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Goal: Combine functions by adding  
and Subtracting

Like Terms: Same variables raised to the same  
power

Remember: when subtracting integers you must add the opposite

$$-5 + 2$$

$f(x) + g(x)$   
How to Add and Subtract Functions:

Example: If  $f(x) = 2x + 3$  and  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 6$  find  $(f + g)(x)$  and  $(f + g)(2)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 6 \\ 3x^2 + 2x - 2x + 3 + 6 \\ 3x^2 + 9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (f + g)(x) = 3x^2 + 9 \\ (f + g)(2) = 3(2)^2 + 9 \\ 3 \cdot 4 + 9 \\ 12 + 9 \\ 21 \end{array}$$

**Example 2:** If  $h(x) = 3x - 1$  and  $y(x) = -5x + 3$ , what is:

$$(y - h)(x) =$$

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

$$-5x + 3 - 3x + 1$$

$$-5x - 3x + 3 + 1$$

$$-8x + 4$$

$$(h - y)(x) =$$

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

$$3x - 1 + 5x - 3$$

$$3x + 5x - 1 - 3$$

$$8x - 4$$

**Example 3:**  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$

$g(x) = -x^2 + 7x - 6$

3a. Find  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$3x^2 + 2x - 1 + -x^2 + 7x - 6$$

$$3x^2 + -x^2 + 2x + 7x - 1 - 6$$

$$2x^2 + 9x - 7$$

3b. Find  $(f + g)(2)$

$$2x^2 + 9x - 7$$

$$2(2^2) + 9(2) - 7$$

$$2 \cdot 4 + 18 - 7$$

$$8 + 18 - 7$$

$$26 - 7$$

$$19$$

**Example 3:**  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$  $g(x) = -x^2 + 7x - 6$ Find  $(g - f)(-2)$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(g - f)(x) \\
 &-x^2 + 7x - 6 - (3x^2 + 2x - 1) \\
 &-x^2 + 7x - 6 - 3x^2 - 2x + 1 \\
 &-x^2 - 3x^2 + 7x - 2x - 6 + 1 \\
 &-4x^2 + 5x - 5 = (g - f)(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-4x^2 + 5x - 5 \\
 &-4(-2)^2 + 5(-2) - 5 \\
 &-4 \cdot 4 + 10 - 5 \\
 &-16 + 10 - 5 \\
 &-26 - 5 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4:** If  $f(x) = 3x + 5$ , what is  $(2f)(x)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2(3x + 5) \\
 &6x + 10
 \end{aligned}$$

What is  $(2f)(3)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &6x + 10 \\
 &6(3) + 10 \\
 &18 + 10 = 28
 \end{aligned}$$