

## Section 5.2: MULTIPLYING POLYNOMIALS

When you are done with your homework you should be able to...

- $\pi$  Use the product rule for exponents
- $\pi$  Use the power rule for exponents
- $\pi$  Use the products-to-power rule
- $\pi$  Multiply monomials
- $\pi$  Multiply a monomial and a polynomial
- $\pi$  Multiply polynomials when neither is a monomial

WARM-UP:

Add or subtract the following polynomials:

a.  $(-22r^7 + 6r^3 - r^2) - (2r^7 + r^2 - 1)$

b.  $(8x^4 - x^3 - x^2) + (-8x^4 + x^3)$

## THE PRODUCT RULE FOR EXPONENTS

We have seen that \_\_\_\_\_ are used to indicate \_\_\_\_\_ multiplication. Recall that  $3^4 =$  \_\_\_\_\_. Now consider  $3^4 \cdot 3^2$ :

## THE PRODUCT RULE

When multiplying \_\_\_\_\_ expressions with the \_\_\_\_\_ base, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. Use this \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ base.

Example 1: Simplify each expression.

a.  $2^5 \cdot 2^3$

b.  $x^2 \cdot x \cdot x^4$

### THE POWER RULE (POWERS TO POWERS)

When an \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to a  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. Place the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

Example 2: Simplify each expression.

a.  $(4^2)^3$

b.  $(x^{12})^5$

## THE PRODUCTS-TO-POWERS RULE FOR EXPONENTS

When a \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
each \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Example 3: Simplify each expression.

a.  $(-2y)^5$

b.  $(10x^3)^2$

## MULTIPLYING MONOMIALS

To \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ base,  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and then multiply the  
\_\_\_\_\_. Use the \_\_\_\_\_ rule for \_\_\_\_\_ to  
multiply the \_\_\_\_\_.

Example 4: Multiply.

a.  $(8x)(-11x^4)$

b.  $(7y^3)(2y^2)$

c.  $\left(\frac{2}{5}x^4\right)\left(-\frac{5}{6}x^7\right)$

**MULTIPLYING A MONOMIAL AND A POLYNOMIAL THAT IS NOT A MONOMIAL**

To \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, use the \_\_\_\_\_ property to \_\_\_\_\_ each \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_.

Example 5: Multiply.

a.  $3x^2(2x-5)$

b.  $-x(x^2+6x-5)$

**MULTIPLYING POLYNOMIALS WHEN NEITHER IS A MONOMIAL**

Multiply each \_\_\_\_\_ of one \_\_\_\_\_ by each \_\_\_\_\_ of the other polynomial. Then \_\_\_\_\_ terms.

Example 6: Multiply.

a.  $(x+2)(x+5)$

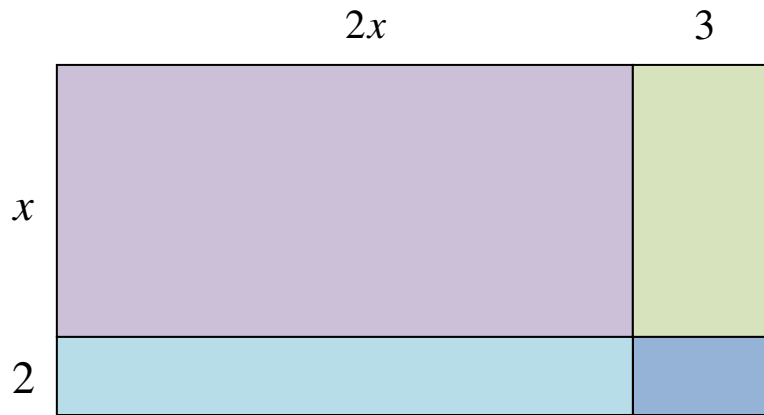
b.  $(2x+5)(x+3)$

c.  $(x^2 - 7x + 9)(x + 4)$

Example 6: Simplify.

a.  $3x^2(6x^3 + 2x - 3) - 4x^3(x^2 - 5)$

b.  $(y + 6)^2 - (y - 2)^2$

**APPLICATION**

- Express the area of the large rectangle as the product of two binomials.
- Find the sum of the areas of the four smaller rectangles.
- Use polynomial multiplication to show that your expressions for area in parts (a) and (b) are equal.