

P.4 Polynomials

$$\underbrace{3x-31, x^2-3x+1, 4+7}_{\text{Polynomials}}, \underbrace{\sqrt{x}-1, \frac{1}{x}}_{\text{Not polynomials}}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 2x-5, & x^3-2x+1, & \overset{0.5 \cdot x - 2}{\frac{1}{2}x-2}, & 3x, & \sqrt{2}, & \frac{1}{3}x-x^2, \\ \text{Pol} & \text{Pol} & \text{Pol} & \text{Pol} & \text{Pol} & \text{Pol} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \sqrt{2}x-2, & x^4-\sqrt{x}, & 0.2x+1, & \sqrt{2x}-2 \\ \text{Pol} & \text{Not P.} & \text{Pol.} & \text{Not Pol} \end{array}$$

"Def": A polynomial in x is an expression of the form:

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0,$$

$$n=2: a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$n=3: a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

where $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$ are **real numbers**, $a_n \neq 0$ and n is non negative.

real number: 2, 21, 7, 0.2, $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$,
 π , 123456, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{22}{3}$, -2,
 $-\sqrt{2}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i = \sqrt{-1} \leftarrow \text{not a real number!} \\ \sqrt{-16} \leftarrow \text{not a real number!} \end{array} \right.$

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

Degree of a polynomial is the highest exponent

Polyn.	degr
$6x^4 - x^2 + 2$	4
$x^3 - 21x^5 + 3$	5
$-9x^2 - 6x + 5$	2
$\sqrt{3}x + x''$	11

$$(-9x^3 + 7x^2 - 5x + 3) + (13x^3 + 2x^2 - 8x - 6)$$

$$-9x^3 + 13x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x^2 - 5x - 8x + 3 - 6$$

$$\boxed{4x^3 + 9x^2 - 13x - 3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & (-9x^3 + 7x^2 - 5x + 3) - (13x^3 + 2x^2 - 8x - 6) \\
 &= -9x^3 + 7x^2 - 5x + 3 - 13x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x + 6 \\
 &= \boxed{-22x^3 + 5x^2 + 3x + 9}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(-8x^6)(5x^3) = -8 \cdot 5 x^6 x^3 = -40 x^{6+3} = \boxed{-40x^9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2x+3)(x^2+4x+5) &= 2x \cdot x^2 + 2x \cdot 4x + 2x \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot x^2 \\
 &\quad + 3 \cdot 4x + 3 \cdot 5 \\
 &= 2x^3 + 8x^2 + 10x + 3x^2 + 12x + 15 \\
 &= \boxed{2x^3 + 11x^2 + 22x + 15}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3x+4)(5x-3) = 15x^2 + 20x - 9x - 12 = \boxed{15x^2 + 11x - 12}$$

$$(2y-1)(2y+1) = 4y^2 + 2y - 2y - 1 = 4y^2 - 1 = (2y)^2 - 1^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7x+8)(7x-8) &= 49x^2 - \cancel{56x} + \cancel{56x} - 64 = 49x^2 - 64 \\
 &= (7x)^2 - 8^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2}$$

$$(a+b)^3 = (a+b)^2 \cdot (a+b) = (a^2 + 2ab + b^2)(a+b)$$

$$= a^3 + a^2b + 2a^2b + 2ab^2 + ab^2 + b^3$$

$$= a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

$$(a-b)^3 = a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3$$

$$(2x-1)^3 = (2x)^3 - 3 \cdot (2x)^2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2x \cdot (1)^2 - 1^3$$

$$\begin{matrix} a & b \\ = 8x^3 - 3 \cdot 4x^2 + 6x - 1 = 8x^3 - 12x^2 + 6x - 1 \end{matrix}$$

Section P.5 Factoring

$$18x^3 + 27x^2 = 9(2x^3 + 3x^2) = 9x^2(2x+3)$$

$$x^2(x+3) + 5(x+3) = (x+3)(x^2+5)$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b)$$

$$x^4(x-2) - 81(x-2) = (x-2)(x^4 - 81)$$

$$= (x-2)(x^4 - 9^2)$$

$$= (x-2)((x^2)^2 - 9^2)$$

$$= (x-2) \left(\underbrace{x^2}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{9}_{\text{blue}} \right)$$
$$= (x-2) \underbrace{(x^2-9)}_{x^2-3^2} (x^2+9)$$

$$= \boxed{(x-2)(x-3)(x+3)(x^2+9)}$$