

Algebraic Expansion – Problem Set

1 Expand and simplify:

a $3(2x + 5)$

b $4x(x - 3)$

c $-2(3 + x)$

d $-3x(x + y)$

e $2x(x^2 - 1)$

f $-x(1 - x^2)$

g $-ab(b - a)$

h $x^2(x - 3)$

2 Expand and simplify:

a $2(x + 3) + 5(x - 4)$

b $2(3 - x) - 3(4 + x)$

c $x(x + 2) + 2x(1 - x)$

d $x(x^2 + 2x) - x^2(2 - x)$

e $a(a + b) - b(a - b)$

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

3 Expand and simplify:

a $(x + 2)(x + 5)$

b $(x - 3)(x + 4)$

c $(x + 5)(x - 3)$

d $(x - 2)(x - 10)$

e $(2x + 1)(x - 3)$

f $(3x - 4)(2x - 5)$

g $(2x + y)(x - y)$

h $(x + 3)(-2x - 1)$

i $(x + 2y)(-x - 1)$

4 Expand and simplify:

a $(x + 7)(x - 7)$

b $(3 + a)(3 - a)$

c $(5 - x)(5 + x)$

d $(2x + 1)(2x - 1)$

e $(4 - 3y)(4 + 3y)$

f $(3x - 4z)(4z + 3x)$

5 Expand and simplify:

a $(x + 5)^2$

b $(2x + 3)^2$

c $(x + y)^2$

d $(3x + 4)^2$

e $(5 + x^2)^2$

f $(3x + 2z)^2$

6 Expand and simplify:

a $(x - 3)^2$

b $(2 - x)^2$

c $(3x - 1)^2$

d $(x - y)^2$

e $(2x - 5y)^2$

f $(ab - 2)^2$

1 Expand and simplify:

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

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

c $(x + 3)(x^2 + 2x + 1)$

d $(x + 1)(2x^2 - x - 5)$

e $(2x + 3)(x^2 + 2x + 1)$

f $(2x - 5)(x^2 - 2x - 3)$

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

h $(4x - 1)(2x^2 - 3x + 1)$

2 Expand and simplify:

a $x(x+2)(x+4)$

b $x(x-3)(x+2)$

c $x(x-4)(x-5)$

d $2x(x+2)(x+5)$

e $3x(x-2)(3-x)$

f $-x(2+x)(6-x)$

g $-3x(3x-1)(x+4)$

h $x(1-5x)(2x+3)$

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

3 Expand and simplify:

a $(x+4)(x+3)(x+2)$

b $(x-3)(x-2)(x+4)$

c $(x-3)(x-2)(x-5)$

d $(2x-3)(x+3)(x-1)$

e $(3x+5)(x+1)(x+2)$

f $(4x+1)(3x-1)(x+1)$

g $(2-x)(3x+1)(x-7)$

h $(x-2)(4-x)(3x+2)$

4 State how many terms you would obtain by expanding the following:

a $(a+b)(c+d)$

b $(a+b+c)(d+e)$

c $(a+b)(c+d+e)$

d $(a+b+c)(d+e+f)$

e $(a+b+c+d)(e+f)$

f $(a+b+c+d)(e+f+g)$

g $(a+b)(c+d)(e+f)$

h $(a+b+c)(d+e)(f+g)$