


## Concept: Patterns, Formulas, Substitution

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### COMPUTER COMPONENT

**Instructions:** In  follow the **Content Menu** path:

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Work through all Sub Lessons of the following Lessons **in order**:

- *Introduction ... Math is Patterns*
- *Expressions, Terms, Variables*
- *Substitution is ... Math Scrabble*
- *All Patterns...Examples*
- *Substitution Examples*

#### For Extension:

- *Patterns...Magic Billiard Table (Templates available at the end of this Support Sheet)*
- *Patterns...Tower of Hanoi*



As you work through the computer exercises, you will be prompted to make notes in your notebook/math journal.

### SUMMARY

1. Write an example for the following mathematical words:

WORD	EXAMPLE
Algebraic Expression	$4x - 2y + 5$
Term	$x$
Variable	$x$
Coefficient	$3x$
Monomial	$7y$

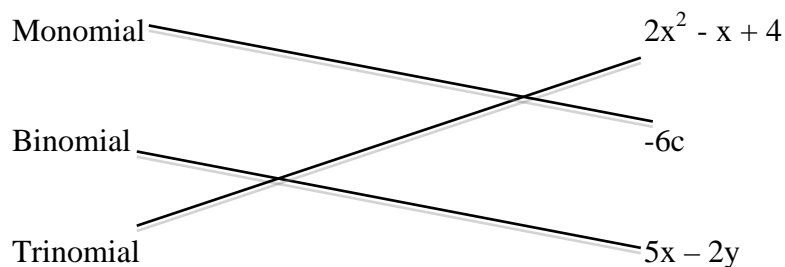
Binomial	$x + 2$
Trinomial	$x^2 + 3x - 2$

**OFF COMPUTER EXERCISES**

1. Complete the following chart by identifying the Terms, Variables and Coefficients in each Expression.

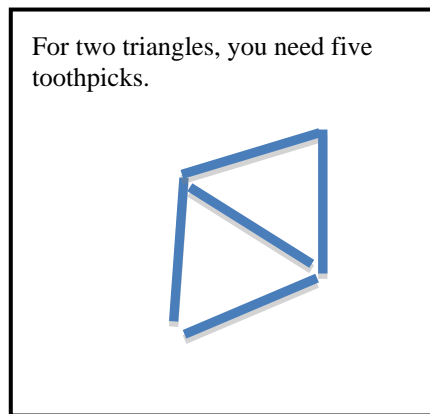
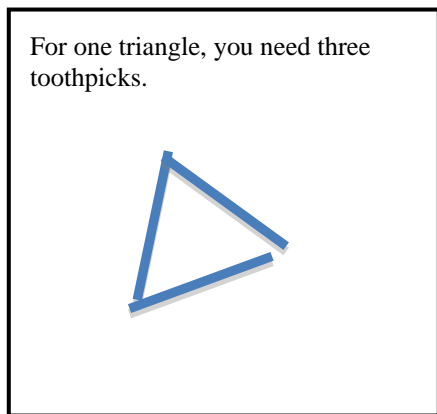
Expression	Terms	Variables	Coefficients
$4x - 2y + 5$	<b>3</b>	<b><math>x, y</math></b>	<b><math>4, -2</math></b>
$2x^2 - x + 4$	<b>3</b>	<b><math>x</math></b>	<b><math>2, -1</math></b>
$a - 6$	<b>2</b>	<b><math>a</math></b>	<b><math>1</math></b>
$4pq - 2p + 5q$	<b>3</b>	<b><math>p, q</math></b>	<b><math>4, -2, 5</math></b>

2. Use a ruler to connect the expression to the correct example.










### 3. *Totally Triangular*

If you continue the pattern shown to build a row of 50 triangles, how many toothpicks will you need?



How many toothpicks do you need for three triangles? Four? Five? Complete the chart to help you organize your thinking.

# of Triangles	# of Toothpicks	Picture	Explanation
1	3		<b>Start with 3</b>
2	5		<b>Add 2</b>
3	7		<b>Add 2</b>
4	9		<b>Add 2</b>
5	11		<b>Add 2</b>
6	13		<b>Add 2</b>
7	15		<b>Add 2</b>

Is it necessary for you to continue the chart for 50 triangles? Did you notice a pattern? What can you do to be more efficient?

***It is not necessary for you to continue the chart for 50 triangles. There is a pattern. You start with 3 toothpicks and add 2 each time to build an additional triangle. To be more efficient, you can employ this rule:***

***(Number of triangles  $\times$  2) + 1 = number of toothpicks required.***

***or***

***( $n \times 2$ ) + 1 = number of triangles required.***

***For 50 triangles...( $50 \times 2$ ) + 1 = 101 toothpicks***

4. In hockey standings, two points are given for a win and one point is given for a tie.

(a) The Slammer hockey team has 3 wins and 4 ties. How many points does the team have in total?

$$2(w) + 1(t) = 2(3) + 1(4) = 6 + 4 = 10 \text{ points}$$

(b) If the Sticks hockey team has 5 wins and 0 ties, how many points does the team have in total?

$$2(w) + 1(t) = 2(5) + 1(0) = 10 + 0 = 10 \text{ point}$$

(c) If  $w$  represents the number of wins and  $t$  represents the number of ties, then the total of the points scored (which we represent with a  $T$ ) is given by

$$T = 2(w) + 1(t) \text{ or } T = 2w + t$$

5. Given that  $x = 2$ ,  $y = -3$  and  $z = -1$ , evaluate the following.

(a)  $3x^2 - 2x + 1 = 3(2^2) - 2(2) + 1 = 12 - 4 + 1 = 9$

(b)  $2x + 5y = 2(2) + 5(-3) = 4 - 15 = -11$

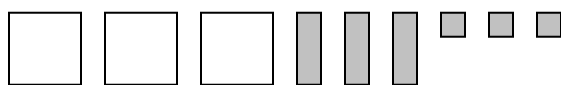
(c)  $-4x - 7y = -4(2) - 7(-3) = -8 + 21 = 13$

(d)  $2x^2 - 2xy + y = 2(2^2) - 2(2)(-3) + -3 = 8 + 12 - 3 = 17$

(e)  $4x^2y^2 = 4(2^2)(-3^2) = 4(4)(9) = 144$

(f)  $2x^2 - xy - z + z^2 = 2(2^2) - 2(-3) - (-1) + (-1^2) = 8 + 6 + 1 + 1 = 16$

6. If the following set of algebra tiles represents the trinomial  $-3x^2 + 3x + 3$



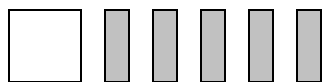
then complete each of the following.



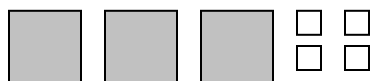
*represents  $-2x^2 + x + 4$*



*represents  $x^2 - 2x + 1$*



*represents  $-x^2 + 5x$*

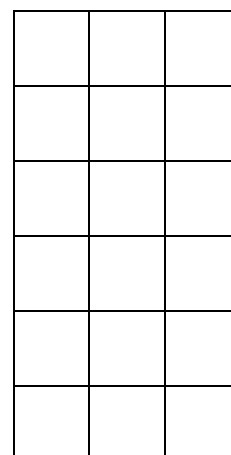
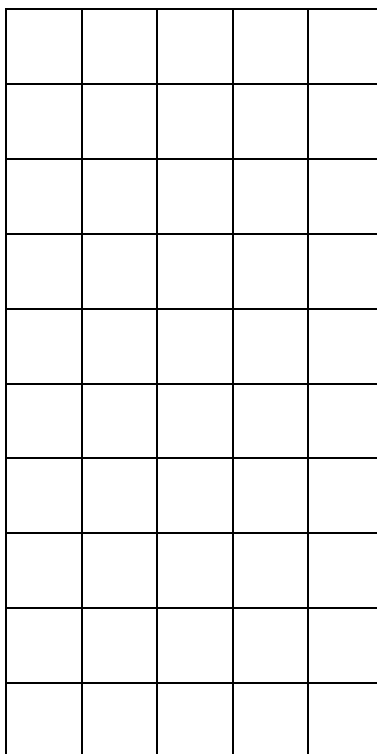
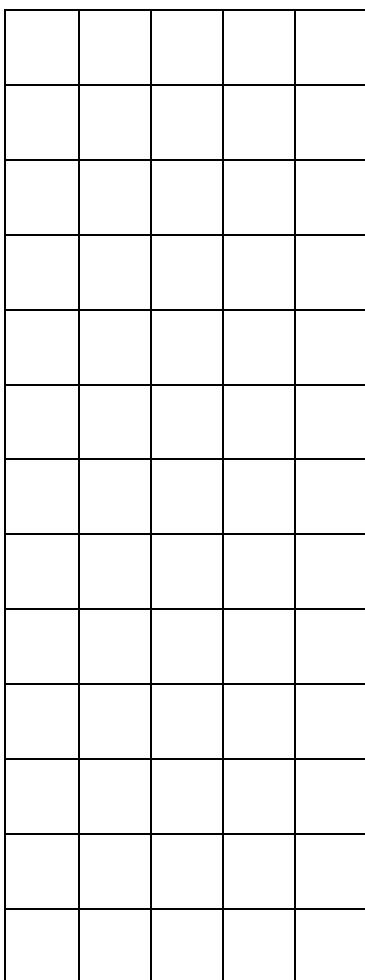
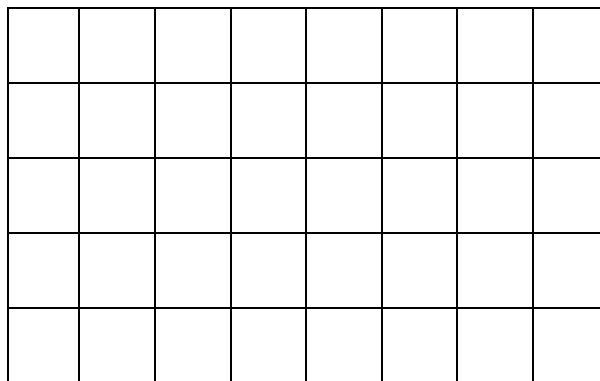
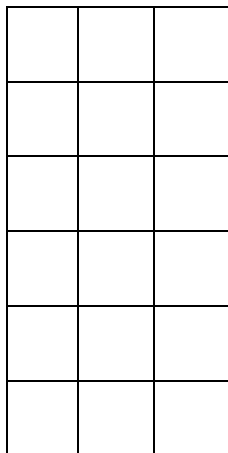
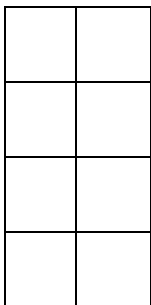


*represents  $3x^2 - 4x$*

**Magic Billiard Table- Investigation 1:** This investigation simulates the action of a billiard ball on a magic table...

**Rules:**

- The ball always starts from the lower left hand corner.
- There is no friction on the table; therefore the ball will continue to roll until it comes to a corner.
- The ball always rolls across the table at an angle of  $45^\circ$ .
- There are no pockets on a billiard table.










Magic Billiard Table-Investigation 2- ‘One variable and One constant’
