

Adding and Subtracting Algebraic Expressions (page 74)

Term: An algebraic expression written with numbers, variables, or both All using multiplication, division, or both.

A term with no variables is called a constant.

Coefficient: The numerical part of the term.

If no coefficient is written, then it is understood to be 1.

Monomial: An algebraic expression of exactly one term.

Examples: 7, a , $2x^2$

Like Terms: Terms that contain the *same variables* with corresponding variables having the *same exponents*.

Examples: $7x^3y^2$ and x^3y^2 are like terms

5 and 100 are like terms

NOT LIKE TERMS: Y and X

n and n^3

Since algebraic expressions themselves represent numbers, they can be added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided.

When algebraic expressions are added or subtracted, they can be combined ONLY if they have like terms.

To Add or Subtract Monomials with Like Terms

- Use the distributive property and the rules of signed numbers to add or subtract the coefficients of each term.
- Write the sum with the variable part from the two terms.

1) Add $-2x^3$ and $5x^3$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x^3 \\ +5x^3 \\ \hline 3x^3 \end{array}$$

2) Subtract $7mn^2$ from $4mn^2$

↙
change to
addition of
opposites

$$\begin{array}{r} 4mn^2 + (-7mn^2) \\ = -3mn^2 \end{array}$$

3) Add $\underbrace{(-3x^2 + 4y)}$ and $\underbrace{(5x^3 - 6x^2 - 3y)}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x^3 - 6x^2 - 3y \\ -3x^2 + 4y \\ \hline 5x^3 - 9x^2 + y \end{array}$$

$$5x^3 - 9x^2 + y$$

Standard Form: Write your answers in descending order.

$$4x^3 + 3x^2 - x + 1$$

4) Subtract $9x^2 - 5x$ from $-4x^2 - 8x$

$$\underbrace{-4x^2 - 8x} + \underbrace{(-9x^2 + 5x)}$$

$$-13x^2 - 3x$$

* Change subtraction to addition!

1) Simplify $(7x + 6x) - 12x$

$$13x - 12x = x$$

2) Simplify $m - [2 - (2 - m)]$

subtraction!! Let's
reverse the signs.

$$m - [2 + -2 + m]$$

$$m - (+m)$$

$$= 0$$

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3) Find the sum of $-3x^2 - 4xy + 2y^2$ and $-x^2 + 5xy - 8y^2$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x^2 - 4xy + 2y^2 \\ + \quad -x^2 + 5xy - 8y^2 \\ \hline -4x^2 + xy - 6y^2 \end{array}$$

4) What is the result when $-4x + 6$ is subtracted from $8x + 6$?

$$(8x + 6) - (-4x + 6) \\ = 12x$$

5) Simplify $5x - 3y - 7x + y$

$$-2x - 2y$$

⑥ What is the result when $10x - 7$ is subtracted from $9x - 15$?

$$(9x - 15) + (-10x + 7)$$

$-x - 8$

⑦ What is the result when $3 - 2x$ is subtracted from the sum of $x + 3$ and $5 - x$?