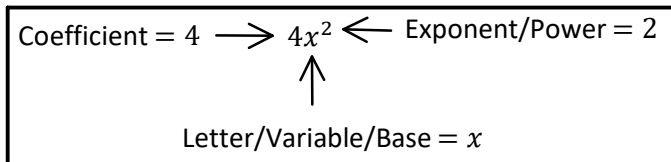


# M9 - 5.1 - Algebraic Expressions Notes

**Coefficient:** a number in front of (multiplying) a variable



**Exponent:**  $3^2 = 3 \times 3$   
 $5^3 = 5 \times 5 \times 5$

**Variable:** a letter

**Like term: Same Letter(s), Same Exponent(s).**

Term:	Like Terms:
2	1, 5, -12, 4, 5, -6, ...
a	4a, 2a, -5a, 4a, ...
xy	2xy, -3xy, 4xy, ...
a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>2</sup> , -2a <sup>2</sup> , 3a <sup>2</sup> , 4a <sup>2</sup> , ...
x <sup>2</sup> y	2x <sup>2</sup> y, -3x <sup>2</sup> y, , ...

$a + 1 = a + 1$	You can only add and subtract like terms.
$x + x^2 = x + x^2$	You cannot add or subtract unlike terms.

**Degree of term:** The Variable Exponent or Sum of Variable Exponents.

Term:	Degree:
$x^2$	(2)
$x = x^1$	(1)
$x^2(y^3)$	(5)
$8 = 8x^0$	(0)

Numbers have a degree of "0"

**Degree of polynomial:** Degree of Leading term.

**Leading Term:** The Term with the Highest Degree.

**Leading Coefficient:** Coefficient of Highest Degree Term

Polynomial:	Leading Term:	Degree of Polynomial:
$x^2 - 4$	(x <sup>2</sup> )	(2)
$2x^2 - 5x^3$	(-5x <sup>3</sup> )	(3)
$\sqrt{3}x + 2$	(\sqrt{3}x <sup>1</sup> )	(1)
$2^{-3}x^2y + 2x + 2$	(2 <sup>-3</sup> x <sup>2</sup> y <sup>1</sup> )	(3)

$\sqrt{3} = 1.73$

$2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$

**Polynomial:** Terms with Variables with Whole Number Exponents. (ie. 0,1,2,3...)

**Examples:**

- Monomial:** One term.  $2, x, x^2, 2xy, 5z, 10$
- Binomial:** Two terms.  $x + 2, x^2 - 4, xy + 5, 3x^2 + y^2, 2x^2 + x$
- Trinomial:** Three terms.  $x^2 + 5x + 6, a + b + c$
- Polynomial:** Any #  $2, x + 2, x^2 + 5x + 6, a + b + c + d + e$

**Polynomial:**  
 Monomials, Binomials, Trinomials and more than three terms.

**Not Polynomial**

$x^{-2}, x^\pi, 2^x, \frac{1}{x}, \sqrt{x}, \log x, \sin x$

# M9 - 5.2 - Combining Like Terms Notes

## Adding and Subtracting Like Terms:

$$x + x = (2x) \quad 3y + 2y = (5y) \quad x^2 + x^2 = (2x^2) \quad -9xy + 7xy = (-2xy)$$

Add/Subtract Coefficients.

## Combine Like Terms

$$2 + x + 3 = x + 2 + 3 \quad \text{Rearrange Order of Terms} \quad 3x + 1 - x = 3x - x + 1 \quad \text{Rearrange Coefficient!}$$

$$(x + 5) \quad \text{Combine Like Terms} \quad (2x + 1) \quad \text{Combine} \quad \text{Subtract Coefficients}$$

$3x - 1x = 2x$

$$3 - 1 = 2$$

$$3 + x^2 + 2x - 1 + 3x^2 + x = x^2 + 3x^2 + 2x + x + 3 - 1 \quad \text{Rearrange Order of Terms}$$

Highest to Lowest Degree  
ie.  $x^2 + \#x + \# \dots$

$$(4x^2 + 3x + 2) \quad \text{Combine Like Terms}$$

$x + 3x^2 = 4x^2 \quad -2x + x = -1x \quad 3 - 1 = 2$

## Combine Like Terms

$$(5) - x + (2) = \text{Circle Like Terms} \quad \text{Remember to Circle the Sign!}$$

$$(7 - x) \quad 5 + 2 = 7$$

Do like term addition and subtraction off to the right.

$$(2x) - 3 + (3x) = (-2x) + 3(-x) = -2x - x = -3x$$

$$(5x - 3) \quad 2x + 3x = 5x \quad 2 + 3 = 5 \quad (-3x + 3) \quad -2 - 1 = -3$$

Add Coefficients

$$(5x) - 2 - (2x) + 3 = \text{Square Like Terms} \quad (-3) - 2x + 1 + 6x =$$

$$(3x + 1) \quad 5 - 2 = 3 \quad 5x - 2x = 3x \quad (4x - 2) \quad -2x + 6x = 4x$$

$$-2 + 6 = 4$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 2x^2 - 1 - 2x =$$

~~$x^2 + 3x - 2x^2 - 1 - 2x$~~   
 ~~$x^2 + 3x - 2x^2 - 1 - 2x$~~   
 $(-x^2 + x - 1)$

Cloud Like Terms

 $x^2 - 2x^2 = -x^2$   
 $3x - 2x = 1x$   
 $1 - 2 = -1$   
 $3 - 2 = 1$

Remember to cross off terms you have dealt with.

$5xy + 2yx = 7xy$   
 $5 + 2 = 7$

$xy = yx$  They are the same

$x^2y^3 = y^3x^2$

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

# M9 - 5.3 - Multiplying/Dividing Polynomials Notes

## Multiplying

$$a \times a = a^2$$

$$2a \times 3a = 6a^2$$

$$-3x^2y \times 5x^3 = -15x^5y$$

$$2x \times 3x^2 = 6x^3$$

$$abcd \times efgh = abcdefgh$$

Multiply Coefficients  
Add Exponents

## Dividing

$$20x^3 \div -5x^2 = -4x$$

$$30a^4 \div 6a^2 = 5a^2$$

$$\frac{12x^2}{6x} = 2x$$

$$\frac{6x}{2} = 3x$$

$$\frac{8x}{2x} = 4$$

$$\frac{x}{x} = 1$$

$$\frac{4x}{2x^2} = \frac{2}{x}$$

Divide Coefficients  
Subtract Exponents

$$\frac{8x + 4}{2} = \frac{8x}{2} + \frac{4}{2}$$

$$4x + 2$$

Separate into two fractions  
Divide

$$\frac{a + b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(8x + 4) = \frac{8x + 4}{2}$$

$$\dots$$

Distribute

$$\frac{9x^2 + 6x}{3x} = \frac{9x^2}{3x} + \frac{6x}{3x}$$

$$3x + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &-\frac{2x + 4}{2} = \\ &-\left(\frac{2x + 4}{2}\right) \\ &-\left(\frac{2x}{2} + \frac{4}{2}\right) \\ &-(x + 2) \\ &-x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Separate into two fractions

Divide

Distribute

$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^3}{x^2} &= \frac{x \times \cancel{x} \times \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x} \times \cancel{x}} = x \\ \frac{x^2}{x} &= \frac{x \times \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x}} = x \\ \frac{x^3}{x} &= \frac{x \times x \times \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x}} = x^2 \\ \frac{x}{x} &= 1 \\ \frac{x}{x^2} &= \frac{\cancel{x}^1}{x \times \cancel{x}} = \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^3}{x^2} &= x \\ \frac{x^2}{x} &= x \\ \frac{x^3}{x} &= x^2 \\ \frac{x}{x} &= 1 \\ \frac{x}{x^2} &= \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$
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# M9 - 5.4 - Distribution "FOIL" Notes

## Expand and Simplify

$$2(x+3) \quad \text{Distribute/Multiply}$$

$$2x + 6$$

## Negative Distribution

$$+(x+3) \quad - (x-2)$$

$$+1(x+3) \quad -1(x-2)$$

$$x+3 \quad -x+2$$

## Backwards Distribution

$$(x+2)(3)$$

$$3x + 6$$

## Expand and Simplify

$$(x+2)(x+3) = \quad \text{"FOIL" Method}$$

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

$$x^2 + 3x + 2x + 6 =$$

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

- F** - multiply **First** numbers in brackets
- O** - multiply **Outside** numbers in brackets
- I** - multiply **Inside** numbers in brackets
- L** - multiply **Last** numbers in brackets

Combine like terms.

### Quick Method

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

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

Multiply and combine like terms in the same step.

### Alternative Method:

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

$$x(x+3) + 2(x+3)$$

$$x^2 + 3x + 2x + 6$$

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

$$(x+2)^2$$

$$(x+2)(x+2)$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 2x + 4$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4$$

FOIL  
Combine  
Like Terms

$$-(x+2)(x+4)$$

$$-(x^2 + 4x + 2x + 8)$$

$$-(x^2 + 6x + 8)$$

$$-x^2 - 6x - 8$$

FOIL  
Combine  
Like Terms  
Distribute

$$2(x+4)(x-1)$$

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

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

$$2x^2 + 6x - 8$$

## Expand and Simplify

$$(x+3)(x^2 - 2x + 8)$$

$$(x+3)(x^2 - 2x + 8)$$

Triple FOIL

- $(x+1)(x+2)(x-3)$  FOIL
- $(x^2 + 2x + 1x + 2)(x-3)$  Combine
- $(x^2 + 3x + 2)(x-3)$  Like Terms
- Then Triple FOIL

$$x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x + 3x^2 - 6x + 24$$

$$x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 24$$

Combine  
Like Terms

$$(x+4) + 2(x-1)$$

$$x+4+2x-2$$

$$3x+2$$

Distribute  
Combine  
Like Terms

$$(x-2) - (x+1)(x-3)$$

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

$$x-2 - (x^2 - 2x - 3)$$

$$x-2 - x^2 + 2x + 3$$

$$-x^2 + 3x + 1$$

FOIL  
Distribute  
Combine  
Like Terms

## Algebra Tiles

$$(2x-1)(x+2)$$

Check  
by FOIL

$$2x^2 + 4x - x - 2$$

$$2x^2 + 3x - 2$$

### Legend