

5-5 Polynomials

polynomials - an algebraic expression with many terms

binomial - polynomials with 2 terms

$$\text{ex. } 2x + 3$$

trinomial - polynomial with 3 terms

$$\text{ex. } x^2 + 3x + 7$$

monomial - 1 term (from yesterday)

Key Questions:

Is 3 a trinomial?

No

Is 3 a polynomial?

Yes.

Is 3 a monomial?

Yes

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

$$4x^2 + 9x + 4$$

Yes. Trinomial

$$4xy^3 + a^5b^5$$

Yes. Binomial

$$\left(\frac{y}{x^2}\right) - x^2$$

No.

$$\frac{1}{2}xy^4 + 7xy$$

Yes. Binomial

Collect Like Terms

1.) $3ab + 7ab + 2ab$

$$12ab$$

2.) $\cancel{7xy} + \underline{3x^2y^3} + \cancel{4xy} - \underline{x^2y^3}$

$$11xy + 2x^2y^3$$

**Coefficient - number in front of a variable
(or number standing alone)**

Identify the terms. Give the coefficient of each term

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

Terms: $4x^3y^2$; $-3y^4z^2$; 5
Coeff: 4; -3; 5

Degree of a Term - the sum of exponents of the variables

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 8a^4b^2 & = & 4 + 2 = 6 \\ 3ab & & 1 + 1 = 2 \\ 5 & & 0 \end{array}$$

Degree of a Polynomial - highest degree of its terms.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & 8a^4b^2 + 3ab + 5 \\ \text{Deg. of } T: & 6 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Deg. of Poly: } 6$$

Identify the degree of each term of $5x^4y^3 - 2x^2y^4 + 3$. Give the degree of the polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x^4y^3 - 2x^2y^4 + 3 \\ \begin{array}{ccc} 4+3 & 2+4 & 0 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 7 & 6 & 0 \end{array} \\ \text{Degree of terms} \\ \text{Degree of Poly: } 7 \end{array}$$

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