Chapter 5 and 7 - Polynomials

LESSON 3: ADDING AND SUBTRACTING POLYNOMIALS

The opposite of a polynomial is found by taking the opposite of each of its terms

Ex. The opposite of  is:

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To subtract a polynomial, you must add the opposite terms.

Remember: you can only add or subtract like terms. Use the model to help visualize the process.

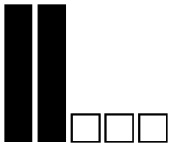
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| = positive 1-tile  BLM5-5-1c  = positive *x*-tile  BLM5-5-1fBLM5-5-1e  = positive *x*2 | = negative 1-tile  BLM5-5-1d  = negative *x*-tile  = negative *x*2 |

Ex.1: Add the polynomials by collecting like terms.

a)  b) 

c) 

Ex.2: Determine the opposite of the expression represented by each diagram. Express the answer in diagrams and symbols.

a) b)

Ex.3: What is the opposite of each expression?

a)  b)  c) 

Ex.4: Subtract the following expression by adding the opposite terms.

a)  b) 

Ex.5: Simplify

a)  b) 

c)  d) 