

Polynomial Vocabulary

A Monomial is a real number, a variable, or a product of a real number and one or more variables with whole-number exponents.

Examples: 18 z $-4x^2$ $2.5xy^3$ $\frac{a}{3}$

The degree of a monomial is the sum of the Exponents on its variables.

Example	Degree	Why?
$5x^1$	<u>1</u>	Because variable has an exponent of invisible 1
$6x^3y^2$	<u>5</u>	The exponents are 3 and 2 $3+2=5$
4^0	<u>0</u>	There are no variables

You Try: What is the degree of the monomial?

- 1) $8xy$ 2) $-7y^4z^3$ 3) 11
2 7 0 (zero)

A Polynomial is a monomial or a sum of monomials.

Standard form means that The polynomial is written in decreasing degree order

deg: \Rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 3x^4 + 5x^2 - 7x + 1 \\
 \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\
 4 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

Simplify the expression and write in standard form.

4) $6x + 12 - 2(x^2 + 3x^5 - 3)$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 6x + 12 - 2x^2 - 6x^5 + 6 \\
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 -6x^5 - 2x^2 + 6x + 18
 \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l}
 -x^4 + 2 - 3x - x^4 - 2x^3 - x^2 \\
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 -2x^4 - 2x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 2
 \end{array}$$

deg:

→ degree of the highest degree monomial

Classifying You can name a polynomial based on its degree and the number of monomials it contains.

Polynomial	Degree	Name Using Degree	Number of Terms	Name Using Number of Terms
6	0	Constant	1	monomial
$5x + 9$	1	Linear	2	binomial
$4x^2 + 7x + 3$	2	quadratic	3	Trinomial
$2x^3$	3	Cubic	1	monomial
$8x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x$	4	4 th degree	3	Trinomial

Write the polynomial in standard form. Name the polynomial based on its degree and number of terms.

6) $3x + 4x^2$

$4x^2 + 3x$

quadratic binomial

7) $4x - 1 + 5x^3 + 7x$

$5x^3 + 11x - 1$

Cubic Trinomial

Adding & Subtracting Polynomials

8) The number of overnight stays (in thousands) in U.S. National Park Service campgrounds and in the backcountry of the national park system over a 5-yr period can be modeled by the following polynomials:

Campgrounds: $-7.1x^2 - 180x + 5800$

Backcountry: $21x^2 - 140x + 1900$

$(-7.1x^2 - 180x + 5800) + (21x^2 - 140x + 1900)$

$13.9x^2 - 320x + 7700$

Quadratic Trinomial

What polynomial models the total number of overnight stays (in thousands) in both campgrounds and backcountry? Name the polynomial.

9) The population of a large high school can be modeled by the polynomial $2c^2 + 7c - 1$. The population of English Language Learners at the high school can be modeled by the polynomial $3c^3 - c + 5$. What polynomial can model the population that is not ELL? Name the polynomial.

Whole - ELL = NOT ELL

$2c^2 + 7c - 1 - (3c^3 - c + 5)$

$2c^2 + 7c - 1 - 3c^3 + c - 5$

$-3c^3 + 2c^2 + 8c - 6$

Cubic Polynomial w/ 4 terms.