

TOPIC: INTRO TO POLYNOMIALS

Intro to Polynomials

◆ **Polynomial:** Algebraic expression where variables have only _____ number exponents (*no negatives, no fractions*)

▶ **Monomial:** _____ term(s)

▶ **Binomial:** _____ term(s)

▶ **Trinomial:** _____ term(s)

$$6x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x$$

EXAMPLE: Determine if the expression is a polynomial. If so, identify if it's a **monomial**, **binomial**, **trinomial**, or none.

(A)

$$\frac{3}{4}x + x^3$$

Whole number exp?

Number of terms? ____

MONOMIAL
BINOMIAL
TRINOMIAL
NONE

(B)

$$\frac{5}{y}$$

Whole number exp?

Number of terms? ____

MONOMIAL
BINOMIAL
TRINOMIAL
NONE

(C)

$$2x^3y^2$$

Whole number exp?

Number of terms? ____

MONOMIAL
BINOMIAL
TRINOMIAL
NONE

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Degree of Polynomials

New Degree of Polynomials	
$x^4 + 2y^3 + x^2y^3$	
Degree of Terms: _____ <i>(Sum of all _____ on ALL variables)</i>	Degree of Polynomial: _____ <i>(_____ degree of all terms)</i>

◆ The degree of a constant term is always ____.

EXAMPLE

For each polynomial, determine the degree of each term and the whole polynomial.

(A) $5x + 7x^4 - x^2 + 17$

Degree of Terms: _____

Degree of Polynomial: ____

(B) $-4y + 18xy^2$

Degree of Terms: _____

Degree of Polynomial: ____

PRACTICE

Determine the degree of each term.

(A) y^5

(B) $3b$

(C) -6

(D) $8p^4q^3$

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PRACTICE

Determine the degree of each polynomial.

(A) $15q - 21p^3$

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

(C) $-3x^2 - 5x^2y^2 + y^3$

(D) $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$