

Math 9 – Unit 2: Algebra One

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Lesson 2.4: More Distributive Property and Powers of Monomials

Learning Goal: We are learning to expand and simplify more complicated expressions.

Let's start off by continuing our lesson on the Distributive Property. Take a look at the following questions:

Expand AND simplify (put your answers in descending order):

a) $3x(4x^2 - 7x + 2) + 4x^2(2x - 3)$

$$= \underline{12x^3} - \underline{21x^2} + 6x + \underline{8x^3} - \underline{12x^2}$$

$$= 20x^3 - 33x^2 + 6x$$

b) $-4y^2(3y^2 - 5) - 5y^3(6 + y)$

$$= \underline{-12y^4} + \underline{20y^2} - \underline{30y^3} - \underline{5y^4}$$

$$= -17y^4 - 30y^3 + 20y^2$$

c) $3mn(2m - 7n) - 5m^2(4n + 8) + 6n^2(3m - n)$

$$= \underline{6m^2n} - \underline{21mn^2} - \underline{20m^2n} - \underline{40m^2} + \underline{18mn^2} - \underline{6n^3}$$

$$= -14m^2n - 3mn^2 - 40m^2 - 6n^3$$

Now we are going to go back to discussing monomials. How do we simplify $(3x^2y^5)^3$? This is called a monomial raised to a power. How does the outside exponent affect the question? First, how does it work with just a number?

Simplify $(4^3)^2 = (4 \times 4 \times 4)^2 = (4 \times 4 \times 4) \times (4 \times 4 \times 4) = 4^6$

The initial exponents were 3 and 2, with the final exponent a 6. So, $3 \times 2 = 6$! This leads to our **second exponent law**. When raising a power to a power, multiply the exponents. Try it out!

Power Law

a) $(x^4)^5 = x^{20}$

b) $(y^2)^8 = y^{16}$

c) $(m^3n^6)^4 = m^{12}n^{24}$

That's all well and good (hopefully), but how do you handle a question with a coefficient?

Consider the expression from before, $(3x^2y^5)^3$. Expand it without using the laws.

$$= (\underline{3}x^2y^5)(\underline{3}x^2y^5)(\underline{3}x^2y^5) = \underset{\text{multiply } 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 3}{27} x^6 y^{15}$$

The coefficient was just raised to the power of 3! Awesome. Try out some more, this time following the laws.

a) $(2x^4y^2)^5 = 32x^{20}y^{10}$

b) $(-3m^7n)^2 = 9m^{14}n^2$

c) $(5a^2b^3c^4d^5)^6 = 15625a^{12}b^{18}c^{24}d^{30}$

~~$-3^2 = -9$~~
 $\rightarrow (-3)^2 = 9$

Exponents first

d) $(3x^2y^5)^2(2xy^3)$

$$= (9x^4y^{10})(2xy^3)$$

$$= 18x^5y^{13}$$

e) $(-4m^3n^2)^3(3m^4n^3)^2$

$$= (-64m^9n^6)(9m^8n^6)$$

$$= -576m^{17}n^{12}$$

f) $(5x^3y^6)^4(-8x^{10}y^{13})^0$

$$= (625x^{12}y^{24})(1)$$

$$= 625x^{12}y^{24}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -18^0 &= -1 \\ \rightarrow (-8)^0 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

g) $(3x^2y^2)(4x^2y^3)$

$$= 12x^4y^5$$

Success Criteria:

- I can use the distributive property to multiply a polynomial with a monomial
- I can use the distributive property to combine multiple variables into a single term
- I can simplify a monomial raised to a power by multiplying the exponents of each variable
- I can recognize that when a coefficient is raised to a power, it is NOT NOT NOT multiplied
- I can understand that raising to the power of zero equals one.