

Exercise 6.1

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Question 1: Which of the following expressions are polynomials in one variable and which are not?

State reasons for your answer:

(i) $3x^2 - 4x + 15$

(ii) $y^2 + 2\sqrt{3}$

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

(iv) $x - 4/x$

(v) $x^{12} + y^3 + t^{50}$

Solution:

(i) $3x^2 - 4x + 15$

It is a polynomial of x .

(ii) $y^2 + 2\sqrt{3}$

It is a polynomial of y .

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

It is not a polynomial since the exponent of $3\sqrt{x}$ is a rational term.

(iv) $x - 4/x$

It is not a polynomial since the exponent of $-4/x$ is not a positive term.

(v) $x^{12} + y^3 + t^{50}$

It is a three variable polynomial, x , y and t .

Question 2: Write the coefficient of x^2 in each of the following:

(i) $17 - 2x + 7x^2$

(ii) $9 - 12x + x^3$

(iii) $\frac{11}{6}x^2 - 3x + 4$

(iv) $\sqrt{3}x - 7$

Solution:

(i) $17 - 2x + 7x^2$

Coefficient of $x^2 = 7$

(ii) $9 - 12x + x^3$

Coefficient of $x^2 = 0$

(iii) $\frac{1}{6}x^2 - 3x + 4$
Coefficient of $x^2 = \frac{1}{6}$

(iv) $\sqrt{3}x - 7$
Coefficient of $x^2 = 0$

Question 3: Write the degrees of each of the following polynomials:

(i) $7x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 12$

(ii) $12 - x + 2x^3$

(iii) $5y - \sqrt{2}$

(iv) 7

(v) 0

Solution:

As we know, degree is the highest power in the polynomial

(i) Degree of the polynomial $7x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 12$ is 3

(ii) Degree of the polynomial $12 - x + 2x^3$ is 3

(iii) Degree of the polynomial $5y - \sqrt{2}$ is 1

(iv) Degree of the polynomial 7 is 0

(v) Degree of the polynomial 0 is undefined.

Question 4: Classify the following polynomials as linear, quadratic, cubic and biquadratic polynomials:

(i) $x + x^2 + 4$

(ii) $3x - 2$

(iii) $2x + x^2$

(iv) $3y$

(v) $t^2 + 1$

(vi) $7t^4 + 4t^3 + 3t - 2$

Solution:

(i) $x + x^2 + 4$: It is a quadratic polynomial as its degree is 2.

(ii) $3x - 2$: It is a linear polynomial as its degree is 1.

(iii) $2x + x^2$: It is a quadratic polynomial as its degree is 2.

(iv) $3y$: It is a linear polynomial as its degree is 1.

(v) $t^2 + 1$: It is a quadratic polynomial as its degree is 2.

(vi) $7t^4 + 4t^3 + 3t - 2$: It is a biquadratic polynomial as its degree is 4.