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Introduction to
Polynomials

monomial:



Examples:

$$3xy$$

~~$$3a + b$$~~

$$7$$

$$5a^2b$$

coefficient: number in front
of the variables



Examples: $3x^2y$

$1ab$

constant:



Examples: 7
-31

polynomial: sum or difference
of 2 or more monomials



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

binomial:

Example: $3x^2 + 5y$

trinomial:

Example: $2x + 3y - 5z$



standard form: in order from
greatest to least power





Write each polynomial in standard form.

Ex: $8n^2 + 5n^1 + 6n^3 + 9n^4$

$$9n^4 + 6n^3 + 8n^2 + 5n$$



Write each polynomial in standard form.

Ex: $\underline{7y + 11} - y^2$

$-y^2 + 7y + 11$

like terms: variables match exactly



like terms: $3x$ and $-2x$

$-4m^2n$ and $5m^2n$

unlike terms:

$5y$ and $5y^2$

$3xy$ and $4x^2y$

Simplify.



Ex: $7x^2 + 2 + 9x^2$

$16x^2 + 2$

Ex: $4d^2 - 6d - 3d^2 - 5d$

$1d^2 - 11d$

Ex: $-15m + 7m^2 + 9 - 3m$

$7m^2 - 18m + 9$



Homework:

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