

Notes & Examples.

We can add, subtract, multiply & divide polynomials.

Just use an area model & combine like terms.

Recall: Degree = highest power, Leading Coefficient = # with highest power term.

Standard Form = Terms all added in descending order.

For each example, $f(x) = x^5 + 15x^4 + 70x^3 + 90x^2 - 71x - 105$
 $g(x) = x^2 - 1$

1) $f(x) + g(x) = (x^5 + 15x^4 + 70x^3 + 90x^2 - 71x - 105) + (x^2 - 1)$
 $= x^5 + 15x^4 + 70x^3 + 91x^2 - 71x - 106$

Degree = 5, L.C. = 1

2) $f(x) - g(x) = (x^5 + 15x^4 + 70x^3 + 90x^2 - 71x - 105) - (x^2 - 1)$
 $= x^5 + 15x^4 + 70x^3 + 89x^2 - 71x - 104$

Degree = 5, L.C. = 1

3) $g(x) - f(x) = (x^2 - 1) - (x^5 + 15x^4 + 70x^3 + 90x^2 - 71x - 105)$
 $= -89x^2 + 104 - x^5 - 15x^4 - 70x^3 + 71x$
 $= -x^5 - 15x^4 - 70x^3 - 89x^2 + 71x + 104$

Not standard form, because powers are not descending

Degree = 5, L.C. = 1

$$4) f(x) \cdot g(x) = x^7 + 15x^6 + 69x^5 + 75x^4 - 141x^3 - 195x^2 + 71x + 105$$

$$x^2 \quad x^5 + 15x^4 + 70x^3 + 90x^2 - 71x - 105$$

x	x^7	$15x^6$	$70x^5$	$90x^4$	$-71x^3$	$-105x^2$
$0x$	$0x^6$	$0x^5$	$0x^4$	$0x^3$	$0x^2$	$0x$
-1	$-x^5$	$-15x^4$	$-70x^3$	$-90x^2$	$71x$	105

Add
row to make
diagonals like
terms

$$5) f(x) \div g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = x^3 + 15x^2 + 71x + 105$$

$$x^2 \quad x^3 \quad 15x^2 \quad 71x + 105$$

x	x^5	$15x^4$	$71x^3$	$105x^2$
$0x$	$0x^4$	$0x^3$	$0x^2$	$0x$
-1	$-x^3$	$-15x^2$	$-71x$	-105