first in standard form by expanding the products (by distributivity) and combining the like terms; $(x + 1)^2 - (x - 1)^2 = 4x$ is of degree 1, even though each summand has degree 2.

Polynomials can be added together

$$\begin{aligned} (7x^2y^3 + 4xy^2 - 6) + (3x^2y^3 - 2x^5y^2) &= 7x^2y^3 + 4xy^2 - 6 + 3x^2y^3 - 2x^5y^2 \\ &= 10x^2y^3 + 4xy^2 - 2x^5y^2 = -2x^5y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 4xy^2 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication of polynomials.

How to multiply polynomials?

$$(a + b) \cdot (c + d) = ?$$

We know how to multiply an expression by a number using the distributive property:

$a \cdot (b + c) = ab + ac$. What should we do to multiply one expression by another? To simplify the problem let's do the substitution, $a + b = u$ and use the distributive property:

$$(a + b) \cdot (c + d) = u(c + d) = uc + ud$$

This new expression is not exactly the result what we are looking for; so, we need to put back $(a + b)$ instead of u :

$$uc + ud = (a + b)c + (a + b)d$$

To get the final result let's use the distributive property again:

$$(a + b)c + (a + b)d = ac + bc + ad + bd$$

More polynomial multiplications:

$$\begin{aligned}(2x^2 + 3y^3) \cdot (3x^3 + y^5) &= 2x^2 \cdot 3x^3 + 2x^2 \cdot y^5 + 3y^3 \cdot 3x^3 + 3y^3 \cdot y^5 \\ &= 6x^5 + 2x^2y^5 + 9x^3y^3 + 3x^3y^5\end{aligned}$$

Algebraic identities is an expression which is true for any values of variables.

A few similar identities are very useful:

1. $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (-a - b)^2$
2. $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$
3. $(a - b)(a + b) = a^2 - b^2$
4. $(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca$
5. $(a + b - c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab - 2bc - 2ca$
6. $(a - b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2ab - 2bc + 2ca$
7. $(-a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2ab + 2bc - 2ca$
8. $(a - b - c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 2ab + 2bc - 2ca$
9. $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a + b)$
10. $(a - b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a - b)$
11. $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)^3 - 3ab(a + b)$
 $= (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
12. $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)^3 + 3ab(a - b)$
 $= (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
13. $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$
 if $a + b + c = 0$ then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

Exercises.

1. Which of the following are monomials?

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| a) a ; | d) $a + b$; | g) ba ; | j) $b2c$; |
| b) $\frac{ab}{a + b}$; | e) $\frac{ax}{b}$; | h) $\frac{3}{4}xy$; | k) $7a - 3$; |
| c) $-1, (26)$; | f) $(a - b) \cdot 3$; | i) $\frac{p}{b}axy$; | l) 0 ? |

2. Simplify the following expression (combine like terms, think about which terms you can add together and which you can't):

$$\left(\frac{1}{7}klm^2 - \frac{4}{3}kl^2m + 7klm\right) + \left(-\frac{3}{21}klm^2 + \frac{4}{9}kl^2m - 5klm\right);$$

3. Simplify the following expressions (rewrite the expressions without parenthesis, combine like terms);

Example:

$$(2x + 3) \cdot (x + 7) = 2xx + 2x \cdot 7 + 3x + 3 \cdot 7 = 2x^2 + 10x + 21$$

$$(x + 5)(x + y + 3);$$

$$(k - 1 + d)(k - d);$$

$$\frac{2}{3} + 2x\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}y\right) - x - \frac{1}{3}(2 - 2xy);$$

$$2x^2(x + y) - 3x^2(x - y);$$

4. Factor out the common factor;

а) $a^2 + ab$;

б) $x^2 - x$;

в) $a + a^2$;

г) $2xy - x^3$;

д) $b^3 - b^2$;

е) $a^4 + a^3b$;

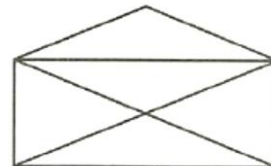
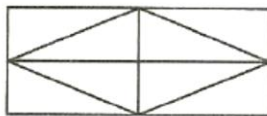
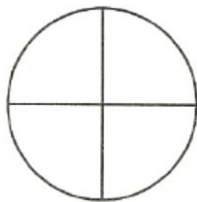
ж) $x^2y^2 + y^4$;

з) $4a^6 - 2a^3b$;

и) $9x^4 - 12x^2y^4$.

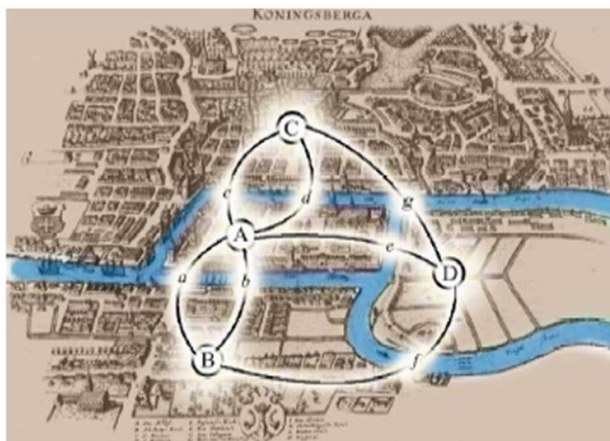
Geometry.

We did many problems about how to draw a picture without tracing twice any segment in a figure. Can you tell right away which figure can be traced this way and which cannot?



The old town of Königsberg has seven bridges:

Can you take a walk through the town, visiting each part of the town and crossing each bridge only once?



- A point is called a **vertex** (plural vertices)
- A line is called an **edge**
- The whole diagram is called a **graph**.

