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	Degree	Leading Coefficient
$9x$		
$2x^2 + 2x$		
$2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 12$		
$15x - x^3 + 3$		

Example 1:

$$(4x^3 + 2x^2 + 6x - 4) + (x^3 - 5x^2 + x)$$

Example 2:

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

Example 3:

$$(5y^2 + 2y - 4) - (-y^2 + 4y - 3)$$

Example 4:

$$(2c^3 + 5c^2 - 8) - (3c^2 - 4c + 1)$$

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6 x 7m 4h ² -17e ¹⁰ $\frac{1}{4}k^2$	Two terms! x + 6 m ² + m	Three terms! x ² + x + 6 b ³ + b - 1	More than 3 terms! x ³ + 3x ² - 5x + 6	$\frac{6}{x}$ x ⁻² 6 ^x

Identifying the degree of a polynomial & the leading coefficient

	Degree	Leading Coefficient
9x	1	9
2x ² + 2x	2	2
2x ³ + x ² - 5x + 12	3	2
15x - x ³ + 3 -x ³ + 15x + 3	3	-1

**Rewrite so the exponents are written in descending order.

Example 1:

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$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^3 + 2x^2 + 6x - 4 \\ (+) x^3 - 5x^2 + x \\ \hline 5x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 4 \end{array}$$

Example 2:

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

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$$\begin{array}{r} -x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x \\ (+) x^3 + 3x^2 - 12 \\ \hline x^2 + 3x - 12 \end{array}$$

Example 3:

$$(5y^2 + 2y - 4) - (-y^2 + 4y - 3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5y^2 + 2y - 4 \\ (-) -y^2 + 4y - 3 \\ \hline 6y^2 - 2y - 1 \end{array}$$

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$$(2c^3 + 5c^2 - 8) - (3c^2 - 4c + 1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2c^3 + 5c^2 - 8 \\ (-) \quad \quad 3c^2 - 4c + 1 \\ \hline 2c^3 + 2c^2 + 4c - 9 \end{array}$$

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Step 1: Print pages 1 & 2 front to back (my printer has a setting “front to back along the short side”).

Step 2: Cut off the top region (above the dotted line).

Step 3: Place the sheet so that the examples are face up. Fold over the left and right sides so that they meet at the solid vertical line in the center of the sheet.

Step 4: Cut along the dotted lines to create the individual flaps.

The final product should look like this:

