

Algebra 2 Unit 3: Number Systems and Operations

Learning targets

- 3.1 I can add, subtract, and multiply polynomials. (Algebra)
- 3.2 I can expand powers of binomials quickly using Pascal's triangle. (Algebra)
- 3.3 I can divide polynomials. (Algebra)
- 3.4 I can factor any quadratic polynomial. (Algebra)
- 3.5 I can add, subtract, multiply, and divide complex numbers. (Algebra)
- 3.6 I can explain which number systems are closed under which operations. (Reasoning)

Definition of polynomial

$$\#x^n + \#x^{n-1} + \dots + \#x^2 + \#x + \# \quad \leftarrow \text{standard form} \quad \text{the \#s are coefficients}$$

n is the degree of the polynomial. n can be 0, 1, 2, ...

Adding and subtracting polynomials

add or subtract like terms

for example, add the x^2 's together, add the x^5 's together

when subtracting, remember to subtract every term

Multiplying polynomials

multiply two polynomials at a time

multiply each term in the first polynomial with each term

in the second polynomial using the box method

add all the terms, combining like terms

example: Expand $(x+5)(x^2-x-3)$

	x^2	$-x$	-3
x	x^3	$-x^2$	$-3x$
5	$5x^2$	$-5x$	-15

 $\rightarrow x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 5x^2 - 5x - 15$
 $= x^3 + 4x^2 - 8x - 15$

Powers of binomials

$$(a+b)^0 = 1$$

$$(a+b)^1 = a+b$$

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

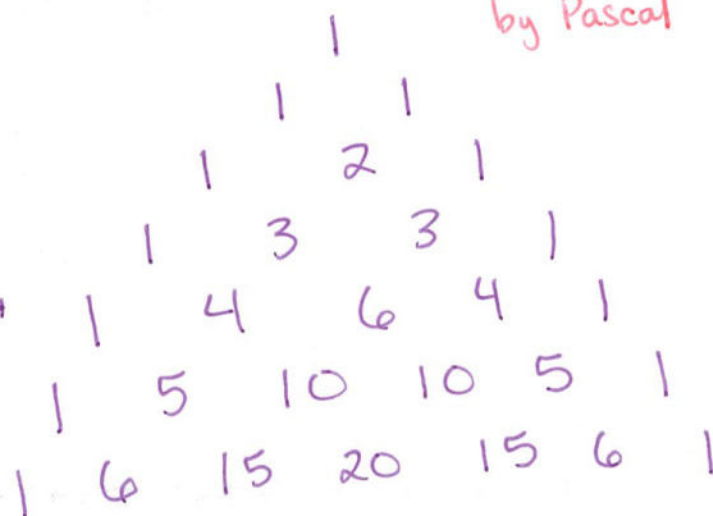
$$(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

$$(a+b)^4 = a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

↑
coefficients in powers
of binomials come
from Pascal's triangle →

Pascal's triangle

not invented
by Pascal



example: Expand $(x-3y)^4$

This is $(a+b)^4$ if $a=x$ and $b=-3y$

Raised to the 4th power, so there are 5 terms:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \frac{1 \cdot x^4}{\uparrow \quad \uparrow} & + & \frac{4 \cdot x^3 \cdot -3y}{\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow} & + & \frac{6 \cdot x^2 \cdot (-3y)^2}{\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow} & + & \frac{4 \cdot x \cdot (-3y)^3}{\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow} & + & \frac{1 \cdot (-3y)^4}{\uparrow \quad \uparrow} \\ \text{coefficient} & & \text{coefficient} & & \text{coeff} & & & & \\ \text{from Pascal's} & & & & & & & & \\ \text{triangle} & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$(-3y)^2 = 9y^2$ $(-3y)^3 = -27y^3$

simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{1 \cdot x^4} + \underline{4 \cdot x^3 \cdot -3y} + \underline{6 \cdot x^2 \cdot 9y^2} + \underline{4 \cdot x \cdot (-3y)^3} + \underline{1 \cdot (-3y)^4} \\ & = x^4 - 12x^3y + 54x^2y^2 - 108xy^3 + 81y^4 \end{aligned}$$

Polynomial division

example: $(6x^3 - 11x^2 - 4x + 5) \div (2x - 1)$

	② $3x^2$	⑤ $-4x$	⑧ -4	Rem
2x	① $6x^3$	④ $-8x^2$	⑦ $-8x$	⑩ 1
-1	③ $-3x^2$	⑥ $4x$	⑨ 4	

quotient: $3x^2 - 4x - 4$ remainder: 1

multiplication/division equations with remainders

multiplication:

$$\rightarrow 6x^3 - 11x^2 - 4x + 5 = (2x - 1)(3x^2 - 4x - 4) + 1$$

division:

$$\frac{6x^3 - 11x^2 - 4x + 5}{2x - 1} = 3x^2 - 4x - 4 + \frac{1}{2x - 1}$$

Remainder Theorem

If you divide a polynomial $f(x)$ by $(x - n)$, then the remainder is $f(n)$.

Also: If $f(n) = 0$, then $f(x)$ is divisible by $(x - n)$.

Division example: $(2x^4 - 10x^3 + 40 + 29x^2) \div (x^2 - 2x + 5)$

	$2x^2$	$-6x$	7	Rem
x^2	$2x^4$	$-6x^3$	$7x^2$	$44x$
$-2x$	$-4x^3$	$12x^2$	$-14x$	5
5	$10x^2$	$-30x$	35	

quotient: $2x^2 - 6x + 7$

remainder: $44x + 5$

multiplication equation: $2x^4 - 10x^3 + 40 + 29x^2 = (x^2 - 2x + 5)(2x^2 - 6x + 7) + 44x + 5$

division equation: $\frac{2x^4 - 10x^3 + 40 + 29x^2}{x^2 - 2x + 5} = 2x^2 - 6x + 7 + \frac{44x + 5}{x^2 - 2x + 5}$

① Set up a multiplication box. Write the divisor on the left.

① Write the term of the dividend with the highest power.

② Un-multiply. $2x \cdot ?? = 6x^3$

③ Multiply.

④ Cells ③ + ④ add to the x^2 term of the dividend.

$$-3x^2 + ?? = -11x^2$$

⑤ Un-multiply.

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⑩ If your box doesn't add to your dividend, then you have a remainder.

Roots of quadratic functions a.k.a. Zeros a.k.a. x-intercepts

x-values that make the quadratic function = 0

if the function factors to $y = a(x - \#)(x - \#)$, ← factored form
then the #s are the roots

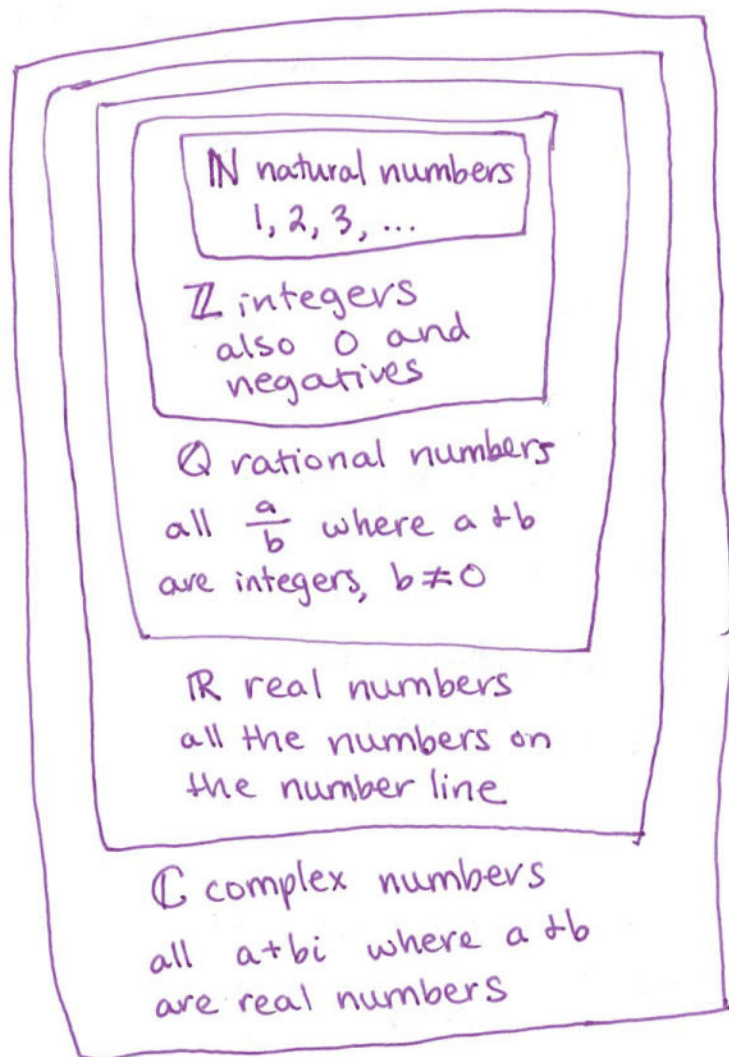
example: if the x-intercepts are 2 and -3 and $a = -2$,
write the quadratic in factored form.

answer: $-2(x-2)(x+3)$

Quadratic formula → use this to find roots of quadratic functions!

if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Number systems



example: write $y = x^2 - 6x + 13$
in factored form

use quadratic formula to find roots:

$a = 1, b = -6, c = 13$

$$x = \frac{+6 \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 13}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 52}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm 4i}{2} = 3 \pm 2i$$

$$y = (x - (3 + 2i))(x - (3 - 2i))$$

$a = 1$ because $y = 1x^2 - 6x + 13$

we can also think of the
polynomials as a number system.
we can do operations with them

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Adding and subtracting complex numbers

combine like terms

(add/subtract the real parts, add/subtract the imaginary parts)

Multiplying complex numbers

use the box,

remember that $i^2 = -1$

example: $(3+2i)(5-7i)$

	3	2i
5	15	10i
-7i	-21i	-14i ²

$$\begin{aligned} &15 + 10i - 21i + 14 \\ &= 29 - 11i \end{aligned}$$

$\leftarrow -14i^2 = -14 \cdot -1 = 14$

Dividing complex numbers

the complex conjugate of $a+bi$ is $a-bi$

when you multiply a complex number by its conjugate, you get a real number!

when dividing two complex numbers, you want no i in the denominator.

fix the problem by multiplying by a clever form of 1:

$\frac{\text{conjugate of denominator}}{\text{conjugate of denominator}}$ and then simplify

example: $(29-11i) \div (5-7i)$

$$\frac{29-11i}{5-7i} \cdot \frac{5+7i}{5+7i} = \frac{(29-11i)(5+7i)}{(5-7i)(5+7i)}$$

$$= \frac{222 + 148i}{74}$$

$$= \frac{222}{74} + \frac{148}{74}i$$

$$= \boxed{3 + 2i}$$

multiply by a clever form of 1 that uses the conjugate of the denominator

box for numerator:

	29	-11i
5	145	-55i
7i	203i	-77i ²

$$\begin{aligned} &145 + 77 + 203i - 55i \\ &222 + 148i \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow 77$

box for denominator:

	5	-7i
5	25	-35i
7i	35i	49

$$25 + 49 = 74$$

Closure of a number system under an operation

a number system is closed under a particular operation if, when you combine numbers from the number system using that operation, you always get a number in that number system.

example: the positive numbers are closed under multiplication because $\text{positive} \cdot \text{positive} = \text{positive}$.

example: the odd numbers are not closed under addition because $3+5=8$ (an example of $\text{odd}+\text{odd}=\text{even}$)

to prove that a number system is closed under an operation, show that it always works.

to disprove that a number system is closed under an operation, you only need one counterexample.

example: the set of odd numbers is closed under multiplication.

True! Proof: Every odd # is $2n+1$, where n is an integer.

Take two integers, n and m .

$$(2n+1)(2m+1)$$

odd $\cdot$ odd

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc} & 2m & 1 & & \\ 2n & 4nm & 2n & & \\ 1 & 2m & 1 & & \end{array} = 4nm + 2n + 2m + 1$$

$$= 2(\underbrace{2nm+n+m}_{\text{this is an integer}}) + 1$$

So the product is $2 \cdot \text{integer} + 1$, which is odd! $\square$

example: the set of polynomials of degree 3 is closed under addition.

False!

Counterexample:

$$p(x) = 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 1$$

$$q(x) = -2x^3 + 3x + 4$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = 4x^2 + 3x + 3$$

$p(x) + q(x)$ is not a polynomial of degree 3

(because it is degree 2)