

Exercise 4.1

Q.1 Identify whether the following algebraic expressions are polynomials (Yes or No).

(i) $3x^2 + \frac{1}{x} - 5$

No (Because of $\frac{1}{x}$) Ans.

(ii) $3x^3 - 4x^2 - x\sqrt{x} + 3$

No (Because \sqrt{x} or $(x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$) Ans.

(iii) $x^2 - 3x + \sqrt{2}$

Yes (Because no variable has power in fraction). Ans

(iv) $\frac{3x}{2x-1} + 8$

No (Because of $\frac{1}{2x-1}$) Ans

Q.2 State whether each of the following expressions is a rational expression or not.

(i) $\frac{3\sqrt{x}}{3\sqrt{x} + 5}$

Irrational Ans

(ii) $\frac{x^3 - 2x^3 + \sqrt{3}}{2 + 3x - x^2}$

Rational Ans

(iii) $\frac{x^2 + 6x + 9}{x^2 - 9}$

Rational Ans

(iv) $\frac{2\sqrt{x} + 3}{2\sqrt{x} - 3}$

Irrational Ans

Q.3 Reduce the following expression to the lowest form.

(i) $\frac{120x^2y^3z^5}{30x^3yz^2}$

Solution: $\frac{\cancel{120}x^2y^3z^5}{\cancel{30}x^3yz^2}$
 $= \frac{120x^2y^3z^5}{30x^3yz^2}$
 $= 4x^{2-3}y^{3-1}z^{5-2}$
 $= 4x^{-1}y^2z^3$
 $= \frac{4y^2z^3}{x}$ Ans

(ii) $\frac{8a(x+1)}{2(x^2-1)}$

Solution: $\frac{8a(x+1)}{2(x^2-1)}$
 $= \frac{\cancel{8}a(x+1)}{\cancel{2}(x^2-1)}$
 $= \frac{4a(x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$
 $= \frac{4a}{x-1}$ Ans

(iii) $\frac{(x+y)^2 - 4xy}{(x-y)^2}$

Solution: $\frac{(x+y)^2 - 4xy}{(x-y)^2}$
 $\therefore (x+y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$
 $\therefore (x-y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 2xy$
 $= \frac{x^2 + y^2 + 2xy - 4xy}{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy}$
 $= \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy}{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x-y)^2}}{\cancel{(x-y)^2}}$$

$$= 1 \text{ Ans}$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{(x^3 - y^3)(x^2 - 2xy + y^2)}{(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)}$$

Solution: $\frac{(x^3 - y^3)(x^2 - 2xy + y^2)}{(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)}$

$$(a^3 + b^3) = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x^3 - y^3)}(x^2 - 2xy + y^2)}{\cancel{(x^3 - y^3)}}$$

$$= x^2 - 2xy + y^2$$

$$\therefore (x - y)^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$$

$$= (x - y)^2 \text{ Ans}$$

$$(v) \quad \frac{(x+2)(x^2-1)}{(x+1)(x^2-4)}$$

Solution: $\frac{(x+2)(x^2-1)}{(x+1)(x^2-4)}$

$$= \frac{(x+2)\left[(x)^2 - (1)^2\right]}{(x+1)\left[(x)^2 - (2)^2\right]}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x-1)\cancel{(x+1)}}{\cancel{(x+1)}(x-2)\cancel{(x+2)}}$$

$$= \frac{(x-1)}{(x-2)} \text{ Ans}$$

$$(vi) \quad \frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{2x^2 - 8}$$

Solution: $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{2x^2 - 8}$

$$\therefore (a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

$$= \frac{(x)^2 - 2(x)(2) + (2)^2}{2(x^2 - 4)}$$

$$= \frac{(x - 2)^2}{2\left[(x)^2 - (2)^2\right]}$$

$$= \frac{(x - 2)^2}{2(x + 2)(x - 2)}$$

$$= \frac{(x - 2)\cancel{(x - 2)}}{2(x + 2)\cancel{(x - 2)}}$$

$$= \frac{x - 2}{2(x + 2)} \text{ Ans}$$

$$(vii) \quad \frac{64x^5 - 64x}{(8x^2 + 8)(2x + 2)}$$

Solution: $\frac{64x^5 - 64x}{(8x^2 + 8)(2x + 2)}$

$$= \frac{64x(x^4 - 1)}{8(x^2 + 1) \cdot 2(x + 1)}$$

$$= \frac{64\left[(x^2)^2 - (1)^2\right]}{16(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{64}(x^2 - 1)\cancel{(x^2 + 1)}}{\cancel{16}(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)}$$

$$= \frac{4x(x - 1)\cancel{(x + 1)}}{\cancel{(x + 1)}}$$

$$= 4x(x - 1) \text{ Ans}$$

$$(viii) \quad \frac{9x^2 - (x^2 - 4)^2}{4 + 3x - x^2}$$

Solution: $\frac{9x^2 - (x^2 - 4)^2}{4 + 3x - x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(3x)^2 - (x^2 - 4)^2}{4 + 3x - x^2} \\
&= \frac{(3x + x^2 - 4)(3x - x^2 + 4)}{4 + 3x - x^2} \\
&= \frac{(x^2 + 3x - 4)(-x^2 + 3x + 4)}{(-x^2 + 3x + 4)} \\
&= x^2 + 3x - 4 \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{9-8}{-4} \\
&= \frac{1}{-4} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

Q.4 Evaluate

(a) $\frac{x^3y - 2z}{xz}$ for

(i) $x = 3, y = -1, z = -2$

(ii) $x = -1, y = -9, z = 4$

Solution for 1st part

When $x = 3, y = -1, z = -2$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{x^3y - 2z}{xz} = \\
&= \frac{(3)^3(-1) - 2(-2)}{(3)(-2)} \\
&= \frac{27(-1) + 4}{-6} \\
&= \frac{-27 + 4}{-6} \\
&= \frac{-23}{-6} \\
&= \frac{23}{6} \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

Solution for 2nd Part.

When $x = -1, y = -9, z = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{x^3y - 2z}{xz} = \\
&= \frac{(-1)^3(-9) - 2(4)}{(-1)(4)} \\
&= \frac{-1(-9) - 8}{-4}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\frac{x^2y^2 - 5z^4}{xyz}$ for $x=4, y=-2$ and $z = -1$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{x^2y^2 - 5z^4}{xyz} \\
&= \frac{(4)^2(-2)^3 - 5(-1)^4}{(4)(-2)(-1)} \\
&= \frac{16(-8) - 5(1)}{8} \\
&= \frac{16(-8) - 5(1)}{8} \\
&= \frac{-128 - 5}{8} \\
&= -\frac{133}{8} \\
&= -16\frac{5}{8} \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

Q.5 Perform the indicated operation and simplify.

(i) $\frac{15}{2x-3y} - \frac{4}{3y-2x}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{15}{2x-3y} - \frac{4}{3y-2x} \\
&= \frac{15}{2x-3y} - \frac{4}{-2x+3y} \\
&= \frac{15}{2x-3y} - \frac{4}{-(2x-3y)} \\
&= \frac{15}{2x-3y} + \frac{4}{2x-3y} \\
&= \frac{19}{2x-3y} \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{1+2x}{1-2x} - \frac{1-2x}{1+2x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution:} & \frac{1+2x}{1-2x} - \frac{1-2x}{1+2x} \\ &= \frac{(1+2x)^2 - (1-2x)^2}{(1-2x)(1+2x)} \\ &= \frac{(1)^2 + (2x)^2 + 2(2x)(1) - [(1)^2 + (2x)^2 - 2(2x)(1)]}{(1)^2 - (2x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1+4x^2+4x - [1+4x^2-4x]}{1-4x^2} \\ &= \frac{1+4x^2+4x-1-4x^2+4x}{1-4x^2} \\ &= \frac{4x+4x}{1-4x^2} \\ &= \frac{8x}{1-4x^2} \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{x^2-25}{x^2-36} - \frac{x+5}{x+6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution:} & \frac{x^2-25}{x^2-36} - \frac{x+5}{x+6} \\ &= \frac{(x)^2 - (5)^2}{(x)^2 - (6)^2} - \frac{x+5}{x+6} \\ &= \frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{(x+6)(x-6)} - \frac{x+5}{x+6} \\ &= \frac{(x+5)(x-5) - (x-6)(x+5)}{(x+6)(x-6)} \\ &= \frac{(x+5)[(x-5) - (x-6)]}{x^2-6^2} \\ &= \frac{(x+5)(x-5-x+6)}{x^2-36} \\ &= \frac{(x+5)(1)}{x^2-36} \\ &= \frac{x+5}{x^2-36} \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{x}{x-y} - \frac{y}{x+y} - \frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution:} & \frac{x}{x-y} - \frac{y}{x+y} - \frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2} \\ &= \frac{x(x+y) - y(x-y)}{(x-y)(x+y)} - \frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2 + \cancel{xy} - \cancel{xy} + y^2}{(x)^2 - (y)^2} - \frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2+y^2}{x^2-y^2} - \frac{2xy}{x^2-y^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2+y^2-2xy}{x^2-y^2} \\ &= \frac{(x-y)^2}{x^2-y^2} \\ &= \frac{(x-y)(\cancel{x-y})}{(x+y)(\cancel{x-y})} \\ &= \frac{x-y}{x+y} \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

$$(v) \quad \frac{x-2}{x^2+6x+9} - \frac{x+2}{2x^2-18}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution:} & \frac{x-2}{x^2+6x+9} - \frac{x+2}{2x^2-18} \\ &= \frac{x-2}{(x)^2+2(3)(x)+3^2} - \frac{x+2}{2(x^2-9)} \\ &= \frac{x-2}{(x+3)^2} - \frac{x+2}{2[(x)^2-(3)^2]} \\ &= \frac{x-2}{(x+3)^2} - \frac{x+2}{2(x-3)(x+3)} \\ &= \frac{x-2}{(x+3)(x+3)} - \frac{x+2}{2(x+3)(x-3)} \\ &= \frac{2(x-3)(x-2) - (x+3)(x+2)}{2(x+3)(x+3)(x-3)} \\ &= \frac{2(x^2-2x-3x+6) - (x^2+2x+3x+6)}{2(x+3)(x+3)(x-3)} \\ &= \frac{2(x^2-5x+6) - (x^2+5x+6)}{2(x+3)(x+3)(x-3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 - 10x + 12 - x^2 - 5x - 6}{2(x+3)^2(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 15x + 6}{2(x+3)^2(x-3)} \text{ Ans}$$

(vi) $\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x^2+1} - \frac{4}{x^4-1}$

Solution: $\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x^2+1} - \frac{4}{x^4-1}$

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

$$= \frac{\cancel{x}+1 - \cancel{x}+1}{x^2-1} - \frac{2}{x^2+1} - \frac{4}{x^4-1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{x^2-1} - \frac{2}{x^2+1} - \frac{4}{x^4-1}$$

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

$$= \frac{\cancel{2x^2} + 2 - \cancel{2x^2} + 2}{(x^2)^2 - (1)^2} - \frac{4}{x^4-1}$$

$$= \frac{4}{x^4-1} - \frac{4}{x^4-1}$$

$$= \frac{4-4}{x^4-1}$$

$$= \frac{0}{x^4-1}$$

$$= 0 \text{ Ans}$$

Q.6 Perform the indicated operation and simplify.

(i) $(x^2 - 49) \cdot \frac{5x+2}{x+7}$

Solution: $(x^2 - 49) \cdot \frac{5x+2}{x+7}$

$$= \left[(x)^2 - (7)^2 \right] \cdot \frac{5x+2}{x+7}$$

$$= (x+7)(x-7) \cdot \frac{(5x+2)}{(x+7)}$$

$$= (x-7)(5x+2) \text{ Ans}$$

(ii) $\frac{4x-12}{x^2-9} \div \frac{18-2x^2}{x^2+6x+9}$

Solution: $\frac{4x-12}{x^2-9} \div \frac{18-2x^2}{x^2+2(x)(3)+(3)^2}$

$$= \frac{4(x-3)}{(x^2)-(3)^2} \div \frac{2(9-x^2)}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4(\cancel{x-3})}{(\cancel{x-3})(x+3)} \times \frac{(x+3)^2}{2(9-x^2)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{x+3} \times \frac{(x+3)^2}{2(3+x)(3-x)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2} \cancel{2} \cancel{x} (x+3)^2}{\cancel{2} (x+3)^2 (3-x)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3-x} \text{ Ans}$$

(iii) $\frac{x^6 - y^6}{x^2 - y^2} \div (x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4)$

Solution: $\frac{x^6 - y^6}{x^2 - y^2} \div (x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4)$

$$= \frac{(x^2)^3 - (y^2)^3}{x^2 - y^2} \div (x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4)$$

$$= \frac{(\cancel{x^2 - y^2}) \left[(x^2)^2 + x^2y^2 + (y^2)^2 \right]}{(\cancel{x^2 - y^2})} \div (x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4)$$

$$= \left(\cancel{x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4} \right) \times \frac{1}{(\cancel{x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4})}$$

$$= 1 \text{ Ans}$$

(iv) $\frac{x^2-1}{x^2+2x+1} \cdot \frac{x+5}{1-x}$

Solution: $\frac{x^2-1}{x^2+2x+1} \cdot \frac{x+5}{1-x}$

$$= \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(x^2+2(x)(1)+(1)^2)} \times \frac{x+5}{-(x-1)}$$

$$= \frac{(x+1) \cancel{(x-1)}}{(x+1)^2} \times \frac{(x+5)}{\cancel{-(x-1)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{\cancel{(x+1)}(x+5)}{\cancel{(x+1)}(x+1)} \\
&= -\frac{(x+5)}{x+1} \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(v) \quad \frac{x^2 + xy}{y(x+y)} \cdot \frac{x^2 + xy}{y(x+y)} \div \frac{x^2 - x}{xy - 2y}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Solution: } & \frac{x^2 + xy}{y(x+y)} \cdot \frac{x^2 + xy}{y(x+y)} \div \frac{x^2 - x}{xy - 2y} \\
&= \frac{x\cancel{(x+y)}}{y\cancel{(x+y)}} \cdot \frac{x\cancel{(x+y)}}{y\cancel{(x+y)}} \div \frac{x(x-1)}{y(x-2)} \\
&= \frac{x\cancel{\cancel{}} \times \cancel{\cancel{}}(x-2)}{y\cancel{\cancel{}} \times \cancel{\cancel{}}(x-1)} \\
&= \frac{x(x-2)}{y(x-1)} \text{ Ans}
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4.2

Q.1 Solve

(i) If $a + b = 10$ and $a - b = 6$, then find the value of $(a^2 + b^2)$

Solution:

$$2(a^2 + b^2) = (a + b)^2 + (a - b)^2$$

$$2(a^2 + b^2) = (10)^2 + (6)^2$$

$$2(a^2 + b^2) = 100 + 36$$

$$2(a^2 + b^2) = 136$$

$$(a^2 + b^2) = \frac{136}{2}$$

$$(a^2 + b^2) = 68 \text{ Ans}$$

(ii) If $a + b = 5$, $a - b = \sqrt{17}$, then find the value of ab .

Solution:

$$4ab = (a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2$$

$$4ab = (5)^2 - (\sqrt{17})^2$$

$$4ab = 25 - 17$$

$$4ab = 8$$

$$ab = \frac{8}{4}$$

$$ab = 2$$

$$ab = 2 \text{ Ans}$$

Q.2 If $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 45$ and $a + b + c = -1$, then find the value of $ab + bc + ca$.

Solution: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 45$

$$a + b + c = -1$$

$$ab + bc + ca = ?$$

We know that

$$(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$(-1)^2 = 45 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$1 = 45 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$1 - 45 = 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$-44 = 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\frac{-44}{2} = (ab + bc + ca)$$

$$(ab + bc + ca) = -22 \text{ Ans}$$

Q.3 If $m + n + p = 10$ and $mn + np + mp = 27$, find the value of $m^2 + n^2 + p^2$

Solution: $m + n + p = 10$

$$mn + np + mp = 27,$$

$$m^2 + n^2 + p^2 = ?$$

We know that

$$(m + n + p)^2 = m^2 + n^2 + p^2 + 2mn + 2np + 2mp$$

$$(10)^2 = m^2 + n^2 + p^2 + 2(mn + np + mp)$$

$$100 = m^2 + n^2 + p^2 + 2(27)$$

$$100 = m^2 + n^2 + p^2 + 54$$

$$100 - 54 = m^2 + n^2 + p^2$$

$$m^2 + n^2 + p^2 = 46 \text{ Ans}$$

Q.4 If $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 78$ and $xy + yz + zx = 59$, find the value of $x + y + z$.

Solution: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 78$

$$xy + yz + zx = 59,$$

$$x + y + z = ?$$

We know that

$$(x + y + z)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx$$

$$(x + y + z)^2 = 78 + 2(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$(x + y + z)^2 = 78 + 2(59)$$

$$(x + y + z)^2 = 78 + 118$$

$$(x + y + z)^2 = 196$$

Taking square root at both sides