

UNIT 1: FACTORING AND SOLVING POLYNOMIAL EQUATIONS

1. If $p(x) = (5x^2 + 2x - 1)(x^2 - x - 4)$ and $q(x) = 7x^4 - x^3 + 5x - 9$, find $p(x) - q(x)$ in simplest form.

	$5x^2$	$+2x$	-1
x^2	$5x^4$	$+2x^3$	$-1x^2$
$-x$	$-5x^3$	$-2x^2$	$+1x$
-4	$-20x^2$	$-8x$	$+4$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5x^4 - 3x^3 - 23x^2 - 7x + 4 \\
 + \quad -7x^4 + x^3 \quad - 5x + 9 \\
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 -2x^4 - 2x^3 - 23x^2 - 12x + 13
 \end{array}$$

$$(5x^4 - 3x^3 - 23x^2 - 7x + 4) - (7x^4 - x^3 + 5x - 9)$$

Reel, change, change

2. Prove that $(2x)^2 + (x^2 - 1)^2 = (x^2 + 1)^2$ is an identity for all real numbers, x . $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

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

$$4x^2 + x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1$$

$$x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$2x+1=0 \quad 2x=-1 \quad x=-\frac{1}{2}$$

3. Emily thinks that $2x+1$ is a factor of $2x^3 - 13x^2 - x + 3$. Is Emily correct? Explain your answer.

$$P(-\frac{1}{2}) = 2(-\frac{1}{2})^3 - 13(-\frac{1}{2})^2 - (-\frac{1}{2}) + 3$$

$$P(-\frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

Yes

There is no remainder

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{) 2x^3 - 13x^2 - x + 3} \\
 \underline{+ 2x^3 + x^2} \\
 -14x^2 - x \\
 \underline{+ 14x^2 + 7x} \\
 6x + 3 \\
 \underline{+ 6x + 3} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Divide
Multiply
Subtract
Bring Down

Yes

4. Factor each expression completely:

a $\frac{4x^2}{4} - \frac{20x}{4} - \frac{96}{4}$ $4(x^2 - 5x - 24)$ $4(x-8)(x+3)$	b $a^4 + 4a^2 - 32$ $(a^2+8)(a^2-4)$ $(a^2+8)(a+2)(a-2)$	c $\frac{9x^3 + 45x^2}{9x^2} - \frac{4x - 20}{-4}$ $9x^2(x+5) - 4(x+5)$ $(9x^2-4)(x+5)$ $(3x+2)(3x-2)(x+5)$
d $125c^3 - 64$ $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2+ab+b^2)$ $125c^3 - 64 = (5c-4)(25c^2+20c+16)$	e $2x^2 - 11x + 14$ $x^2 - 11x + 28$ $(x-7)(x-4)$ $(2x-7)(x-2)$	
f $\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - 18x}{x} + \frac{2x^2 + 6x - 36}{2}$ $x(x^2+3x-18) + 2(x^2+3x-18)$ $(x+2)(x^2+3x-18)$ $(x+2)(x+6)(x-3)$	Remember Types of Factoring: GCF DOTS Trinomials/Bridge Grouping *Always factor completely!! SOAP Cubes!	

5. It is known that $x-5$ is a factor of $p(x) = \frac{x^4}{x^2} - \frac{12x^3}{x^2} + \frac{35x^2}{x^2} - \frac{9x^2}{-9} + \frac{108x}{-9} - \frac{315}{-9}$. Determine and state the zeroes of the equation $p(x) = 0$.

$$p(5) = (5)^4 - 12(5)^3 + 35(5)^2 - 9(5)^2 + 108(5) - 315$$

$$p(5) = 0$$

$$(x^2-9)(x^2-12x+35)$$

$$(x+3)(x-3)(x-7)(x-5) = 0$$

$x+3=0$	$x-3=0$	$x-7=0$	$x-5=0$
$3+3$	$3-3$	$7-7$	$5-5$
$x=-3$	$x=3$	$x=7$	$x=5$

6. Find the zeroes of each equation:

a $x^4 - 25x^2 + 144 = 0$ $(x^2 - 16)(x^2 - 9) = 0$ $(x+4)(x-4)(x+3)(x-3) = 0$ <table border="0"> <tr> <td>$x+4=0$ $x=-4$</td> <td>$x-4=0$ $x=4$</td> <td>$x+3=0$ $x=-3$</td> <td>$x-3=0$ $x=3$</td> </tr> </table>	$x+4=0$ $x=-4$	$x-4=0$ $x=4$	$x+3=0$ $x=-3$	$x-3=0$ $x=3$	b $4x^2 = 15 - 4x$ $4x^2 + 4x - 15 = 0$ $(x+10)(x-6) = 0$ $(x+\frac{5}{2})(x-\frac{3}{2}) = 0$ Handwritten notes: $2x+5=0 \rightarrow x=-\frac{5}{2}$, $2x-3=0 \rightarrow x=\frac{3}{2}$
$x+4=0$ $x=-4$	$x-4=0$ $x=4$	$x+3=0$ $x=-3$	$x-3=0$ $x=3$		
c $\frac{6x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x}{x} + \frac{36x^2 - 30x - 24}{6} = 0$ $x(6x^2 - 5x - 4) + 6(6x^2 - 5x - 4) = 0$ $(x+6)(6x^2 - 5x - 4) = 0$ $(x+6)(x-\frac{4}{3})(x+\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ Handwritten notes: $x=-6$, $x=\frac{4}{3}$, $x=-\frac{1}{2}$	d $(2x^2 + 3x)^2 - 4(2x^2 + 3x) - 5 = 0$ Let $y = 2x^2 + 3x$ $y^2 - 4y - 5 = 0$ $(y-5)(y+1) = 0$ $(2x^2 + 3x - 5)(2x^2 + 3x + 1) = 0$ $(x+\frac{5}{2})(x-\frac{1}{2})(x+\frac{1}{2})(x+1) = 0$ Handwritten notes: $x=-\frac{5}{2}$, $x=\frac{1}{2}$, $x=-\frac{1}{2}$, $x=-1$				

UNIT 2: POLYNOMIAL GRAPHS & THE REMAINDER THEOREM

7. Determine algebraically the zeroes of $q(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4$.

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

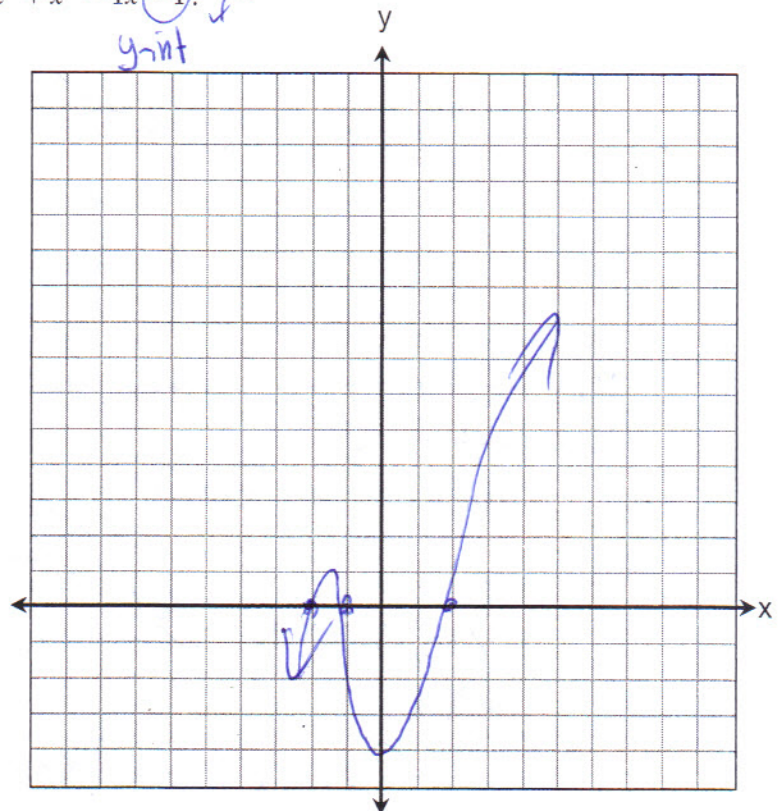
$$0 = x^2(x+1) - 4(x+1)$$

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

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

$x+2=0$ $x=-2$	$x-2=0$ $x=2$	$x+1=0$ $x=-1$
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Graph $q(x)$ on the set of axes below.



8. The graph to the right shows $y = p(x)$.

State the zeroes of $p(x)$.

$$-3, -2, 1$$

State the factors of $p(x)$.

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

What is the degree of $p(x)$?

$$3 \text{ (3 zeros, 2 relative extrema)}$$

How many relative maxima does $p(x)$ have?

1

How many relative minima does $p(x)$ have?

1

Describe the end-behavior of $p(x)$ using proper notation.

$$x \rightarrow -\infty, p(x) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$x \rightarrow \infty, p(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

State the interval(s) over which $p(x)$ is increasing using a proper notation.

$$(-\infty, -2.5) \text{ and } (-.5, \infty)$$

State the interval(s) over which $p(x)$ is decreasing using a proper notation.

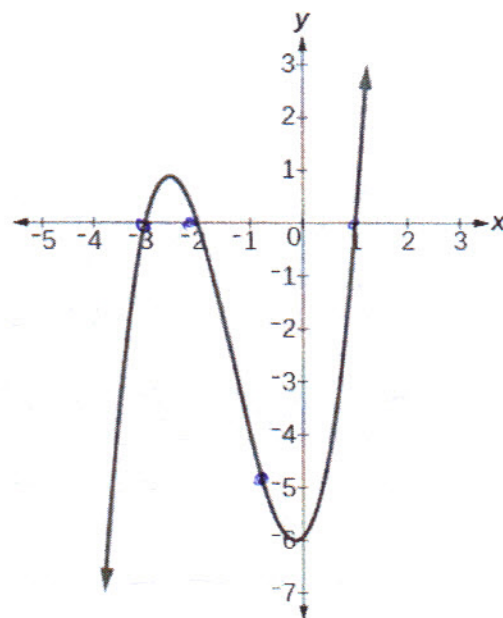
$$(-2.5, -.5)$$

Would the remainder when $p(x)$ is divided by $x-1$ be positive, negative, or zero?

$$0 \text{ } x-1 \text{ is a factor}$$

Would the remainder when $p(x)$ is divided by $x+1$ be positive, negative, or zero?

$$\text{Negative } p(-1) = -5$$



9. The diagram to the right is the graph of the polynomial $y = f(x)$.

State the least degree that $f(x)$ could be. Justify your answer. 6

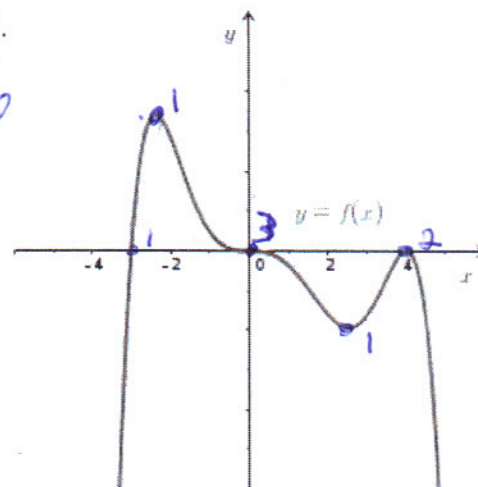
~~There are 4 relative extrema so it must be at least 5~~
There are 6 zeros.

Write a possible equation for $f(x)$.

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

$$\cancel{x^3(x)}$$

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



10. State the Remainder Theorem for a polynomial $p(x)$.

the remainder when a polynomial is divided by $x-a$ is $P(a)$

Explain how the Remainder Theorem can be used to determine factors (and then zeroes) of a polynomial.

If $P(a)$ equals 0, then $x-a$ is not a factor

11. If the polynomial $b(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + kx^2 - 2x + 8$, determine the value of k such that $x-2$ is a factor of $b(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (2)^4 + 2(2)^3 + k(2)^2 - 2(2) + 8 \\ 0 &= 16 + 16 + 4k - 4 + 8 \\ 0 &= 4k + 36 \\ -36 & \quad -36 \\ \frac{-36}{4} &= \frac{4k}{4} \quad \boxed{k = -9} \end{aligned}$$

2 is a zero
(20)

Determine all the zeroes of $b(x)$.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 4 \\ x-2 \overline{) x^4 + 2x^3 - 9x^2 - 2x + 8} \\ \underline{+ -x^4 + 2x^3} \\ 4x^3 - 9x^2 \\ \underline{+ -4x^3 + 8x^2} \\ -1x^2 - 2x \\ \underline{+ -1x^2 + 2x} \\ -4x + 8 \\ \underline{+ -4x + 8} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x-2)(x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 4) &= 0 \\ (x-2)(x^2 \cdot x^2 - 1) &= 0 \\ (x-2)(x^2(x+4) - 1(x+4)) &= 0 \\ (x-2)(x^2 - 1)(x+4) &= 0 \\ (x-2)(x+1)(x-1)(x+4) &= 0 \\ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} x-2=0 & x+1=0 & x-1=0 & x+4=0 \\ \hline x=2 & x=-1 & x=1 & x=-4 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

12. Find the quotient: $\frac{3x^4 - 8x^3 + 2x + 7}{x-2}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^3 - 2x^2 \\ x-2 \overline{) 3x^4 - 8x^3 + 2x + 7} \\ \underline{+ -3x^4 + 6x^3} \\ -2x^3 + 2x^2 \\ \underline{+ -2x^3 + 4x^2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 6 - \frac{5}{x-2} \\ x-2 \overline{) 3x^4 - 8x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x + 7} \\ \underline{+ -3x^4 + 6x^3} \\ -2x^3 + 0x^2 \\ \underline{+ -2x^3 + 4x^2} \\ -4x^2 + 2x \\ \underline{+ -4x^2 + 8x} \\ -6x + 7 \\ \underline{+ -6x + 12} \\ -5 \end{array}$$