



Multiplying Polynomials - Box Method

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Multiply the polynomials using box method.

1) $(p^4 - 3p^3 + 9p^2)(-p^4 + 5p^3 + p^2 - p) =$ _____

| | $-p^4$ | $5p^3$ | p^2 | $-p$ |
|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| p^4 | | | | |
| $-3p^3$ | | | | |
| $9p^2$ | | | | |

2) $(7g^2 + g - 6)(g^3 + 2g^2 + 6g - 1) =$ _____

| | g^3 | $2g^2$ | $6g$ | -1 |
|--------|-------|--------|------|------|
| $7g^2$ | | | | |
| g | | | | |
| -6 | | | | |

3) $(u^3 - 3u^2 + u)(2u^5 + u^4 - 4u^3 + u^2) =$ _____

| | $2u^5$ | u^4 | $-4u^3$ | u^2 |
|---------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| u^3 | | | | |
| $-3u^2$ | | | | |
| u | | | | |



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1) $(p^4 - 3p^3 + 9p^2)(-p^4 + 5p^3 + p^2 - p) = \underline{-p^8 + 8p^7 - 23p^6 + 41p^5 + 12p^4 - 9p^3}$

| | $-p^4$ | $5p^3$ | p^2 | $-p$ |
|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| p^4 | $-p^8$ | $5p^7$ | p^6 | $-p^5$ |
| $-3p^3$ | $3p^7$ | $-15p^6$ | $-3p^5$ | $3p^4$ |
| $9p^2$ | $-9p^6$ | $45p^5$ | $9p^4$ | $-9p^3$ |

2) $(7g^2 + g - 6)(g^3 + 2g^2 + 6g - 1) = \underline{7g^5 + 15g^4 + 38g^3 - 13g^2 - 37g + 6}$

| | g^3 | $2g^2$ | $6g$ | -1 |
|--------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| $7g^2$ | $7g^5$ | $14g^4$ | $42g^3$ | $-7g^2$ |
| g | g^4 | $2g^3$ | $6g^2$ | $-g$ |
| -6 | $-6g^3$ | $-12g^2$ | $-36g$ | 6 |

3) $(u^3 - 3u^2 + u)(2u^5 + u^4 - 4u^3 + u^2) = \underline{2u^8 - 5u^7 - 5u^6 + 12u^5 - 7u^4 + u^3}$

| | $2u^5$ | u^4 | $-4u^3$ | u^2 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| u^3 | $2u^8$ | u^7 | $-4u^6$ | u^5 |
| $-3u^2$ | $-6u^7$ | $-3u^6$ | $12u^5$ | $-3u^4$ |
| u | $2u^6$ | u^5 | $-4u^4$ | u^3 |