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## Intro to Polynomials

## Classifying Polynomials:

$$\underline{2}x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 7$$

Standard Form:

Terms must be in order by exponent (largest to smallest)

2 ~ Leading Coefficient:  
Number in front of leading term

3 ~ Degree:  
Largest degree (exponent)

7 ~ Constant:  
Number without a variable

## Classifying Polynomials:

Ex. 1  $7y + \cancel{2y^3} - \cancel{y^2} + \cancel{3y^4}$

a. Standard Form:  $\underline{3}y^4 + 2y^3 - y^2 + 7y$

b. Leading Coefficient: 3

c. Degree: 4

d. Constant: 0

Ex. 2  $\cancel{-9t^2} + \cancel{3t^3} - \cancel{4t} - 15$

a. Standard Form:  $3t^3 - 9t^2 - 4t - 15$

b. Leading Coefficient: 3

c. Degree: 3

d. Constant: -15

## Adding Polynomials:

Ex. 1  $(5x - 8) + (7x + 10)$

$$\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{12x} + \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_2$$

-1  
2

Ex. 2  $(-a^2 + 2a - 8) + (2a^2 - 9a + 15)$

$$\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{a^2} + \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{-7a} + \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_7$$

