Topic: Distributive property with fractions

Question: Use the distributive property to expand the expression.

$$\frac{2x}{yz}\left(\frac{5x}{3y} + \frac{x^2}{z}\right)$$

Answer choices:

$$\mathbf{A} \qquad \frac{10x^2}{3y^2z} + \frac{2x^3}{yz^2}$$

$$\mathsf{B} \qquad \frac{10x}{3y^2} + \frac{2x^3}{yz^2}$$

$$C \qquad \frac{10x^2}{3yz} + \frac{2x^3}{yz^2}$$

D
$$\frac{10x^2}{3y^2} + \frac{2x^2}{yz^2}$$



Solution: A

To simplify

$$\frac{2x}{yz}\left(\frac{5x}{3y} + \frac{x^2}{z}\right)$$

we'll multiply both terms in parentheses by 2x/yz.

$$\frac{2x}{yz} \cdot \frac{5x}{3y} + \frac{2x}{yz} \cdot \frac{x^2}{z}$$

$$\frac{10x^2}{3y^2z} + \frac{2x^3}{yz^2}$$



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Question: Use the distributive property to expand this expression.

$$\frac{bx^2}{a}\left(abx - \frac{b^2x^2}{a^3}\right)$$

Answer choices:

$$\mathbf{A} \qquad bx^2 - \frac{b^3 x^4}{a^3}$$

B
$$b^2x^2 + \frac{b^3x^4}{a^4}$$

C
$$b^2 x^3 - \frac{b^3 x^4}{a^4}$$

D
$$bx^3 - \frac{b^2x^2}{a^4}$$

Solution: C

To simplify

$$\frac{bx^2}{a}\left(abx - \frac{b^2x^2}{a^3}\right)$$

rewrite abx as abx/1.

$$\frac{bx^2}{a}\left(\frac{abx}{1} - \frac{b^2x^2}{a^3}\right)$$

Multiply each term in the parentheses by bx^2/a .

$$\frac{bx^2}{a} \cdot \frac{abx}{1} - \frac{bx^2}{a} \cdot \frac{b^2x^2}{a^3}$$

$$\frac{ab^2x^3}{a} - \frac{b^3x^4}{a^4}$$

Cancel a in the top and bottom of the first term.

$$b^2x^3 - \frac{b^3x^4}{a^4}$$



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Question: Use the distributive property to expand this expression.

$$\frac{pb}{t^2} \left(\frac{2s}{t} - \frac{pj}{3t^2} + r \right)$$

Answer choices:

$$\mathbf{A} \qquad \frac{2pbs}{t^3} - \frac{p^2bj}{3t^4} - \frac{pbr}{t^2}$$

$$\mathsf{B} \qquad \frac{2pbs}{t^3} - \frac{p^2bj}{3t^4} + \frac{pbr}{t^2}$$

$$C \qquad \frac{2pbs}{t^3} - \frac{2pbj}{3t^4} + \frac{pbr}{t^2}$$

$$D \qquad \frac{2pbs}{t^3} - \frac{2pbj}{3t^3} + \frac{pbr}{t^2}$$

Solution: B

To simplify

$$\frac{pb}{t^2} \left(\frac{2s}{t} - \frac{pj}{3t^2} + r \right)$$

Rewrite r as r/1.

$$\frac{pb}{t^2} \left(\frac{2s}{t} - \frac{pj}{3t^2} + \frac{r}{1} \right)$$

Multiply the three terms in parentheses by pb/t^2 .

$$\frac{pb}{t^2} \cdot \frac{2s}{t} - \frac{pb}{t^2} \cdot \frac{pj}{3t^2} + \frac{pb}{t^2} \cdot \frac{r}{1}$$

$$\frac{2pbs}{t^3} - \frac{p^2bj}{3t^4} + \frac{pbr}{t^2}$$

