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Learning Goal 3.1

Perform combined operations with polynomials.

Recall the process of multiplying a polynomial by a constant (something that stays the same. a term with no variable.)

Example Expand and simplify the following expressions, if possible.

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

$$= 6x^2 - 9x + 6$$

$$-3(6a^7 - 9b^6 + 6c^5)$$

$$= -18a^7 + 27b^6 - 18c^5$$

$$5(3x^4 - 9x^2 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 5x^4)$$

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

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

$$= -10x^4 + 10x^3 - 30x^2$$

$$-5(4abc - 7ab^2c + 2abc^2 - 5a^2bc + 6a^2bc^2)$$

$$= -20abc + 35ab^2c - 10abc^2$$

$$+ 25a^2bc - 30a^2bc^2$$

The same rules apply if that constant is replaced with a monomial (one term polynomial).

Example Expand and simplify the following expressions, if possible.

$$2x(4x)$$

$$= 8x^2$$

$$2x(4x - 3)$$

$$= 8x^2 - 6x$$

$$2x(x^2 + 4x - 3)$$

$$2x(x^2 + 4x - 3y - x^2y + 4x - 3)$$

$$= 2x(x^2 + 8x - 3y - x^2y - 3)$$

$$= 2x^3 + 16x^2 - 6xy - 2x^3y - 6x$$

$$= 2x^3 + 8x^2 - 6xy - 2x^3y + 8x^2 - 6x$$

$$= 2x^3 + 16x^2 - 6xy - 2x^3y - 6x$$

The same rules apply if that constant is replaced with a binomial (a polynomial with 2 terms).

Example Expand and simplify the following expressions, if possible.

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+1)(x+2) \\ & = x^2 + 2x + x + 2 \\ & = x^2 + 3x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+5)(x+3) \\ & \text{F O I L} \\ & = x^2 + 3x + 5x + 15 \\ & = x^2 + 8x + 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+1)(x-2) \\ & = x^2 - x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x-5)(x-3) \\ & = x^2 - 8x + 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2x+1)(4x+3) \\ & = 8x^2 + 10x + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2x+3)^2 = \cancel{4x^2 + 9} \\ & = (2x+3)(2x+3) \\ & = 4x^2 + 6x + 6x + 9 \\ & = 4x^2 + 12x + 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x-8)(x^2+4x-3) \\ & = x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x - 8x^2 - 32x + 24 \\ & = x^3 - 4x^2 - 35x + 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2xy+3)(x^3-x^2y+xy^2-y^3) \\ & = 2x^4y - 2x^3y^2 + 2x^2y^3 - 2xy^4 \\ & \quad + 3x^3 - 3x^2y + 3xy^2 - 3y^3 \end{aligned}$$

4. Expand and simplify.

a) $(g + 1)(g^2 + 2g + 3)$

b) $(2 + t + t^2)(1 + 3t + t^2)$

c) $(2w + 3)(w^2 + 4w + 7)$

d) $(4 + 3n + n^2)(3 + 5n + n^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad & g^3 + \underbrace{2g^2} + \underbrace{3g} + \underbrace{g^2} + \underbrace{2g} + 3 \\ & = g^3 + 3g^2 + 5g + 3 \end{aligned}$$