

Combining Like Terms

Lesson 1-4

Goals Aligned to TNCore Standards

- You will be able to rewrite an expression by simplifying.
- You will be able to identify equivalent forms of an expression.

Combining like terms

- Like terms must have the same variable and exponent.
- Examples:
- Simplify the following

- $6x - 4x + 5$

$$2x + 5$$

- $-3y + 2x$

$$-3y + 2x$$

Simplify

$$\bullet \underline{\underline{3x^2}} + \underline{4x} + \underline{\underline{8}} - \underline{\underline{7x^2}}$$

$$-7x^2 + 4x + 8$$

$$\bullet \underline{\underline{3a^2}} - \underline{4} + \underline{\cancel{5a}} + \underline{9} - \underline{\underline{7a^2}} - \underline{\cancel{6a}}$$

$$-a - 4a^2 + 5$$

$$\textcircled{-4a^2 - a + 5} \dots$$

Simplify

• $4(6 + g) - g$

$$24 + 4g - g$$

$$24 + 3g$$

$$3g + 24$$

* • $m^2 + (3m^3 - 2m^2 + 4m)(3)$

$$\cancel{m^2} + \cancel{9m^3} - \cancel{6m^2} + 12m$$

$$9m^3 - 5m^2 + 12m$$

• $5(2x^3 - 7x^2 + 3x)$

$$10x^3 - 35x^2 + 15x$$

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