

Chapter 2- Factor Theorem and Inequalities

WORKBOOK

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"I don't like long division; I always feel bad for the remainders."

W1 - 2.1 - Long Division of Polynomials and The Remainder Theorem

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1) Use the remainder theorem to determine the remainder when $2x^3 + 7x^2 - 8x + 3$ is divided by each binomial.

a) $x + 1$

$$P(-1) = 2(-1)^3 + 7(-1)^2 - 8(-1) + 3$$

$$= 16$$

b) $x - 2$

$$P(2) = 2(2)^3 + 7(2)^2 - 8(2) + 3$$

$$= 31$$

c) $x + 3$

$$P(-3) = 2(-3)^3 + 7(-3)^2 - 8(-3) + 3$$

$$= 36$$

2)a) Divide $x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 5$ by $x + 1$. Express the result in quotient form.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 4 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 5} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ 2x^2 - 2x \\ \underline{2x^2 + 2x} \\ -4x + 5 \\ \underline{-4x - 4} \\ R = 9 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 5}{x + 1} = x^2 + 2x - 4 + \frac{9}{x + 1}$$

b) Write the corresponding statement that can be used to check the division.

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

3) Divide $3x^4 - 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 17x - 8$ by $3x - 4$. Express the result in quotient form.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 0x^2 - 2x + 3 \\ 3x-4 \overline{) 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 17x - 8} \\ \underline{3x^4 - 4x^3} \\ 0x^3 - 6x^2 \\ \underline{0x^3 - 0x^2} \\ -6x^2 + 17x \\ \underline{-6x^2 + 8x} \\ 9x - 8 \\ \underline{9x - 12} \\ R = 4 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x^4 - 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 17x - 8}{3x - 4} = x^3 - 2x + 3 + \frac{4}{3x - 4}$$

b) Write the corresponding statement that can be used to check the division.

$$3x^4 - 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 17x - 8 = (3x - 4)(x^3 - 2x + 3) + 4$$

4) Perform each division. Express the result in quotient form.

a) $x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x + 4$ divided by $x + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 5x - 13 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x + 4} \\ \underline{x^3 + 2x^2} \\ 5x^2 - 3x \\ \underline{5x^2 + 10x} \\ -13x + 4 \\ \underline{-13x - 26} \\ R = 30 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x + 4}{x + 2} = x^2 + 5x - 13 + \frac{30}{x + 2}$$

b) $6x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 6$ divided by $3x + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - x - 4 \\ 3x+2 \overline{) 6x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 6} \\ \underline{6x^3 + 4x^2} \\ -3x^2 - 14x \\ \underline{-3x^2 - 10x} \\ -12x - 6 \\ \underline{-12x - 8} \\ R = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{6x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 6}{3x + 2} = 2x^2 - x - 4 + \frac{2}{3x + 2}$$

c) $10x^3 + 11 - 9x^2 - 8x$ divided by $5x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - x - 2 \\ 5x-2 \overline{) 10x^3 - 9x^2 - 8x + 11} \\ \underline{10x^3 - 4x^2} \\ -5x^2 - 8x \\ \underline{-5x^2 + 2x} \\ -10x + 11 \\ \underline{-10x + 4} \\ R = 7 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{10x^3 - 9x^2 - 8x + 11}{5x - 2} = 2x^2 - x - 2 + \frac{7}{5x - 2}$$

d) $11x - 4x^4 - 7$ divided by $x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x^3 - 12x^2 - 36x - 97 \\ x-3 \overline{) -4x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 11x - 7} \\ \underline{-4x^4 + 12x^3} \\ -12x^3 + 0x^2 \\ \underline{-12x^3 + 36x^2} \\ -36x^2 + 11x \\ \underline{-36x^2 + 108x} \\ -97x - 7 \\ \underline{-97x + 291} \\ R = -298 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-4x^4 + 11x - 7}{x - 3} = -4x^3 - 12x^2 - 36x - 97 - \frac{298}{x - 3}$$

e) $6x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 3$ divided by $3x + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - x + 3 \\ 3x+2 \overline{) 6x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 3} \\ \underline{6x^3 + 4x^2} \\ -3x^2 + 7x \\ \underline{-3x^2 - 2x} \\ 9x + 3 \\ \underline{9x + 6} \\ R = -3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{6x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 3}{3x + 2} = 2x^2 - x + 3 - \frac{3}{3x + 2}$$

f) $8x^3 + 4x^2 - 31$ divided by $2x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^2 + 8x + 12 \\ 2x-3 \overline{) 8x^3 + 4x^2 + 0x - 31} \\ \underline{8x^3 - 12x^2} \\ 16x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{16x^2 - 24x} \\ 24x - 31 \\ \underline{24x - 36} \\ R = 5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{8x^3 + 4x^2 - 31}{2x - 3} = 4x^2 + 8x + 12 + \frac{5}{2x - 3}$$

g) $6x^2 - 6 + 8x^3$ divided by $4x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 3x + \frac{9}{4} \\ 4x-3 \overline{) 8x^3 + 16x^2 + 0x - 6} \\ \underline{8x^3 - 6x^2} \\ 12x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{12x^2 - 9x} \\ 9x - 6 \\ \underline{9x - \frac{27}{4}} \\ R = \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$$

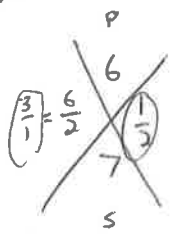
$$\frac{8x^3 + 16x^2 - 6}{4x - 3} = 2x^2 + 3x + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{3}{4(4x - 3)}$$

- 5) The volume, in cubic cm, of a rectangular box can be modelled by the polynomial expression $2x^3 + 17x^2 + 38x + 15$. Determine possible dimensions of the box if the height, in cm, is given by $x + 5$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 + 7x + 3 \\
 x+5 \overline{) 2x^3 + 17x^2 + 38x + 15} \\
 \underline{2x^3 + 10x^2} \\
 7x^2 + 38x \\
 \underline{7x^2 + 35x} \\
 3x + 15 \\
 \underline{3x + 15} \\
 R = 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x^3 + 17x^2 + 38x + 15 &= (x+5)(2x^2 + 7x + 3) \\
 &= (x+5)(x+3)(2x+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

\uparrow height \uparrow length \uparrow width



- 6) Determine the value of k such that when $P(x) = kx^3 + 5x^2 - 2x + 3$ is divided by $x + 1$, the remainder is 7.

$$P(-1) = k(-1)^3 + 5(-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 3$$

$$7 = -k + 5 + 2 + 3$$

$$7 = -k + 10$$

$$-3 = -k$$

$$\boxed{k = 3}$$

ANSWER KEY

- 1) a) 16 b) 31 c) 36

2) a) $\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 5}{x+1} = x^2 + 2x - 4 + \frac{9}{x+1}$ b) $x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 5 = (x+1)(x^2 + 2x - 4) + 9$

3) a) $\frac{3x^4 - 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 17x - 8}{3x-4} = x^3 - 2x + 3 + \frac{4}{3x-4}$ b) $3x^4 - 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 17x - 8 = (3x-4)(x^3 - 2x + 3) + 4$

4) a) $\frac{x^3 + 7x^2 - 3x + 4}{x+2} = x^2 + 5x - 13 + \frac{30}{x+2}$ b) $\frac{6x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 6}{3x+2} = 2x^2 - x - 4 + \frac{2}{3x+2}$

c) $\frac{10x^3 - 9x^2 - 8x + 11}{5x-2} = 2x^2 - x - 2 + \frac{7}{5x-2}$ d) $\frac{-4x^4 + 11x - 7}{x-3} = -4x^3 - 12x^2 - 36x - 97 - \frac{298}{x-3}$

e) $\frac{6x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 3}{3x+2} = 2x^2 - x + 3 - \frac{3}{3x+2}$ f) $\frac{8x^3 + 4x^2 - 31}{2x-3} = 4x^2 + 8x + 12 + \frac{5}{2x-3}$

g) $\frac{6x^2 - 6 + 8x^3}{4x-3} = 2x^2 + 3x + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{3}{4(4x-3)}$

5) $2x^3 + 17x^2 + 38x + 15 = (x+5)(x+3)(2x+1)$

- 6) $k = 3$

W2 - 2.1 - Synthetic Division

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SOLUTIONS

1) Calculate each of the following using synthetic division. Express your answer using the statement that could be used to check the division.

a) $x^3 - 7x - 6$ divided by $x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 1 & 0 & -7 & -6 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & 3 & 9 & 6 & + \\ \hline x & 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$x^3 - 7x - 6 = (x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 2)$$

b) $2x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 19$ divided by $x - 1$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 2 & -7 & -7 & 19 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & 2 & -5 & -12 & + \\ \hline x & 2 & -5 & -12 & 7 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$2x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 19 = (x - 1)(2x^2 - 5x - 12) + 7$$

c) $6x^4 + 13x^3 - 34x^2 - 47x + 28$ divided by $x + 3$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -3 & 6 & 13 & -34 & -47 & 28 \\ & \downarrow & & & & \\ & -18 & 15 & 57 & -30 & + \\ \hline & 6 & -5 & -19 & 10 & -2 \\ & x^3 & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$6x^4 + 13x^3 - 34x^2 - 47x + 28 = (x + 3)(6x^3 - 5x^2 - 19x + 10) - 2$$

d) $2x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 20$ divided by $2x - 3$

$$= 2(x - \frac{3}{2})$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} \frac{3}{2} & 2 & 1 & -22 & 20 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & 3 & 6 & -24 & + \\ \hline x & 2 & 4 & -16 & -4 \\ & & & & R \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \div 2 \\ 1 \quad 2 \quad -8 \\ x^2 \quad x \quad \# \end{array}$$

$$2x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 20 = (2x - 3)(x^2 + 2x - 8) - 4$$

e) $12x^4 - 56x^3 + 59x^2 + 9x - 18$ divided by $2x + 1 = 2(x + \frac{1}{2})$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -\frac{1}{2} & 12 & -56 & 59 & 9 & -18 \\ & \downarrow & & & & \\ & -6 & 31 & -45 & 18 & + \\ \hline & 12 & -62 & 90 & -36 & 0 \\ & & & & & R \\ & \div 2 \\ 6 & -31 & 45 & -18 \end{array}$$

$$12x^4 - 56x^3 + 59x^2 + 9x - 18 = (2x + 1)(6x^3 - 31x^2 + 45x - 18)$$

f) $6x^3 - 15x^2 - 2x + 5$ divided by $2x - 5 = 2(x - \frac{5}{2})$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} \frac{5}{2} & 6 & -15 & -2 & 5 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & 15 & 0 & -5 & + \\ \hline x & 6 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ & & & & R \\ & \div 2 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \\ x^2 & x & \# \end{array}$$

$$6x^3 - 15x^2 - 2x + 5 = (2x - 5)(3x^2 - 1)$$

g) $x^3 - 2x + 1$ divided by $x - 4$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 4 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\
 & \downarrow & & & \\
 & 4 & 16 & 56 & + \\
 \hline
 x & 1 & 4 & 14 & 57 \\
 & x^2 & x & \# & R
 \end{array}$$

$$x^3 - 2x + 1 = (x - 4)(x^2 + 4x + 14) + 57$$

h) $x^3 + 2x^2 - 6x + 1$ divided by $x + 2$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 -2 & 1 & 2 & -6 & 1 \\
 & \downarrow & & & \\
 & -2 & 0 & 12 & + \\
 \hline
 x & 1 & 0 & -6 & 13 \\
 & x^2 & x & \# & R
 \end{array}$$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - 6x + 1 = (x + 2)(x^2 - 6) + 13$$

2) Divide $x^4 - 16x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x - 11$ by each of the following binomials...

a) $x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr}
 2 & 1 & -16 & 4 & 10 & -11 \\
 & \downarrow & & & & \\
 & 2 & -28 & -48 & -76 & + \\
 \hline
 x & 1 & -14 & -24 & -38 & -87 \\
 & x^3 & x^2 & x & \# & R
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &x^4 - 16x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x - 11 \\
 &= (x - 2)(x^3 - 14x^2 - 24x - 38) - 87
 \end{aligned}$$

b) $x + 4$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr}
 -4 & 1 & -16 & 4 & 10 & -11 \\
 & \downarrow & & & & \\
 & -4 & 80 & -326 & 1304 & + \\
 \hline
 x & 1 & -20 & 84 & -326 & 1293 \\
 & x^3 & x^2 & x & \# & R
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &x^4 - 16x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x - 11 \\
 &= (x + 4)(x^3 - 20x^2 + 84x - 326) + 1293
 \end{aligned}$$

3) Are either of the binomials in question #2 factors of $x^4 - 16x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x - 11$? Explain.

No, because there is a non-zero remainder for each.

ANSWER KEY

a) $x^3 - 7x - 6 = (x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 2)$ b) $2x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 19 = (x - 1)(2x^2 - 5x - 12) + 7$

c) $6x^4 + 13x^3 - 34x^2 - 47x + 28 = (x + 3)(6x^3 - 5x^2 - 19x + 10) - 2$

d) $2x^3 + x^2 - 22x + 20 = (2x - 3)(x^2 + 2x - 8) - 4$

e) $12x^4 - 56x^3 + 59x^2 + 9x - 18 = (2x + 1)(6x^3 - 31x^2 + 45x - 18)$ f) $6x^3 - 15x^2 - 2x + 5 = (2x - 5)(3x^2 - 1)$

g) $x^3 - 2x + 1 = (x - 4)(x^2 + 4x + 14) + 57$ h) $x^3 + 2x^2 - 6x + 1 = (x + 2)(x^2 - 6) + 13$

2)a) $x^4 - 16x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x - 11 = (x - 2)(x^3 - 14x^2 - 24x - 38) - 87$

b) $x^4 - 16x^3 + 4x^2 + 10x - 11 = (x + 4)(x^3 - 20x^2 + 84x - 326) + 1293$

3) No, because for each division problem, there is a remainder.

W3 - 2.2 - Factor Theorem

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Determine if $x + 3$ is a factor of each polynomial:

a) $x^3 + x^2 - x + 6$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 + (-3)^2 - (-3) + 6$$

$$= -27 + 9 + 3 + 6$$

$$= -9$$

∴ Not a factor

b) $2x^3 + 9x^2 + 10x + 3$

$$f(-3) = 2(-3)^3 + 9(-3)^2 + 10(-3) + 3$$

$$= -54 + 81 - 30 + 3$$

$$= 0$$

∴ a factor

c) $x^3 + 27$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 + 27$$

$$= 0$$

∴ a factor

2) Find possible factors of the following polynomials using integral zero theorem. Then, factor the polynomial.

a) $x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x - 8$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8$

$f(-1) = 0$; ∴ $x+1$ is a factor

-1	1	3	-6	-8
	↓	-1	-2	8
⊗	1	2	-8	0
	x^2	x	#	R

$$x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x - 8 = (x+1)(x^2 + 2x - 8)$$

$$= (x+1)(x+4)(x-2)$$

b) $x^3 + 4x^2 - 15x - 18$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 18$

$f(-1) = 0$; ∴ $x+1$ is a factor

-1	1	4	-15	-18
	↓	-1	-3	18
x	1	3	-18	0
	x^2	x	#	R

$$x^3 + 4x^2 - 15x - 18 = (x+1)(x^2 + 3x - 18)$$

$$= (x+1)(x+6)(x-3)$$

c) $x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 12, \pm 24$

$f(2) = 0$; ∴ $x-2$ is a factor

2	1	-3	-10	24
	↓	2	-2	-24
x	1	-1	-12	0
	x^2	x	#	R

$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24 = (x-2)(x^2 - x - 12)$$

$$= (x-2)(x-4)(x+3)$$

3) Factor by grouping:

a) $x^3 + x^2 - 9x - 9$

$$= (x^3 + x^2) + (-9x - 9)$$

$$= x^2(x+1) - 9(x+1)$$

$$= (x+1)(x^2 - 9)$$

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

b) $2x^3 - x^2 - 72x + 36$

$$= (2x^3 - x^2) + (-72x + 36)$$

$$= x^2(2x-1) - 36(2x-1)$$

$$= (2x-1)(x^2 - 36)$$

$$= (2x-1)(x-6)(x+6)$$

4) Determine a value of k so that $x+2$ is a factor of $x^3 - 2kx^2 + 6x - 4$.

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3 - 2(k)(-2)^2 + 6(-2) - 4$$

$$0 = -8 - 8k - 12 - 4$$

$$0 = -24 - 8k$$

$$24 = -8k$$

$$k = -3$$

5) Find possible factors of the following polynomials using integral zero theorem. Then, factor the polynomial.

a) $3x^3 + x^2 - 22x - 24$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm 2, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm \frac{4}{3}, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm \frac{8}{3}, \pm 12, \pm 24$

$f(-2) = 0$; $\therefore x+2$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 3 & 1 & -22 & -24 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 3 & -5 & -12 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$3x^3 + x^2 - 22x - 24 = (x+2)(3x^2 - 5x - 12)$$

$$= (x+2)(x-3)(3x+4)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} P \\ -36 \\ \hline \frac{-3}{1} = \frac{-9}{3} \times \frac{4}{3} \\ -5 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$$

b) $2x^3 - 9x^2 + 10x - 3$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}$

$f(1) = 0$; $\therefore x-1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 2 & -9 & 10 & -3 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 2 & -7 & 3 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$2x^3 - 9x^2 + 10x - 3 = (x-1)(2x^2 - 7x + 3)$$

$$= (x-1)(x-3)(2x-1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} P \\ 6 \\ \hline \frac{-3}{1} = \frac{6}{2} \times \frac{-1}{2} \\ -7 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$$

c) $6x^3 - 11x^2 - 26x + 15$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{1}{6}, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 5, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{3}, \pm \frac{5}{6}, \dots$

$f(3) = 0$; $\therefore x-3$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 6 & -11 & -26 & 15 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 6 & -7 & -5 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$6x^3 - 11x^2 - 26x + 15 = (x-3)(6x^2 + 7x - 5)$$

$$= (x-3)(3x+5)(2x-1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} P \\ -36 \\ \hline \frac{5}{3} = \frac{10}{6} \times \frac{-3}{2} \\ 7 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$$

d) $4x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 3$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{4}, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{4}$

$f(1) = 0$; $\therefore x-1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 4 & 3 & -4 & -3 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 4 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$4x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 3 = (x-1)(4x^2 + 7x + 3)$$

$$= (x-1)(x+1)(4x+3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} P \\ 12 \\ \hline \frac{1}{1} = \frac{4}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} \\ 7 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$$

6) Factor each polynomial

a) $2x^3 + 5x^2 - x - 6$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 6$

$f(1) = 0$; $\therefore x-1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 2 & 5 & -1 & -6 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 2 & 7 & 6 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

P
 $\frac{3}{1} = \frac{4}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$

$$2x^3 + 5x^2 - x - 6 = (x-1)(2x^2 + 7x + 6)$$

$$= (x-1)(x+2)(2x+3)$$

b) $4x^3 - 7x - 3$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{4}, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{4}$

$f(-1) = 0$; $\therefore x+1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 4 & 0 & -7 & -3 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 4 & -4 & -3 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

P
 $\frac{-3}{2} = \frac{-6}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$4x^3 - 7x - 3 = (x+1)(4x^2 - 4x - 3)$$

$$= (x+1)(2x-3)(2x+1)$$

c) $x^4 - 15x^2 - 10x + 24$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$

$f(1) = 0$; $\therefore x-1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 1 & 0 & -15 & -10 & 24 \\ & \downarrow & & & & \\ x & 1 & 1 & -14 & -24 & 0 \\ & x^3 & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$x^4 - 15x^2 - 10x + 24 = (x-1)(x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 24)$$

$$= (x-1)(x+2)(x^2 - x - 12)$$

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

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 12, \pm 24$

$f(-2) = 0$; $\therefore x+2$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 1 & -14 & -24 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 1 & -1 & -12 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

ANSWER KEY

1) **a)** No **b)** Yes **c)** Yes

2) **a)** $(x - 2)(x + 1)(x + 4)$ **b)** $(x - 3)(x + 1)(x + 6)$ **c)** $(x - 4)(x - 2)(x + 3)$

3) **a)** $(x - 3)(x + 1)(x + 3)$ **b)** $(x - 6)(x + 6)(2x - 1)$

4) $k = -3$

5) **a)** $(x - 3)(x + 2)(3x + 4)$ **b)** $(x - 3)(x - 1)(2x - 1)$ **c)** $(x - 3)(2x - 1)(3x + 5)$ **d)** $(x - 1)(x + 1)(4x + 3)$

6) **a)** $(x - 1)(x + 2)(2x + 3)$ **b)** $(x + 1)(2x - 3)(2x + 1)$ **c)** $(x - 4)(x - 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$

W4 - 2.3 - Solving Polynomial Equations

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1) Determine the solutions of the following polynomials.

a) $(3x + 2)(x + 9)(x - 2) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 3x+2=0 & x+9=0 & x-2=0 \\ x_1 = -\frac{2}{3} & x_2 = -9 & x_3 = 2 \end{array}$$

$(-\frac{2}{3}, 0), (-9, 0), (2, 0)$

b) $(x^2 + 1)(x - 4) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x^2+1=0 & x-4=0 \\ x^2=-1 & x=4 \\ \text{No Solutions} & \end{array}$$

$(4, 0)$

2) Determine the solutions of the following polynomials by factoring. Use the tools you have learned this unit to help you. (remainder theorem, integral zero theorem, division etc.)

a) $x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 18 = 0$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 18$

$f(-2) = 0$; so $x+2$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & -4 & -3 & 18 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & & -2 & 12 & -18 & + \\ \hline x & 1 & -6 & 9 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$(x+2)(x^2 - 6x + 9) = 0$

$(x+2)(x-3)^2 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x+2=0 & x-3=0 \end{array}$$

$x_1 = -2$ $x_2 = 3$

Solutions: $(-2, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$

b) $x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12 = 0$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 12$

$f(2) = 0$; so $x-2$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & -3 & -4 & 12 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & & 2 & -2 & -12 & + \\ \hline x & 1 & -1 & -6 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$(x-2)(x^2 - x - 6) = 0$

$(x-2)(x-3)(x+2) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x-2=0 & x-3=0 & x+2=0 \\ \boxed{x_1=2} & \boxed{x_2=3} & \boxed{x_3=-2} \end{array}$$

Solutions: $(2, 0), (3, 0),$ and $(-2, 0)$

$$c) x^4 - x^3 - 11x^2 + 9x + 18 = 0$$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 18$

$f(-1) = 0$; $\therefore x+1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -1 & 1 & -1 & -11 & 9 & 18 \\ & & \downarrow & & & & + \\ x & 1 & -2 & -9 & 18 & 0 \\ & x^3 & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$(x+1)(x^3 - 2x^2 - 9x + 18) = 0$$

$$(x+1)[x^2(x-2) - 9(x-2)] = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-2)(x^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-2)(x-3)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x_1 = -1 \quad x_2 = 2 \quad x_3 = 3 \quad x_4 = -3$$

Solutions:

$$(-1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 0), \text{ and } (-3, 0)$$

$$e) 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 10x - 5 = 0$$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 5, \pm \frac{5}{2}$

$f(1) = 0$; $\therefore x-1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 2 & -7 & 10 & -5 \\ & & \downarrow & & & + \\ x & 2 & -5 & 5 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(2x^2 - 5x + 5) = 0$$

\downarrow

$$x-1=0$$

$$x=1$$

$$\downarrow \text{ check } b^2 - 4ac = (-5)^2 - 4(2)(5) = -15$$

\therefore No solutions

$$\text{Solution: } (1, 0)$$

$$d) x^3 - 64 = 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$(x-4)(x^2 + 4x + 16) = 0$$

\downarrow

$$x=4$$

$$\downarrow \text{ check } b^2 - 4ac = (4)^2 - 4(1)(16) = -48$$

No solutions

$$\text{Solution: } (4, 0)$$

3) Solve each equation by first factoring the sum or difference of cubes.

a) $x^3 - 8 = 0$

$$(x-2)(x^2+2x+4) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x-2=0$$

$$\boxed{x=2}$$

$$\downarrow$$

check $b^2-4ac = (2)^2 - 4(1)(4)$
 $= -12$
 \therefore No solution

$$\boxed{\text{Solution: } (2, 0)}$$

b) $x^3 + 27 = 0$

$$(x+3)(x^2-3x+9) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x+3=0$$

$$\boxed{x=-3}$$

$$\downarrow$$

check $b^2-4ac = (-3)^2 - 4(1)(9)$
 $= -27$
 \therefore No solution

$$\boxed{\text{Solution: } (-3, 0)}$$

4) Solve by factoring

$$x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10$

$f(1) = 0$; $\therefore x-1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & -4 & -7 & 10 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 1 & -3 & -10 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(x^2-3x-10) = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-5)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$x-1=0 \quad x-5=0 \quad x+2=0$$

$$\boxed{x_1=1} \quad \boxed{x_2=5} \quad \boxed{x_3=-2}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Solutions: } (1, 0), (5, 0), \text{ and } (-2, 0)}$$

b) $2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 9 = 0$

Possible Factors: $\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 9, \pm \frac{9}{2}$

$f(3) = 0$; $\therefore x-3$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 2 & -11 & 12 & 9 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & 2 & -5 & -3 & 0 \\ & x^2 & x & \# & R \end{array}$$

$$(x-3)(2x^2-5x-3) = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-3)(2x+1) = 0$$

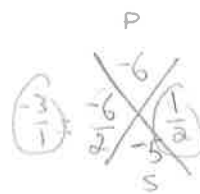
$$(x-3)^2(2x+1) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x-3=0 \quad 2x+1=0$$

$$\boxed{x_1=3} \quad \boxed{x_2=-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Solutions: } (3, 0) \text{ and } (-\frac{1}{2}, 0)}$$



$$c) x^4 - x^3 - 2x - 4 = 0$$

Possible factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$

$f(-1) = 0$; $x+1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr}
 -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -2 & -4 \\
 & \downarrow & & & & \\
 x & 1 & -2 & 2 & -4 & 0 \\
 & x^3 & x^2 & x & \# & R
 \end{array}$$

$$(x+1)(x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 4) = 0$$

$$(x+1)[x^2(x-2) + 2(x-2)] = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-2)(x^2+2) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 x+1=0 & x-2=0 & x^2+2=0 \\
 \boxed{x_1 = -1} & \boxed{x_2 = 2} & \text{No solution}
 \end{array}$$

Solutions: $(-1, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$

ANSWER KEY

1a) $(-\frac{2}{3}, 0), (-9, 0), (2, 0)$ b) $(4, 0)$

2a) $(-2, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$ b) $(3, 0), (-2, 0), (2, 0)$ c) $(-1, 0), (2, 0), (-3, 0), (3, 0)$ d) $(4, 0)$ e) $(1, 0)$

3a) $(2, 0)$ b) $(-3, 0)$

4a) $(5, 0), (-2, 0), (1, 0)$ b) $(-0.5, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$ c) $(-1, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$

W5 – 2.4 – Families of Polynomial Functions

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The zeros of a quadratic function are -7 and -3.

a) Determine an equation for the family of quadratic functions with these zeros.

$$y = k(x+7)(x+3)$$

b) Write equations for two functions that belong to this family.

$$y = 87(x+7)(x+3)$$

$$y = 71(x+7)(x+3)$$

c) Determine an equation for the member of the family that passes through the point (2, 18).

$$18 = k(2+7)(2+3)$$

$$18 = 45k$$

$$k = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{5}(x+7)(x+3)$$

2) Examine the following functions. Which function does not belong to the same family?

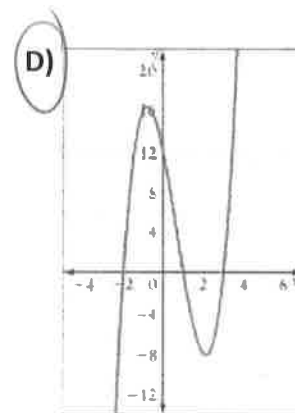
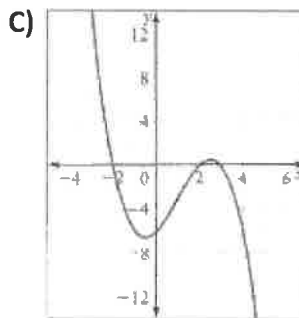
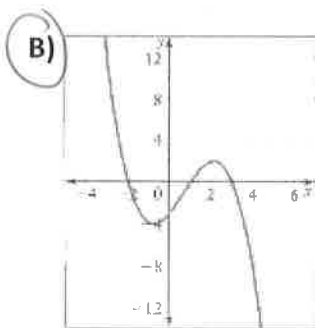
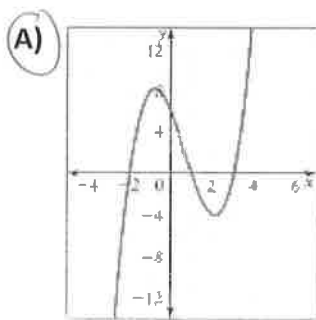
a) $y = 1.5(x+4)(x-5)(x-2)$

b) $y = -1.5(x-2)(x-5)(x+4)$

c) $y = 1.5(x-2)(x+4)(x-2)$

d) $y = 3(x-5)(x-2)(x+4)$

3) The graphs of four polynomial functions are given. Which graphs represent functions that belong to the same family?



4)a) Determine an equation for the family of cubic functions with zeros -2 , -1 , and $\frac{1}{2}$

$$y = k(x+2)(x+1)(2x-1)$$

b) Write equations for two functions that belong to this family.

$$y = 66(x+2)(x+1)(2x-1)$$

$$y = 68(x+2)(x+1)(2x-1)$$

c) Determine an equation for the member of the family whose graph has a y-intercept of 6.

$$6 = k(0+2)(0+1)[2(0)-1]$$

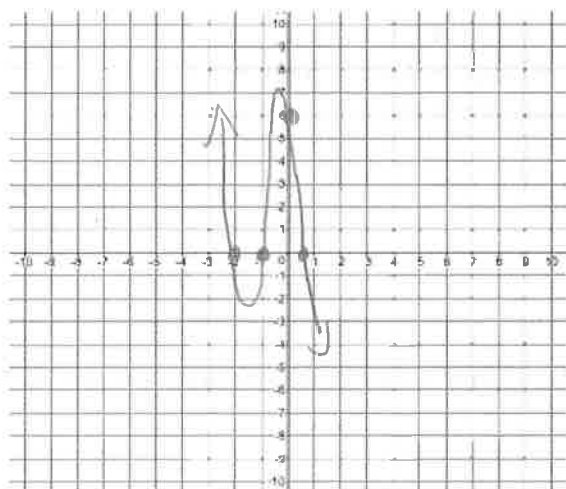
$$6 = k(2)(1)(-1)$$

$$6 = -2k$$

$$k = -3$$

$$y = -3(x+2)(x+1)(2x-1)$$

d) Sketch a graph of the function from part c).



5)a) Determine an equation for the family of cubic functions with zeros $1 \pm \sqrt{2}$ and $-\frac{1}{2}$

factors: $x = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$

$$x-1 = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 2$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 2$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 2x - 1)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$2x+1 = 0$$

$$(2x+1)$$

$$y = k(x^2 - 2x - 1)(2x + 1)$$

b) Determine an equation for the member of the family whose graph passes through the point (3, 35).

$$35 = k [(3)^2 - 2(3) - 1] [2(3) + 1]$$

$$35 = k (2)(7)$$

$$35 = 14k$$

$$\frac{35}{14} = k$$

$$k = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{2} (x^2 - 2x - 1)(2x + 1)$$

6)a) Determine an equation for the family of quartic functions with zeros 3 (order 2) and $-4 \pm \sqrt{3}$.

Factors: $x = 3$

$$x - 3 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)^2$$

$$x = -4 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$x + 4 = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$(x + 4)^2 = 3$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 16 = 3$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 13 = 0$$

$$(x^2 + 8x + 13)$$

$$y = k (x - 3)^2 (x^2 + 8x + 13)$$

b) Determine an equation for the member of the family whose graph passes through the point (1, -22).

$$-22 = k (1 - 3)^2 [(1)^2 + 8(1) + 13]$$

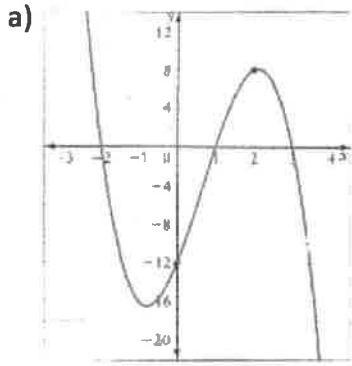
$$-22 = k (4)(22)$$

$$-1 = 4k$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4} (x - 3)^2 (x^2 + 8x + 13)$$

7) Determine an equation for each of the following functions



$$y = k(x+2)(x-1)(x-3)$$

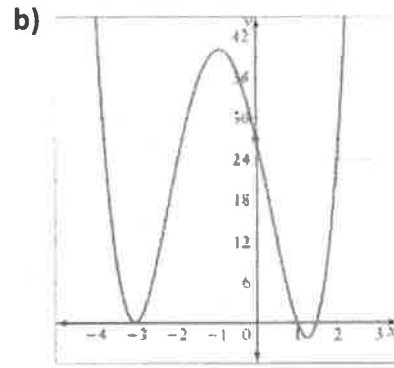
$$-12 = k(0+2)(0-1)(0-3)$$

$$-12 = k(2)(-1)(-3)$$

$$-12 = 6k$$

$$k = -2$$

$$y = -2(x+2)(x-1)(x-3)$$



$$y = k(x+3)^2(x-1)(2x-3)$$

$$27 = k(0+3)^2(0-1)[2(0)-3]$$

$$27 = k(9)(-1)(-3)$$

$$27 = 27k$$

$$k = 1$$

$$y = (x+3)^2(x-1)(2x-3)$$

ANSWER KEY

- 1)a) $y = k(x+7)(x+3)$ b) answer will vary c) $y = \frac{2}{5}(x+7)(x+3)$ 2) C 3) A, B, D
 4)a) $y = k(x+2)(x+1)(2x-1)$ b) answer will vary c) $y = -3(x+2)(x+1)(2x-1)$ d) see posted
 5)a) $y = k(x^2 - 2x - 1)(2x+1)$ b) $y = \frac{5}{2}(x^2 - 2x - 1)(2x+1)$
 6)a) $y = k(x-3)^2(x^2 + 8x + 13)$ b) $y = -\frac{1}{4}(x-3)^2(x^2 + 8x + 13)$
 7)a) $y = -2(x+2)(x-1)(x-3)$ b) $y = (x+3)^2(x-1)(2x-3)$

W6 - 2.5 - Solving Inequalities

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→ Solve each linear inequality

a) $x + 3 \leq 5$

$x \leq 2$

b) $7x < 4 + 3x$

$4x < 4$

$x < 1$

2) Solve each inequality by graphing

a) $(x + 3)(x - 2) > 0$

Factor Table

	$-\infty$	-3	2	∞
		-4	0	3
$x+3$		-	+	+
$x-2$		-	-	+
overall		(+)	-	(+)

b) $(x + 2)(3 - x)(x + 1) < 0$

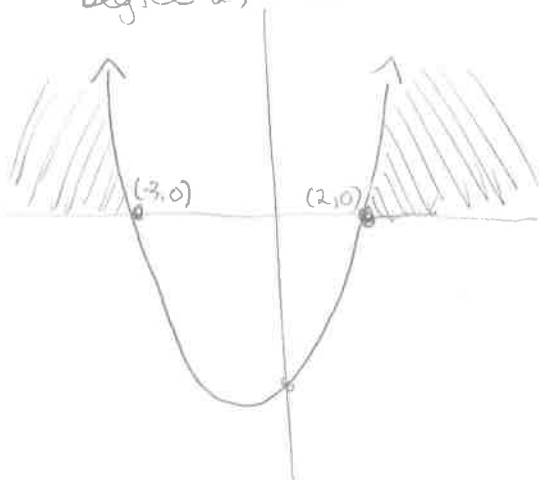
Factor Table:

	$-\infty$	-2	-1	3	∞
		-3	-1.5	0	4
$x+2$		-	+	+	+
$3-x$		+	+	+	-
$x+1$		-	-	+	+
overall		+	(-)	+	(-)

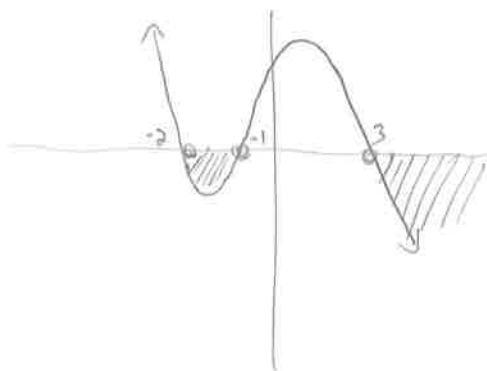
Solution: $x < -3$ or $x > 2$
 $x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (2, \infty)$

Solution: $-2 < x < -1$ or $x > 3$
 $x \in (-2, -1) \cup (3, \infty)$

Graph: Degree 2; Positive L.C.



Graph: Degree 3; Negative L.C.



3) Solve each of the following polynomial inequalities

a) $x^2 - 7x + 10 \geq 0$

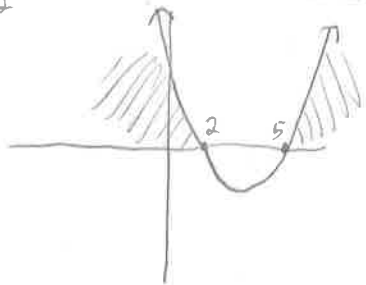
$(x-2)(x-5) \geq 0$

	$-\infty$	0	2	3	5	6	∞
$x-2$		-	+	+			
$x-5$		-	-	-	+		
overall		(+)	-	(+)			

Solution: $x \leq 2$ or $x \geq 5$

$x \in (-\infty, 2] \cup [5, \infty)$

Degree 2
+ L.C.



b) $x^3 + 6x^2 - 16x > 0$

$x(x^2 + 6x - 16) > 0$

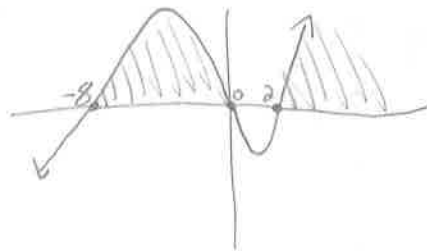
$x(x+8)(x-2) > 0$

	$-\infty$	-8	-1	0	1	2	3	∞
x		-	-	+	+	+		
$x+8$		-	+	+	+	+		
$x-2$		-	-	-	-	+		
overall		-	(+)	-	-	(+)		

Solution: $-8 < x < 0$ or $x > 2$

$x \in (-8, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$

Degree 3
+ L.C.



c) $-x^2 + 36 \geq 0$

$-1(x^2 - 36) \geq 0$

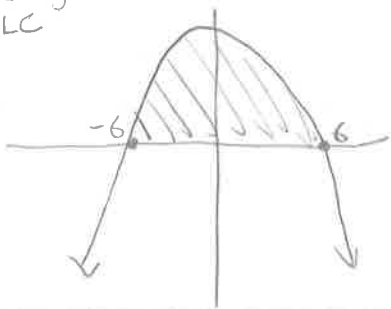
$-1(x-6)(x+6) \geq 0$

	$-\infty$	-7	-6	0	6	7	∞
-1		-	-	-	-	-	
$x-6$		-	-	-	+		
$x+6$		-	-	+	+		
overall		-	(+)	-	-		

Solution: $-6 \leq x \leq 6$

$x \in [-6, 6]$

Even deg.
- LC



d) $x^4 - 26x^2 + 25 > 0$

$(x^2 - 25)(x^2 - 1) > 0$

$(x-5)(x+5)(x-1)(x+1) > 0$

	$-\infty$	-5	-2	0	1	2	5	6	∞
$x-5$		-	-	-	-	-	+		
$x+5$		-	+	+	+	+	+		
$x-1$		-	-	-	-	+	+		
$x+1$		-	-	+	+	+	+		
overall		(+)	-	(+)	-	(+)	-	(+)	

Solution: $x < -5$ or $-1 < x < 1$ or $x > 5$

$x \in (-\infty, -5) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (5, \infty)$

e) $x^3 - 3x^2 \geq 25x - 75$

$x^3 - 3x^2 - 25x + 75 \geq 0$

$[x^2(x-3) - 25(x-3)] \geq 0$

$(x-3)(x^2-25) \geq 0$

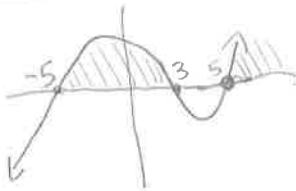
$(x-3)(x-5)(x+5) \geq 0$

	$-\infty$	-5	0	3	5	6	∞
$x-3$	-	-	-	+	+		
$x-5$	-	-	-	-	+		
$x+5$	-	+	+	+	+		
overall	-	(+)	-	(+)			

Solution: $-5 \leq x \leq 3$ or $x \geq 5$

$x \in [-5, 3] \cup [5, \infty)$

odd deg.
+ LC



$f(-2)=0$; $x+2$ is a factor

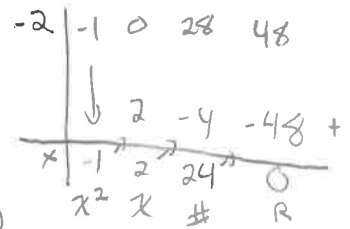
f) $-x^3 + 28x + 48 \geq 0$

$(x+2)(-x^2+2x+24) \geq 0$

$-1(x+2)(x^2-2x-24) \geq 0$

$-1(x+2)(x-6)(x+4) \geq 0$

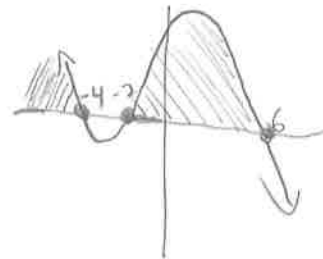
	$-\infty$	-4	-2	6	7	∞
$x+2$	-	-	+	+		
$x-6$	-	-	-	+		
$x+4$	-	+	+	+		
overall	(+)	-	(+)	-		



Solution: $x \leq -4$ or $-2 \leq x \leq 6$

$x \in (-\infty, -4] \cup [-2, 6]$

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g) $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 < 0$

$f(1)=0$; $x-1$ is a factor

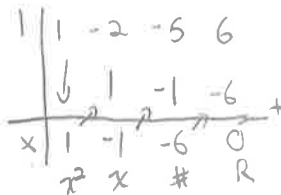
h) $5x^3 - 12x^2 - 11x + 6 \leq 0$

$f(-1)=0$; $x+1$ is a factor

$(x-1)(x^2-x-6) < 0$

$(x-1)(x-3)(x+2) < 0$

	$-\infty$	-2	1	3	∞
$x-1$	-	-	+	+	
$x-3$	-	-	-	+	
$x+2$	-	+	+	+	
overall	(-)	+	(-)	+	



$(x+1)(5x^2-17x+6) \leq 0$

$(x+1)(5x-2)(x-3) \leq 0$

	$-\infty$	-1	$2/5$	3	∞
$x+1$	-	+	+	+	
$5x-2$	-	-	+	+	
$x-3$	-	-	-	+	
overall	(-)	+	(-)	+	

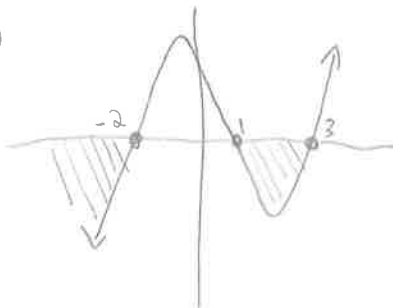
	$-\infty$	-1	$2/5$	3	∞
$x+1$	-	+	+	+	
$5x-2$	-	-	+	+	
$x-3$	-	-	-	+	
overall	(-)	+	(-)	+	



Solution: $x < -2$ or $1 < x < 3$

$x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (1, 3)$

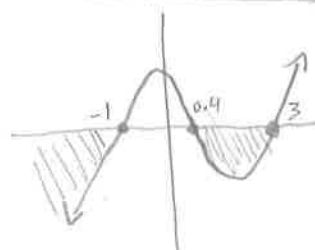
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Solution: $x \leq -1$ or $2/5 \leq x \leq 3$

$x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [2/5, 3]$

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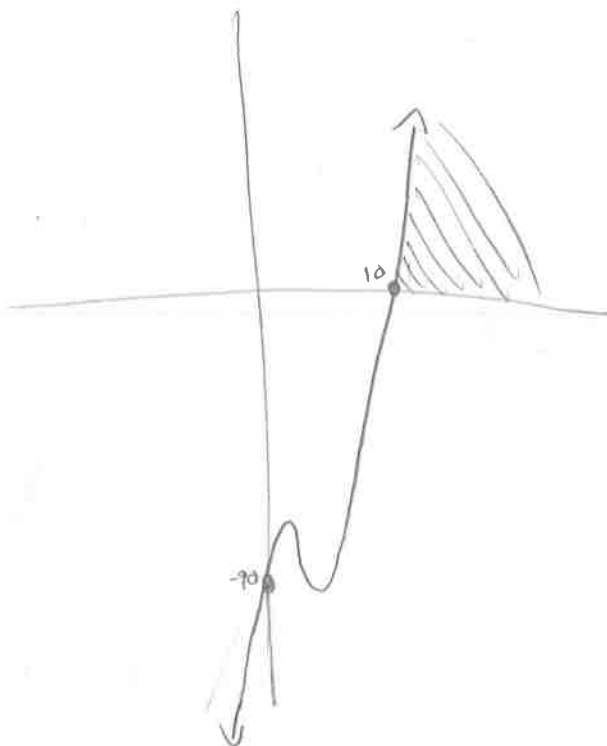


4) The price, p , in dollars, of a stock t years after 1999 can be modelled by the function $p(t) = 0.5t^3 - 5.5t^2 + 14t$. When will the stock be more than \$90? You may use technology to help you determine the solution.

$$0.5t^3 - 5.5t^2 + 14t > 90$$

$$0.5t^3 - 5.5t^2 + 14t - 90 > 0$$

using Desmos:



Solution: $t > 10$

$$t \in (10, \infty)$$

∴ The stock will be more than \$90 after 10 years.

ANSWER KEY

1) a) $x \leq 2$ b) $x < 1$

2) a) $x < -3$ or $x > 2$ b) $-2 < x < -1$ or $x > 3$

3) a) $x \leq 2$ or $x \geq 5$ b) $-8 < x < 0$ or $x > 2$ c) $-6 \leq x \leq 6$ d) $x < -5$ or $-1 < x < 1$ or $x > 5$

e) $-5 \leq x \leq 3$ or $x \geq 5$ f) $x \leq -4$ or $-2 \leq x \leq 6$ g) $x < -2$ or $1 < x < 3$

h) $x \leq -1$ or $\frac{2}{5} < x < 3$

4) after 10 years (2009)