

MATH 119: Quiz 1

Name: key

Directions:

- * No calculators.
- * Show your thought process (commonly said as "show your work") when solving each problem for full credit.
- * Good luck!

1. When trying to apply exponent laws, are we allowed to apply them to **terms**? If not, what are we allowed to apply them to?

No, factors only

2. Simplify the following:

$$(a) \quad \underbrace{4x^2} - \underbrace{3xy} - \underbrace{3x^2} + \underbrace{x} - \underbrace{2xy} = \boxed{x^2 + x - 5xy}$$

$$(b) \quad (2xy)^2 \cdot \frac{2x^{-1}y^2}{4(xy)^{-2}z} \stackrel{(4)}{=} 2^2 x^2 y^2 \cdot \frac{2(xy)^2 y^2}{4xz} \stackrel{(4)}{=} 4x^2 y^2 \cdot \frac{2x^2 y^2 y^2}{4xz}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{8x^4 y^6}{4xz} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{2x^3 y^6}{z}$$

fraction cancellation law (#5)

$$(c) \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{x+1}{x(x-1)}\right)^{-2} = \frac{x^2}{y^2} \cdot \left(\frac{x(x-1)}{x+1}\right)^2 \stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{x^2}{y^2} \cdot \frac{(x(x-1))^2}{(x+1)^2}$$

treat as factor!

$$\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{x^2}{y^2} \cdot \frac{x^2(x-1)^2}{(x+1)^2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{x^4(x-1)^2}{y^2(x+1)^2}$$

frac property #1

x and 1 are terms. do NOT use exp laws on terms.

3. Factor the following:

(a) $xy + x$

$$= x(y + 1)$$

(b) $3xy + 6xy^2 + 12x^2y^2$

$$\begin{aligned} 3xy &: 3 \cdot x \cdot y \\ 6xy^2 &: 2 \cdot 3 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \\ 12x^2y^2 &: 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3xy(1 + 2y + 4x^2y)$$

this is 1 not 0 because question said factor.
expanding (dist law) is reverse of factoring.

So go backwards and distribute to check your work.

2 $3xy \cdot 0$ is 0 not $3xy$.