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* Degree of a Term
 • is the sum of all powers of the variables
 $3x^2y^3z^1$
 • Degree: $2+3+1=6$

* Degree of a Polynomial
 • the degree of the largest term of the polynomial

$2x^2 + 5x^3y - 6x$
 p: 2 * d: 4 d: 1
 So, the polynomial degree is 4

** By convention, we write polynomials in descending order of powers
 $5x^3y + 2x^2 - 6x$

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Degrees of Polynomials & Graphs

① x ; degree 1; line

② x^2 ; degree 2; curve
 (2) even

③ x^3 ; degree 3; curve
 (3) odd

④ x^4 ; degree 4; curve

⑤ x^5 ; degree 5; curve

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$p(x) = x^3 - 8x - 11$
 ↑ name of the function ↑ input rule → output

$= x^3 + 0x^2 - 8x - 11$

$p(-1) = (-1)^3 - 8(-1) - 11$
 $= -1 + 8 - 11$
 $= 7 - 11$
 $= -4$

$p(-2) = (-2)^3 - 8(-2) - 11$
 $= -8 + 16 - 11$
 $= 8 - 11$
 $= -3$

$p(a) = (a)^3 - 8(a) - 11$
 $= a^3 - 8a - 11$
 unlike terms

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No 5. 2 #1 - #60 - m3

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5.4 Add & Subtract Polynomials

* We can only add like terms!

① same variable
 ② same exponent

$5x^2 + 3x^2$ Like
 $x^2(5+3)$ Dist
 $x^2 \cdot 8$
 $8x^2$

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① $(5x^3 + 2x^2 - 6) + (-3x^2 + 8)$
 Trinomial Binomial

* Clear parenthesis

$5x^3 + 2x^2 - 6 - 3x^2 + 8$
 $+ (-6) + (-3x^2)$

* Collect like terms

$5x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x^2 - 6 + 8$
 $5x^3 - x^2 + 2$
 d: 3

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