

Function Operations
L8

Warm-up

Rewrite each polynomial from highest to lowest exponent. Then identify the leading coefficient, degree, and number of terms.

1. $3 - 5x^2 + 4x$

2. $3x^2 - 4 + 8x^4 - 16x$

Adding/Subtracting Functions

- Think of it as just combining “like terms”
- You can only combine terms that have the same degree.

Adding and subtracting Functions

Given $f(x) = (3x^2 - 5x^3 + x)$ and $g(x) = (3x - 5x^2 + x^3)$

Solve for $f(x)+g(x)$

Rearrange polynomials so the degrees line up.	$\begin{array}{r} f(x) = (-5x^3 + 3x^2 + x) \\ g(x) = (x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x) \end{array}$
Add or subtract.	$\begin{array}{r} (-5x^3 + 3x^2 + x) \\ +(x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x) \\ \hline -4x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x \end{array}$

Don't forget to distribute the negative when subtracting.

$$f(x) = (5a^3 - 4a^5 + 3a)$$

$$g(x) = (2a^3 - a^4 + a)$$

Solve for $f(x) - g(x)$

$$f(x) - g(x) = (5a^3 - 4a^5 + 3a) - (2a^3 - a^4 + a)$$

Rearrange polynomials so the degrees line up.	
Add or subtract.	

We try:

Given:

$$f(x) = 5x^3 + 12 + 6x^2$$

$$g(x) = 15x^2 + 3x - 2$$

Solve for

1) $f(x) + g(x)$

2) $f(x) - g(x)$

3) $g(x) - f(x)$

You Try with your partners:

Given: $f(x) = (2a^3 - a^2 + a - 3)$

$$g(x) = (a^3 - 2a + 4)$$

Solve for

1) $f(x) + f(x)$

2) $g(x) + f(x)$

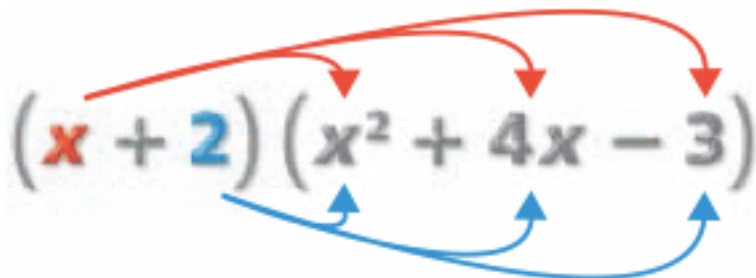
NOTE

$$f(x) + g(x) \text{ can also be written as } (f + g)(x)$$
$$f(x) - g(x) = (f - g)(x)$$

Multiplying Functions

Given $f(x) = (x + 2)$ and $g(x) = (x^2 + 4x - 3)$

Solve for $f(x) \cdot g(x)$



$$x(x^2 + 4x - 3) + 2(x^2 + 4x - 3) =$$
$$x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 2x^2 + 8x - 6 =$$
$$x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x^2 - 3x + 8x - 6 =$$
$$x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 6$$

Don't forget to distribute the negative.

Given:

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

$$g(x) = (x^2 + x - 5)$$

Solve for $f(x) \cdot g(x)$

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

Solve for $f(x) \cdot f(x) =$

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

Division

Just write it as a fraction and state undefined values!

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

$$g(x) = x + 5$$

solve for $f(x) \div g(x)$

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{x^2 + 3}{x + 5} \quad x \neq -5$$

We Try:

Given

$$f(x) = x^2 + 10x + 5$$

$$g(x) = x - 15$$

solve for $f(x) \div g(x)$

Given

$$f(x) = x - 12$$

$$g(x) = x + 3$$

Solve for

$$g(x) \div f(x)$$

Closure:

Is it possible to end up with a larger degree than we started with when adding or subtracting polynomials? Is it possible to end up with a smaller degree?