

Polynomial Functions and Equations

1-8: Operations with Polynomials – Simplify each expression completely.				Leave no negative exponents in final solutions.
1. $x^7 \cdot x^3 \cdot x$ x^{7+3+1} x^{11}	2. $(5x^4)^{-2}$ $5^{-2} x^{-4 \cdot 2}$ $5^{-2} x^{-8}$ $\frac{1}{25x^8}$	3. $\frac{5p^5q^{-3}}{25p^2q^{-5}}$ $\frac{5p^5q^5}{25p^2q^3}$ $\frac{p^3q^2}{5}$	4. $(-4x^0)^2 (2x^3y^3)^3$ $(-4^2 \cdot x^{0 \cdot 2}) (2^3 x^9 y^9)$ $16 \cdot 1 \cdot 8x^9 y^9$ $128x^9 y^9$	
5. $(4x^3 + 5x - 7x^2) + (-2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7y^2)$ $\frac{-2x^3}{2x^3} + \frac{5x}{5x} - \frac{-7x^2}{-2x^2}$ $2x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x - 7y^2$	6. $(-3x^2 + 7x + 23) - (-8x^2 - 5x + 13)$ $+8x + 5x - 13$ $5x^2 + 12x + 10$			
7. $(4x - 3)^2$ $(4x-3)(4x-3)$ $-12x$ $16x^2 - 24x + 9$	8. $(3x + 5)(9x^2 - 15x + 25)$ $3x(9x^2 - 15x + 25) + 5(9x^2 - 15x + 25)$ $27x^3 - 45x^2 + 75x + 45x^2 - 75x + 125$ $27x^3 + 125$			sum of cubes!
9. $(15v^3 + 8v^2 - 21v + 6) \div (5v - 4)$ $5v-4 \overline{)15v^3 + 8v^2 - 21v + 6}$ $-15v^3 + 12v^2$ $20v^2 - 21v$ $-20v^2 + 16v$ $-5v + 6$ $+5v + 4$ 2 $3v^2 + 4v - 1 + \frac{2}{5v-4}$	10. $(-2x^3 + 15x^2 - 10x + 3) \div (x + 3)$ $-3 \overline{-2 \ 15 \ -10 \ 3}$ \downarrow $6 \ -63 \ 219$ $-2 \ 21 \ -73 \ 222$ $-2x^2 + 21x - 73 + \frac{222}{x+3}$			
11-13: Polynomial Functions – Find each indicated value for $p(x) = -4x^2 + 1$ and $m(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 3$.	11. $p(-5)$ $-4(-5)^2 + 1$ $-4(25) + 1$ $-100 + 1$ -99	12. $m(3a^3)$ $(3a^3)^3 + 2(3a^3)^2 - 3$ $3^3 a^9 + 2(3^2 a^6) - 3$ $27a^9 + 2(9a^6) - 3$ $27a^9 + 18a^6 - 3$	13. $p(a + 2)$ $-4(a+2)^2 + 1$ $-4(a^2 + 4a + 4) + 1$ $-4a^2 - 16a - 16 + 1$ $-4a^2 - 16a - 15$	

14-15: Analyzing Graphs of Polynomial Functions

14. $f(x) = x^2(x-6)(x^2-5x-6)(x+5)(x^2-36)$

$$x^2(x-6)(x-6)(x+1)(x+5)(x+6)(x-6)$$

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

a. What is the degree of this function? 8

b. Is the degree even or odd? even

c. What is the maximum number of turns? 7

d. How many zeros will this function have? 8

e. List the zeros of this function. 0, 0, 6, 6, 6, -1, -5, -6

f. Are there any points of tangency to the x-axis? Yes; 0

g. Are there any terrace points at the x-axis? Yes; 6

h. As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$ and as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$

i. Estimate the x coordinates for the local maximum(s).

btw. -5 & -1 and at 0

j. Estimate the x coordinates for the local minimum(s).

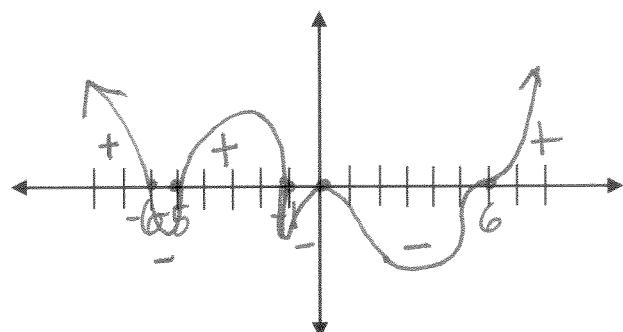
btw. -6 & -5, btw. -1 & 0, and btw 0 & 6

k. Complete the sign change chart for the function.

	x^2	$(x-6)^3$	$x+1$	$x+5$	$x+6$	$f(x)$
-7	+	-	-	-	-	+
-5.5	+	-	-	-	+	-
-2	+	-	-	+	+	+
-1.5	+	-	+	+	+	-
3	+	-	+	+	+	-
7	+	+	+	+	+	+

l. Sketch the graph of the function below.

Be sure to label the units on the x-axis!



15. Use the graph to complete a – f below.

a. Is the function even or odd? How do you know?

odd b/c the end behavior is in opposite directions

b. Is the leading coefficient positive or negative? How do you know?

positive b/c as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ and as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$

c. What is the minimum degree of the function? How do you know?

7 b/c there are 7 real zeros when considering there is 1 terrace & 1 tangent.

d. Estimate the real zeros of the function.

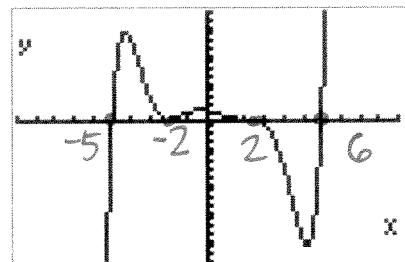
-5, -2, -2, 2, 2, 2, 6

e. Are there any zeros of even multiplicity? How do you know?

yes. -2 is a tangent to the x-axis.

f. Are there any zeros of odd multiplicity? How do you know?

yes. There is a terrace at 2 because it "swerves".



16-21: Solving Polynomial Equations – Solve each polynomial equation over the set of complex numbers by FACTORING.
 Provide exact solutions only. Therefore, all irrational solutions must be in simplified radical form (no decimal answers).

16. $f(x) = 9x^4 - 100$

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

$$3x^2 + 10 = 0 \quad 3x^2 - 10 = 0$$

$$\frac{3x^2 = -10}{\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-10}} \quad \frac{3x^2 = 10}{\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{10}}$$

You have to rationalize the denominator!
 $\frac{\sqrt{-10}}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$

factored form: $f(x) = (3x^2 + 10)(3x^2 - 10)$

zeros: $\pm \frac{\sqrt{30}}{3}, \pm \frac{\sqrt{30}}{3}$

18. $x^3 - 25x = 7x^2 - 175$

$$x^3 - 7x^2 - 25x + 175 = 0$$

$$x^2(x-1) - 25(x-7) = 0$$

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

$$x-1 = 0 \quad x^2 - 25 = 0$$

$$x=1 \quad x=\pm 5$$

factored form: $(x-1)(x+5)(x-5) = 0$

zeros: $1, -5, 5$

20. $y = 3x^3 + 81$

$$3(x^3 + 27) = 0$$

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

$$x+3 = 0 \quad x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-4(9)}}{2}$$

$$x=-3 \quad x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{-27}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm 3i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

zeros: $-3, \frac{3 \pm 3i\sqrt{3}}{2}$

17. $18x^3 + 84x^2 + 98x = 0$

$$2x(9x^2 + 42x + 49) = 0$$

$$2x(3x+7)^2 = 0$$

$$2x = 0 \quad 3x+7 = 0$$

$$x=0 \quad 3x=-7 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{7}{3}$$

factored form: $2x(3x+7)^2 = 0$

zeros: $0, -\frac{7}{3}, -\frac{7}{3}$

19. $x^5 + 30x = 11x^3$

$$x^5 - 11x^3 + 30x = 0$$

$$x(x^4 - 11x^2 + 30) = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 5)(x^2 - 6) = 0$$

$$x=0 \quad x^2 - 5 = 0 \quad x^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$x=0 \quad x = \pm \sqrt{5} \quad x = \pm \sqrt{6}$$

factored form: $x(x^2 - 5)(x^2 - 6) = 0$

zeros: $0, \pm \sqrt{5}, \pm \sqrt{6}$

21. $48x^4 - 27x^2 = 0$

$$3x^2(16x^2 - 9) = 0$$

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

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

$$x=0 \quad 4x=-3 \quad 4x=3$$

$$x=0 \quad x = -\frac{3}{4} \quad x = \frac{3}{4}$$

factored form: $3x^2(4x+3)(4x-3) = 0$

zeros: $0, 0, \pm \frac{3}{4}$

22-23: The Remainder and Factor Theorems – Given a polynomial and one of its factors, find the remaining factors of the polynomial.

22. $(x^3 - x^2 + x + 14); (x+2)$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 | 1 & -1 & 1 & 14 \\ & \downarrow -2 & 6 & -14 \\ \hline & 1 & -3 & 7 & 0 \end{array}$$

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

23. $(5x^3 - 17x^2 + 6x); (x-3)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 | 5 & -17 & 6 & 0 \\ & \downarrow 15 & -6 & \\ \hline & 5 & -2 & 0 \end{array}$$

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

$(x-3)(5x-2)$

24-27: Roots and Zeros – Write a polynomial function of least degree that has the given features. Write the function in its factored form ONLY!

24. fifth degree; zeros: $x = 4, x = -5$, terrace at -1 ; y-intercept: $(0, -20)$

$$y = a(x-4)(x+5)(x+1)^3$$

$$-20 = a(0-4)(0+5)(0+1)^3$$

$$-20 = a(-4)(5)(1)$$

$$-20 = -20a$$

$$1 = a$$

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

26. zeros: $x = \pm 5i, x = -7$; y-intercept: $(0, 175)$

$$y = a(x^2 + 25)(x+7)$$

$$175 = a(25)(7)$$

$$175 = 175a$$

$$1 = a$$

$$(f(x) = (x^2 + 25)(x+7))$$

25. zeros: $x = 3, x = \frac{1}{7}, x = -\frac{2}{3}$; y-intercept: 12

$$y = a(x-3)(7x-1)(3x+2)$$

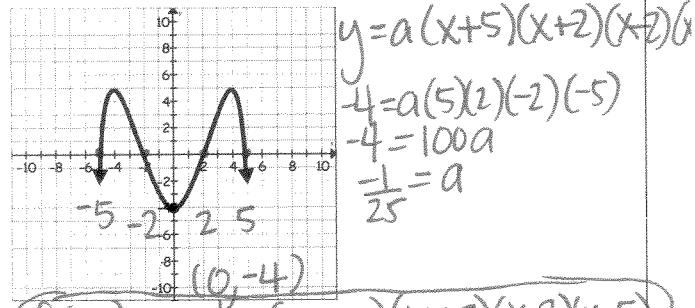
$$12 = a(-3)(-1)(2)$$

$$12 = 6a$$

$$2 = a$$

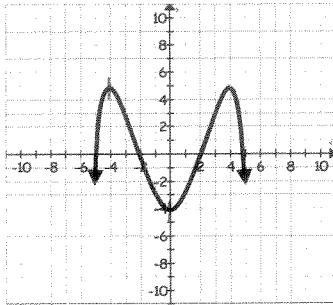
$$(f(x) = 2(x-3)(7x-1)(3x+2))$$

- 27.



28: Behavior of Functions – Determine the intervals on which the function is increasing or decreasing as indicated.

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- a. What is the behavior of the function appear to be on the interval $(-4, 0)$?

It is decreasing

- b. On which interval does this graph appear to be increasing?

(-infinity, -4) and (0, infinity)

- c. On which interval does this graph appear to be decreasing?

(-4, 0) and (4, infinity)

29-30: Find all of the roots of the function by depressing the polynomial.

Provide exact solutions only. Therefore, all irrational solutions must be in simplified radical form (no decimal answers).

29. $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 10$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & -7 & 16 & -10 \\ & \downarrow & 1 & -6 & 10 \\ \hline & 1 & -6 & 10 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(x^2 - 6x + 10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{6^2 - 4(10)} \\ &\frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36-40}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm 2i}{2} \\ &= 3 \pm i \end{aligned}$$

$$(x-1, 3 \pm i)$$

calc. $x=1$
1 real, 2 imag.

30. $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x - 8$ calc. $x=-2$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -8 \\ & \downarrow -2 & 2 & -8 & 8 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & 4 & -4 & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ & & & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{array}$$

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

$$x^2+4=0$$

$$x^2=-4$$

$$x=\pm 2i$$

$$(x=-2, 1, \pm 2i)$$