

# Multiplying Polynomials

## Objective 1: Types of Polynomials

- A **monomial** is polynomial with one term.
  - Examples:  $7x^2$ ,  $-3ab$ ,  $-x^3y^2$
- A **binomial** is a polynomial with two terms.
  - Examples:  $6x - 7$ ,  $3a^2 + 2b$
- A **trinomial** is a polynomial with three terms.
  - Example:  $-3x^2y + 5xy - 2$

## Objective 2: Multiply Two Monomials

**Procedure:** To multiply two monomials,

1. Multiply their coefficients.
2. Use the product rule of exponents to find the exponent of the corresponding variable(s).

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(3x^2)(5x^3)$$

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(-2x^2y)(7x^3y^2)$$

### Objective 3: Multiply Any Polynomial by a Monomial

**Procedure:** To multiply a polynomial by a monomial, use the distributive property to multiply the monomial by each term of the polynomial.

**Example:** Multiply.

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

**Example:** Multiply.

$$-2a^2b(4a^3b^2 - 3ab^2)$$

## Objective 4: Multiply Two Binomials

**Procedure:** To multiply two binomials, use the distributive property twice or **FOIL**.

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$$(a + b)(c + d)$$

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(x + 7)(2x - 3)$$

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(3x - 5y)(2x + 7y)$$

## Objective 5: Multiply the Sum and Difference of the Same Two Terms

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

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(x + 4)(x - 4)$$

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(2x + 5y)(2x - 5y)$$

## Objective 6: Squaring a Binomial

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

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

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(a + 7)^2 =$$

**Example:** Multiply.

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

## Objective 7: Multiply Any Two Polynomials

**Procedure:** To multiply any two polynomials,

1. Multiply each term of the first polynomial to every term in the second polynomial.
2. Combine any like terms.

**Example:** Multiply.

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

## Objective 8: Multiply More than Two Polynomials

**Procedure:** To multiply more than two polynomials, multiply two polynomials at a time.

**Example:** Multiply.

$$(x + 1)(x + 2)(2x - 5)$$