

2.5 notes

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2.5 – Expanding Polynomials

Review: We know several methods for expanding/multiplying polynomials...

- 1) FOIL
- 2) Area Model
- * 3) Distributive Property for each term in first bracket (feed the chickens with multiple farmers) → can always switch order of the brackets.

This is a two-step process:

Step #1: EXPAND – multiplication ①

Step #2: SIMPLIFY – add/subtract like terms ②

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

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

① multiply

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

② add/subtract

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

Ex#1: Expand: $(2x+5)(x^2+3x-4)$

$$= 2x(x^2+3x-4) + 5(x^2+3x-4)$$
$$= 2x^3 + 6x^2 - 8x + 5x^2 + 15x - 20$$
$$= 2x^3 + 11x^2 + 7x - 20$$

You try: Expand $(4x^2 - 2x - 3)(-x^2 + 6x + 2)$

$$= 4x^2(-x^2+6x+2) - 2x(-x^2+6x+2) - 3(-x^2+6x+2)$$
$$= -4x^4 + 24x^3 + 8x^2 + 2x^3 - 12x^2 - 4x + 3x^2 - 18x - 6$$
$$= -4x^4 + 26x^3 - x^2 - 22x - 6$$

Breakdown problem into parts, then ① - ②

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Ex#2: Expand and simplify $(3x + y - 1)(2x - 4) - (3x + 2y)^2$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 3x(2x-4) + y(2x-4) - 1(2x-4)$$

$$= 6x^2 - 12x + 2xy - 4y - 2x + 4$$

$$\textcircled{1} = 6x^2 - 14x + 2xy - 4y + 4$$

① - ②

$$1(6x^2 - 14x + 2xy - 4y + 4) - 1(9x^2 + 12xy + 4y^2)$$

$$= 6x^2 - 14x + 2xy - 4y + 4 - 9x^2 - 12xy - 4y^2$$

$$= -3x^2 - 14x - 10xy - 4y - 4y^2 + 4$$

$$* (x)(y) = (y)(x) = xy$$

write in alphabetical order.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (3x+2y)^2 \quad \text{FOIL}$$

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

$$= 9x^2 + 6xy + 6xy + 4y^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} = 9x^2 + 12xy + 4y^2$$