

IDENTIFYING POLYNOMIALS

➤ Identify the leading coefficient, the constant term, and the degree of the polynomial function.

1)  $P(x) = -x^2 + 3x + 8$

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

2)  $P(x) = -3x + 3x^4 - 7$

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

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

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

4)  $P(x) = x^2 - 5x^4 - x^6$

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

5)  $P(x) = 2x^2 - \pi x^6 + \frac{1}{2}$

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

6)  $P(x) = x + 3$

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

7)  $P(x) = -4x^5 - 3x^2 + x - \sqrt{7}$

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

8)  $P(x) = 15$

Leading Coefficient:

Constant Term:

Degree:

➤ Explain why the following functions are not polynomial functions.

9)  $P(x) = 3x^{1/2} - 8x^2$

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10)  $P(x) = 3\sqrt{x+1} - 2x^2 - 3x$

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11)  $P(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 2x + 1}{x}$

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12)  $P(x) = x^{-1} + 2$

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➤ Evaluate the polynomial with the given value.

13)  $P(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 8$ , evaluate  $P(3) =$

14)  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 10$ , evaluate  $f(-1) =$

15)  $R(x) = -x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 4$ , evaluate  $R(0) =$

16)  $L(x) = x^2 + 4x + \frac{1}{2}$ , evaluate  $L\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =$

ADD OR SUBTRACT POLYNOMIALS

➤ Simplify

17)  $(5x^2 + 2x - 7) + (x^2 - 8x + 12)$

18)  $(x^2 - 3x + 8) - (2x^2 - 3x + 7)$

19)  $(3y^2 - 7y) + (2y^2 - 8y + 2)$

20)  $(3a^2 - 9a) - (-5a^2 + 7a - 6)$

21) Given  $P(x) = 3x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 1$  and  
 $R(x) = 2x^3 + 5x - 8$ , find  $P(x) + R(x)$

22) Given  $P(x) = 5x^3 - 3x - 7$  and  $R(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 8$ ,  
find  $P(x) - R(x)$

23) Given  $P(x) = x^{2n} + 7x^n - 3$  and  
 $R(x) = -x^{2n} + 2x^n + 8$ , find  $P(x) + R(x)$

24) Given  $P(x) = 2x^{2n} - x^n - 1$  and  
 $R(x) = 5x^{2n} + 7x^n + 1$ , find  $P(x) - R(x)$