

* Definition: A polynomial is a mathematical expression that can be written as follows:

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

where the following:

$n \rightarrow$ positive integer

$x \rightarrow$ variable

$a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rightarrow$ coefficients of the polynomial
(Real numbers).

Note: The highest degree among all other non-zero terms in the above form is the degree of the polynomial.

* Examples of Polynomials:

① $2x^2 + 5x + 2$

② $2t + 5$

③ $-5t^2 + 2t + 10$

Polynomials (Part 1)

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Ex 1) Determine the degree for the following polynomials:

Part a: $-5x^2 + 15x + 2$

Part b: $t^8 + 5t^7 + 5t^5 + 12$

Part c: $\beta^2 + 13\beta^3 + 12 + \beta$

Solution:

Part a: The degree of this polynomial is 2.

Part b: The degree of this polynomial is 8.

Part c: The degree of this polynomial is 3.

Ex 2) Add the following polynomials:

$$(4x^3 + 5x^2 + 1)$$

$$+ (15x^4 + 3x^2 - x^3 + 2)$$

Solution:

	$4x^3$	$5x^2$	1
\oplus	$15x^4$	$-x^3$	$3x^2$
			2

$$\boxed{15x^4 + 3x^3 + 8x^2 + 3}$$

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Ex 3) Subtract the following Polynomials:

$$(2x^7 + 5x^5 + 10x^3 + 5x^2 + 12)$$

$$- (15x^6 - x^5 + 12x + 10 - 3x^3)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^7 \quad 0 \quad 5x^5 \quad 10x^3 \quad 5x^2 \quad 0 \quad 12 \\ \ominus \quad 0 \quad 15x^6 \quad -x^5 \quad -3x^3 \quad 0 \quad 12x \quad 10 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= 2x^7 - 15x^6 + 4x^5 + 7x^3 + 5x^2 - 12x + 2$$

Ex 4) Multiply the following polynomials:

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

$$\cdot (2x^4 + 5x^3 + 10x^2 + 7)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &= (5x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 2) \cdot (2x^4 + 5x^3 + 10x^2 + 7) \\ &= 5x^3(2x^4) + 5x^3(5x^3) + 5x^3(10x^2) + 5x^3(7) + 2x^2(2x^4) + \\ & 2x^2(5x^3) + 2x^2(10x^2) + 2x^2(7) + 5x(2x^4) + 5x(5x^3) + 5x(10x^2) \\ & \quad + 5x(7) + 2(2x^4) + 2(5x^3) + 2(10x^2) + 2(7) = \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow (3)

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \boxed{10x^7} + \underline{25x^6} + \underline{50x^5} + \underline{35x^3} + \underline{4x^6} + \underline{10x^5} + \underline{20x^4} + \\ &\underline{14x^2} + \underline{10x^5} + \underline{25x^4} + \underline{50x^3} + \underline{35x} + \underline{4x} + \underline{10x^3} \\ &+ \underline{20x^2} + 14 \\ &= 10x^7 + 29x^6 + 70x^5 + 90x^3 + 49x^4 + 34x^2 + \\ &35x + 14 \\ &= \boxed{10x^7 + 29x^6 + 70x^5 + 49x^4 + 90x^3 + 34x^2 + 35x} \\ &+ 14 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 5) Divide the following polynomials using

long division: $(x^3 - 1)$ by $(x - 1)$
and synthetic division.

To divide two polynomials say, A and B,

such that $\frac{A(x)}{B(x)}$ where the degree of A is

greater than or equal to the degree of B, we

do the following:

1- Long Division.

2- Synthetic Division: It's only good if the
B degree is 1 such as $B(x) = x - \text{constant}$

Solution

Long Division:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + x + 1 \\
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 x - 1 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 1} \\
 \underline{+x^3 \quad -x^2} \\
 x^2 + 0x - 1 \\
 \underline{-x^2 \quad +x} \\
 x - 1 \\
 \underline{-x \quad +1} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} = \boxed{x^2 + x + 1}$$

Zero remainder

* let's solve it using synthetic division:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 +1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
 & \downarrow & & & \\
 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
 \hline
 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0
 \end{array}$$

Zero remainder

$$\boxed{x^2 + x + 1} \leftarrow \text{result}$$

which is the same one that we got above: