

Algebraic Expressions Identities

FUNDAMENTALS

In our GMO Class VII, We have learnt about the addition and subtraction of algebraic expressions.

We will carry those ideas further.

Addition of Algebraic Expressions

While adding algebraic expressions, we collect the like terms and add them.

EXAMPLE 1. Add: $(2m + 3n + 59 \text{ and } -n - p + 6q + 3m)$

Solution: Writing the terms of the given expressions in the same order in form of rows with like terms below each other and adding column wise, we get:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2m + 3m + 59 \\ 3m - n - p + 6q \\ \hline 5m + 2n + 59 - p + 6q \end{array}$$

Example 2- Add: $9x^3 + 6x^5 - 8 + 16x^2$ and

$$10x^8 6x^2 + 9x^3 - 3x$$

Solution: Writing the given expressions in descending powers of x in the form of rows with like terms below each other and adding column wise, we get:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^5 + 9x^3 + 16x^2 - 8 \\ 10x^8 + 9x^3 + 6x^2 - 3x \\ \hline 10x^8 + 6x^5 + 18x^3 + 22x^2 - 3x - 8 \end{array}$$

Subtraction of Algebraic Expressions

Steps:

- Arrange the terms of the given expression in the same order.
- Write the given expressions in two rows in such a way that the like terms occur one below the other, keeping the expression to be subtracted in the second row.
- Change the sign of each term in the lower row from + to - and/or, from - to +.
- With new signs of the terms of lower row, add column wise.

EXAMPLE 4. Subtract $3m + 4n - 5p^0$ from $2n + 8m^0 + 17p$

Remember from chapter 6, Class VII, GMO that any number to the power zero is 1

$$\therefore p^0 = 1 \text{ and } m^0 = 1 \Rightarrow 5p^0 = 5 \text{ and } 8m^0 = 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2n+17p+8 \\ \therefore \text{ we have, } \frac{-3m \pm 4n \quad \pm 5}{-3m-2n+17p+13} \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE 5: Subtract $6x^2 - 3x - 14$ from $5 + 2x - 2x^2 + 13x^3$

Solution: Arranging the terms of the given expressions in descending powers of x and subtracting column wise, we get:

$$\begin{array}{r} 13x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 5 \\ 6x^2 - 3x - 14 \\ \hline 13x^3 - 8x^2 + 5x + 19 \end{array}$$

Multiplication of Algebraic Expressions

As we learnt in chapter 6, Class VII GMO Book,

- (1) The product of two factors with like signs is positive, and the product of two factors with unlike signs is negative.
- (2) If x is a variable and m, n are positive integers, then $(a^m \times a^n) = a^{(m+n)}$.

Thus, $2^3 \times 2^2 = 2^5$

Which you can ordinarily also verify as $2^3 = 8; 2^2 = 4; 8 \times 4 = 32 = 2^5$.

(a). Multiplication of Two Monomials

Remember, Product of two monomials = (product of their numerical coefficients) x (Product of their variable parts)

EXAMPLE-1: Find the product of:

(i) $-7x^2yz$ and $-6y^2zx$

Solution:- $-7x^2yz - (6y^2zx)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{(-7) \times (-6)\} \times \{x^2yz \times y^2zx\} \\ &= \{(-7) \times (-6)\} \times \{x^2yz \times y^2zx\} \\ &= 42 \times x^3y^3z^3 \end{aligned}$$

(b). Multiplication of a Polynomial by a Monomial

Multiple each term of the polynomial by the monomial, using the distributive law for multiplication over addition.

EXAMPLE-2 Find each of the following products:

(i) $8a^3b^2 \times (6a^2 - 5ab + 9b^2)$

Solution: We have:

$$8a^3b^2 \times (6a^2 - 5ab + 9b^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (8a^3b^2) \times (6a^2) + (8a^3b^2) \times (-5ab) + (8a^3b^2) \times (9b^2) \\
&= 48a^5b^2 - 40a^4b^3 + 72a^3b^4
\end{aligned}$$

(c). Multiplication of Two Binomials

Suppose $(a + b)$ and $(c + d)$ are two binomials. By using the distributive law of multiplication over addition twice, we may find their product as given below.

$$\begin{aligned}
(a + b) \times (c + d) &= a \times (c + d) + b \times (c + d) \\
&= (a \times c + a \times d) + (b \times c + b \times d) \\
&= ac + ad + bc + bd.
\end{aligned}$$

This result may be remembered as it sometimes helps in quick calculations.

This method is known as the horizontal method.

EXAMPLE-3: Multiply $(8x + 5y)$ and $(5x - 6y)$.

Solution: We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
&(8x + 5y) \times (5x - 6y) \\
&= 8x \times (5x - 6y) + 5y \times (5x - 6y) \\
&= 8x \times 5x - 8x \times 6y + (5y \times 5x - 5y \times 6y) \\
&= (40x^2 - 48xy) + (25xy - 30y^2) \\
&= 40x^2 - 23xy - 30y^2
\end{aligned}$$

if we remember

$$(a + b) \times (c + d) = ac + ad + bc + bd; \text{ then,}$$

$$(a - b)(c + d) = ac + ad - bc - bd \text{ as this result can be easily obtained from the above result by substituting } b \text{ by } (-b)$$

Column wise multiplication

The multiplication can be performed column wise as shown below.

$$\begin{array}{r}
8x + 5y \\
\times (5x - 6y) \\
\hline
40x^2 + 25xy \quad \text{multiplication by } 5x \\
- 48xy - 30y^2 \quad \text{multiplication by } -6y \\
\hline
40x^2 - 23xy - 30y^2 \quad \text{multiplication by } (5x - 6y)
\end{array}$$

(d) Multiplication of Two Polynomials

We may extend the above result for two polynomials, as shown below.

EXAMPLE4: first let us take two polynomials say, $(x^2 + 2x + 3)$ and $(3x^2 - 5x - 6)$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 3 \\ 3x^2 - 5x - 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^4 + 6x^3 + 9x^2 \dots \text{multiplication, ..by...} 3x^2 \\ -5x^3 - 10x^2 - 15x \dots \text{multiplication... by...} (-5x) \\ \hline -x^2 - 12x - 18 \dots \text{multiplication... by...} (-6) \\ \hline 3x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 - 27x - 18 \end{array}$$

Division of Algebraic Expressions

Remember,

If x is a variable and m, n are positive integers such that $m > n$ then $(x^m \div x^n) = x^{m-n}$ (This property is applicable even when $m < n$ and m and n are any real numbers, but just to keep the matters simple, we are considering $m, n > 0$ and $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$) Let us take an example $x^3 \div x^2 = x^{3-2} = x^1 = x$

(a). Division of a Monomial by a Monomial

Rule: Quotient of two monomials = (quotient of their numerical coefficients) \times (quotient of their variables)

EXAMPLE 1 (i) $6x^{16}y^7$ by $(-3y^6)$

(ii) $(-13x^8y^6z^4)$ by $(-2x^4y^2z^2u^2)$

Solution: We have,

$$(i) \frac{6x^{16}y^7}{-3y^6} = \left(\frac{6}{-3} \right) \times x^{16} \times y^{(7-6)} = -2x^{16}y$$

$$(ii) \frac{-13x^8y^6z^4}{-2x^4y^2z^2u^2} = \left(\frac{-13}{-2} \right) \times \frac{x^{8-4}y^{6-2}z^{4-2}}{u^2} = \frac{13x^4y^4z^2}{2u^2}$$

(b). Division of a Polynomial by a Monomial

Rule: For dividing a polynomial by a monomial, divide each term of the polynomial by the monomial.

EXAMPLE 2

(i) $343x^8 + 49x^6 - 7$ by $7x^4$

(ii) $144x^2y^2z^2 - 72x^2yz - 18zyx$ by $9xyz$

Solution: (i)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{343x^8 + 49x^6 - 7}{7x^4} &= \frac{343x^8}{7x^4} + \frac{49x^6}{7x^4} - \frac{7}{7x^4} \\ &= \left(\frac{343}{7} \right) \times \left(\frac{x^8}{x^4} \right) + \left(\frac{49}{7} \right) \times \frac{x^6}{x^4} - \frac{1}{x^4}; \\ &= 49 \times (x^{8-4}) + 7 \times (x^{6-4}) - \frac{1}{x^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 49x^4 + 7x^2 - \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$(ii) \frac{144x^2y^2z^2 - 72x^2yz - 18zyz}{9xyz}$$

$$= \frac{144x^2y^2z^2}{9xyz} - \frac{72x^2yz}{9xyz} - \frac{18zyz}{9xyz}$$

Since, zyx is same as xyz ,

We have.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{144}{9}\right) \times 9 \left(\frac{x^2y^2z^2}{xyz}\right) - \left(\frac{72}{9}\right) \times \left(\frac{x^2yz}{xyz}\right) - \left(\frac{18}{9}\right) \times \left(\frac{zyz}{xyz}\right) = 16 \times (x^{2-1} \cdot y^{2-1} \cdot z^{2-1}) - 8 \times (x^{2-1} \cdot y^{1-1} \cdot z^{1-1}) - 2 \times 1 \\ & = 16xyz - 8xy \cdot z^0 - 2 \\ & = 16xyz - 8x - 2 \text{ (since } y^0 = 1, z^0 = 1) \end{aligned}$$

(c) Division of a Polynomial by a Polynomial

Steps are as follows:

- (1) The dividend and divisor should be written in descending order of their degrees.
- (2) Divide the first term of the dividend by the first term of the divisor to obtain the first term of the quotient.
- (3) Multiply all the terms of the divisor by the quotient (as obtained above) and subtract the result from the dividend.
- (4) Consider the remainder as the new dividend and repeat steps (2) & (3).
- (5) Repeat this process till we obtain a zero remainder or a polynomial of degree lesser than that of divisor.

EXAMPLE 3. Divide:

$$8x^2 - 22x + 15 \text{ by } (4x - 5)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x-5 \overline{) 8x^2 - 22x + 15} \left(2x-3 \right. \\ \underline{8x^2 - 10x} \\ -12x + 15 \\ \underline{-12x + 15} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

We have,

\therefore Quotient = $(2x - 3)$; Remainder = 0.

Now let us take example where $R \neq 0$ but degree of remainder < degree of divisor

EXAMPLE 4. Divide $(64x^3 - 40x^2 - 4x + 2)$ by $(16x^2 + 2x - 1)$

Solution: The terms of the dividend and the divisor are already arranged in descending order. So, we divide as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 16x^2 + 2x - 1 \overline{) 64x^3 - 40x^2 - 4x + 2} \quad \left(4x - 3 \right. \\
 \underline{64x^3 + 8x^2 - 4x} \\
 - 48x^2 + 2 \\
 \underline{- 48x^2 - 6x + 3} \\
 + + - \\
 \hline
 6x - 1
 \end{array}$$

Here, Divisor = $16x^2 + 2x - 1$

Dividend = $64x^3 - 40x^2 - 4x + 2$

Quotient = $4x - 3$

Remainder(R) = $6x - 1$

We can see that $\text{Deg}(R) = 1$

$\text{Deg}(\text{DIVISOR}) = 2$; i.e. $\text{deg}(R) < \text{deg}(d)$

Special Identities

An identity is an equality, which is true for all values of the variables, within the set of Real numbers.

The following identities are very important.

Identity 1: $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$.

Proof Taking LHS,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (a + b)^2 = (a + b)(a + b) \\
 & = a(a + b) + b(a + b) \quad (\text{distributive law of multiplication over addition}) \\
 & = a^2 + ab + ba + b^2 \\
 & = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \quad [\text{by commutative law, } ba = ab] \\
 & \therefore (a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

Identity 2: $(a - b)^2 = (a^2 - 2ab + b^2)$.

Proof Taking LHS,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (a - b)^2 = (a - b)(a - b) = a(a - b) + b(a - b) \\
 & = a^2 - ab - ba + b^2 \\
 & = a^2 - ab - ab + b^2 \quad [as, ba = ab] \\
 & = a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = RHS \\
 & \therefore (a - b)^2 = (a^2 - 2ab + b^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Identity3: $(a+b)(a-b) = (a^2 - b^2)$.

Proof Taking LHS,

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a(a-b) + b(a-b)$$

$$= a^2 - ab + ba - b^2$$

$$= a^2 - ab + ab - b^2$$

[since $ba = ab$]

$$= a^2 - b^2 = RHS$$

$$\therefore (a+b)(a-b) = (a^2 - b^2).$$

NOTE: We may write these identities again AND WE MUST commit them to memory.

$$(1) \quad (a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$

$$(2) \quad (a-b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$

$$(3) \quad (a+b)(a-b) = (a^2 - b^2)$$

The same identities can also be written as,

$$(x+y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$$

$$(x-y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 2xy$$

$$\text{and } (x+y)(x-y) = (x^2 - y^2)$$

EXAMPLE 1 (i) $\left(\frac{3}{2}a + \frac{3}{4}b\right)^2$

Solution: we have,

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}a + \frac{3}{4}b\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}a\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{4}b\right)^2 + 2 \times \frac{3}{2}a \times \frac{3}{4}b$$

[since $(x+y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$]

$$= \frac{9}{4}a^2 + \frac{9}{16}b^2 + \frac{9}{4}ab.$$

EXAMPLE 2 (i) $\left(\frac{3}{2}p - \frac{5}{3}q\right)^2$

Solution: we have,

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}p - \frac{5}{3}q\right)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}p\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{3}q\right)^2 - 2 \times \frac{3}{2}p \times \frac{5}{3}q$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}p^2 + \frac{25}{9}q^2 - 5pq.$$

EXAMPLE 3: Given, $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$ find the values of (a) $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ (b) $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$ and, (c) $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$

Solution: we have,

$$(a) \quad x + \frac{1}{x} = 3 \Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = (3)^2 \quad \text{[squaring both sides]}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 9 \Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = (9 - 2)$$

$$\therefore x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 7$$

$$(ii) \quad x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 7 \Rightarrow \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 = (7)^2 \quad \text{[squaring both sides]}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 2 \times x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^2} = 49$$

EXAMPLE 4. Which of the following is untrue?

$$(a) \quad (128)^2 - (72)^2 = 11200;$$

$$(b) \quad 397 \times 403 = 159991;$$

$$(c) \quad \frac{198 \times 198 - 102 \times 102}{96} = 202,$$

$$(d) \quad (8.63)^2 - (1.37)^2 = 72.6$$

Solution: $(128)^2 - (72)^2$

The first thing that should strike you is that $128 + 72 = 200$ is a simple rounded no.

This is:- (i) Going to make your calculation easy and

(ii) More importantly, it indicates that you have to add $(128 + 72)$ and thus you get a way to easily calculate, as other factor will be $(128 - 72)$

[By applying the formula,

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)]$$

Thus, $128^2 - 72^2 = (128 + 72)(128 - 72) = 200 \times 56 = 11200$ Now consider, 397×403 . Here, trick is to write this as,

$(400 - 3) \times (400 + 3) = 400^2 - 3^2 = 160000 - 9 = 159991$ consider, $\frac{198 \times 198 - 102 \times 102}{96}$; Values are indicative of the

process to be carried out. 96 in the denominator indicates that some factor or multiple of 96 may be in the numerator.

So, we get,

$$\frac{(198 + 102) \times (198 - 102)}{96} = \frac{300 \times 96}{96} = 300$$

Lastly, $(8.63)^2 - (1.37)^2 = (8.63 + 1.37) \times (8.63 - 1.37) = 10 \times 7.26 = 72.6$;

\therefore (c) is the correct answer.