

ALGEBRA: Subtraction of Algebraic Expressions (Sample Problems & Solutions) - Part 003

1. What is the difference if $(4x^2 + 3x - 1)$ is subtracted to $(3x^2 - 4x + 2)$?

Solution:

Applying subtraction, we have,

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

Applying distributive property, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (4x^2 + 3x - 1) - (3x^2 - 4x + 2) \\ 4x^2 + 3x - 1 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Then, simplifying further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 4x^2 + 3x - 1 - 3x^2 + 4x - 2 \\ x^2 + 3x - 1 + 4x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 3x - 1 + 4x - 2 \\ x^2 + 7x - 1 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 7x - 1 - 2 \\ x^2 + 7x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the difference of the two algebraic expressions is $x^2 + 7x - 3$.