

5.1 Operations with Polynomials
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	Expanded Form	Simplified
1. $a^5 \cdot a^2$		
2. $(a^5)^2$		
3. $(4a^2)^3$		
4. $(3a^2b^3)^4$		

$$3 \cdot 4^2 =$$

$$(3 \cdot 4)^2 =$$

$$(-3 \cdot 4)^2 =$$

$$-(3 \cdot 4)^2 =$$

Rules for Multiplying Monomials

Product of Powers	$a^m \cdot a^n$	
Power of a Power	$(a^m)^n$	
Power of Products	$(ab)^m$	
Power of a Monomial	$(a^m b^n)^p$	

Examples- Simplify the following:

5. $\left(\frac{1}{2}a^2b\right)^3$	6. $(2a^4)(3a^3b)(-4a^2b^3)^2$
7. $9\left(\frac{1}{3}a^3b^4\right)^2$	8. $(-4x^5)^3$
9. $(-5a^3)^2 + (3a)^3$	10. $(5a^3)^2 + (2a^2)^3$

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11. $\frac{a^5}{a^3}$		
12. $\frac{a^3}{a^5}$		
13. $\frac{4a^2b^3}{8ab^5}$		
14. $\frac{a^4}{a^4}$		

Rules for Dividing Monomials

Quotient of Powers	$\frac{a^m}{a^n}$	
Zero Exponent	a^0	
Negative Exponent	a^{-1}	

Examples- Simplify the following:

15. $\frac{144x^5y^{-3}z^4}{12x^6y^2z^4}$	16. $\frac{(3x^5)^2}{(-2x^3)^{-3}}$
17. $\frac{x^5y^2}{xy^3}$	18. $\left(\frac{2a^3}{b^{-4}}\right)^{-2}$
19. $\frac{(x^4y^{-7})^0}{(-3)^2}$	20. $\frac{1}{x^0 + y^0}$

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Degree of a Polynomial: the degree of the monomial with the greatest degree.

What is the degree of:

$f(x) = 6x^7 + 9x^2 + 3x^{10}$	$f(x) = x^2 + 2x^3 - x$
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Simplify:

1. $(4x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x) + (-5x^3 - 2x^2 - 4)$	2. $(-4x^3 + 6x^2 - 3) - (3x^4 + 4x^2 + 7x + 12)$
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Multiplying Polynomials: Distribute, combine like terms, and write in descending order.

3. $(x - 5)(x^2 - 2x + 3)$	4. $(2x^3 + 5x^2 - 6x + 1)(3x - 2)$
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