

6.4

Some polynomials have more than just "x".

ex)  $5x^2y^4 + 3xyz^2 - 2yz$

ex) Evaluate above polynomial at  $x=2, y=1, z=3$

$$\begin{aligned} & 5(-2)^2(1)^4 + 3(-2)(1)(3)^2 - 2(1)(3) \\ & = 5(4)(1) + 3(-2)(1)(9) - 2(1)(3) \\ & = 20 - 54 - 6 = 20 - 60 = \boxed{-40} \end{aligned}$$

To find the degree of each term, add the exponents. (don't forget exponents of 1!)

ex)  $7x^2y^3 + 6x^3y - \frac{14}{3}xy$  So this polynomial has degree 5.

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2+3=5                      3+1=4                      1+1=2

### Adding & Subtracting Polynomials

Combine like terms (all variables & their powers must be the same to be like)

Careful of subtraction (signs)

ex) Add  $4x^3y^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2$  and  $6x^2y - 2xy^2 + xy$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^3y^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2 \\ + \quad \quad \quad 6x^2y - 2xy^2 + xy \\ \hline 4x^3y^3 + 4x^2y + xy^2 + xy \end{array}$$

ex) Subtract  $4x^3y^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2$  from  $6x^2y - 2xy^2 + xy$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2y - 2xy^2 + xy \\ - (4x^3y^3 - 2x^2y + 3xy^2) \\ \hline -4x^3y^3 + 8x^2y - 5xy^2 + xy \end{array}$$

