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Arranging Polynomials
Power of a power of a base

Key

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It is customary to arrange the letters of a term in alphabetical order ex. $3ax^2y$ not $3x^2ay$

ARRANGE the terms of a polynomial in descending powers of one of the letters (variables) (that appears most frequently)

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

$$\underline{4x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 4}$$

$$3ax^2y - 4bxy^2 + 7x^3 - 2ab$$

$$\underline{7x^3 + 3ax^2y - 4bxy^2 - 2ab}$$

(a) $4b^2 + 3a^2 - 7ab + 14$ (in terms of a)

$$\underline{3a^2 - 7ab + 4b^2 + 14}$$

(b) $3xy - y^2 + 2x^3 - 5x^2$ (in terms of x)

$$\underline{2x^3 - 5x^2 + 3xy - y^2}$$

(c) $3z^2 - 4 - z^2 + 2z$

$$\underline{2z^2 + 2z - 4}$$

(d) $abc^2 + ab^2c + a^2bc$ (in terms of a)

$$\underline{a^2bc + ab^2c + abc^2}$$

(e) $7c^2 - 3ac + dc^3 + 11$ (in terms of c)

$$\underline{c^3d + 7c^2 - 3ac + 11}$$

$$(x^2)^3 = \underline{x^2} \cdot \underline{x^2} \cdot \underline{x^2} = \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} \cdot \underline{x} = x^{(6)} = x^{(2) \cdot (3)}$$

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To find a power of a power of a base
Keep the base and multiply the exponents

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n} \quad (\text{for all positive integers } m \text{ \& } n)$$

(a) $(a^4)^2 = a^8$

(c) $(k^4)^4 k^3 = k^{19}$

(b) $(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$

(d) $(b^3)^x (b^x)^4 = b^{7x}$

$$(a \cdot b)^3 = \underline{(ab)} \cdot \underline{(ab)} \cdot \underline{(ab)} = \underline{ab} \cdot \underline{ab} \cdot \underline{ab} = \underline{aaa} \cdot \underline{bbb} = a^3 b^3$$

The associative property lets us remove ()
The commutative property lets us reorder

To find a power of a product
find the power of each factor

$$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$$

Then multiply
(for all positive integers m)

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Items	

6a. $x^4 \cdot x^7$ b. $(x^4)^7$ c. $(x^7)^4$ 10. $(-2t)^5$

⑥ x^{11} ⑦ x^{28} ⑧ x^{28} ⑩ $-32t^5$

14. $(6x^3)^2$ 18. $(2x^2y)^5$

⑭ $36x^6$ ⑱ $32x^{10}y^5$

22. $(3c)^2(3c)^3$

$9c^2 \cdot 27c^3$

⑳ $243c^5$
 3^5c^5

26. $(2x^2y^3)^4(-xy^2)^2$

$16x^8y^{12} \cdot x^2y^4$

㉑ $16x^{10}y^{16}$

30. $[(-x^3)^2]^3$

$[x^6]^3$

㉓ x^{18}

34. $(a^2)^6 + (-2a^4)^3$

$a^{12} - 8a^{12}$

㉔ $-7a^{12}$

35. $(a^2)^6 \cdot (-2a^4)^3$

$a^{12}(-8a^{12})$

㉕ $-8a^{24}$

38. $(2x)^3(xy)^2 + (2xy)^2(-x)^3$

$8x^3 \cdot x^2y^2 + 4x^2y^2(-x^3)$

$8x^5y^2 - 4x^5y^2$

㉖ $4x^5y^2$

39. $(2x)^3(xy)^2 \cdot (2xy)^2(-x)^3$

$8x^3x^2y^2 \cdot 4x^2y^2(-x^3)$

㉗ $-32x^{10}y^4$

42. $x^n \cdot x^2$

㉘ x^{n+2}

46. $(a^x)^y \cdot (a^y)^x$

$a^{xy} \cdot a^{xy}$

㉙ a^{2xy}

50. $(t^m)^n \cdot 3(t^n)^m$

$t^{mn} \cdot 3t^{mn}$

㉚ $3t^{2mn}$

19. $2x(x-3) + x(5-x)$

$2x^2 - 6x + 5x - x^2$

⑲ $x^2 - x$

21. $6r^2(2r-1) - 3r(4r^2-5r)$

$12r^3 - 6r^2 - 12r^3 + 15r^2$

㉛ $9r^2$

23. $-[6y - 3(5y-4)]$

$-[6y - 15y + 12]$

$-[-9y + 12]$

㉜ $9y - 12$

25. $a[2a - 3(1-a)] + 5(a - a^2)$

$a[2a - 3 + 3a] + 5a - 5a^2$

$a[5a - 3] + 5a - 5a^2$

$5a^2 - 3a + 5a - 5a^2$

㉝ $2a$

27. Solve $2(x-3) + 5 = 7$

$2x - 6 + 5 = 7$

$2x - 1 = 7$

$+1 = +1$

$2x = 8$

$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{8}{2}$

㉞ $x = 4$

29. Solve $15 = 3(x-1) + 2(4-x)$

$15 = 3x - 3 + 8 - 2x$

$15 = x + 5$

$-5 = -5$

㉟ $10 = x$