Math 9

5.3 - Adding Polynomials

Recall

Two terms are like terms if they both have:

i) the same **variable**,

and ii) the variables have the same exponent.

Two *Algebra Tiles* are considered "like" if they have the same size.

Zero Pairs always "cancel out":



Ex. 1: Add the following polynomials:

a.
$$(3x^2+2x+1)+(2x^2-x+2)$$

Method 1: Using Algebra Tiles

Method 2: Algebraically

Remove brackets:

Group like terms:

Combine like terms by adding their coefficients:

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b.
$$(k^2 + 4k + 2) + (2k^2 + k + 3)$$

c.
$$(6x+3) + (-3x+2)$$

d.
$$(-p^2-5p+3)+(2p^2+3p-5)$$

e.
$$(-3m^2-2m-4)+(3m^2+2m+4)$$

Ex. 2: Add the following polynomials using <u>only</u> the algebraic method:

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

b. $(-6c^2 + 5c - 10) + (-7c^2 - 12c - 11)$

Ex. 3: Determine the algebraic form of the addition shown below:



Ex. 4: Add the polynomials and determine the numeric value for f=-2 :

$$(3f^2 - f + 2) + (2f - 1)$$

Ex. 5: Write a polynomial, in simplified form, that represents the perimeter of the rectangle:



Determine the perimeter of the rectangle, if x = 3.