

Unit 1: Polynomial Functions - Assessment of Learning - DAY 1

K & U	Thinking	Comm.
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KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING - [18 MARKS]

Multiple Choice: Write the CAPITAL letter corresponding to the correct answer on the line provided.
[5 Marks Total - 1 Mark Each]

1. Which statement is **false** regarding $f(x) = -4(x-1)^3(x^2-9)$?

- A. The leading coefficient is negative.
- B. $f(x)$ goes through the x -axis once and bounces on the x -axis twice.
- C. The constant value of the function's finite differences is equal to -480 .
- D. As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$.

B ✓

2. Which of the following statements is/are **true** for $f(x) = 2(1-x)(x+2)^2(x-3)$?

- I. as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
- II. as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
- III. as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
- IV. as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
- A. I only.
- B. I and II only.
- C. I and III only.
- D. II and IV only.

C ✓

3. If $x+1$ is a factor of $x^3 + qx^2 - 10x + 3$, then the value of q is

- A. 12
- B. -12
- C. 6
- D. -6

B ✓

4. When completely factored, $(a+b)^3 - (a-b)^3$ equals

- A. $(2a)(a^2 - 3b^2)$
- B. $(2b)(3a^2 + b^2)$
- C. $(a-b)(3a^2 + 4ab + 3b^2)$
- D. $2(a+b)(3a^2 + b^2)$

C ✓

5. Which of the following functions is/are odd?

- I. $f(x) = -2(x-1)^2(x+1)$
- II. $f(x) = 4x^4 + 9x^2 - 16$
- III. $f(x) = -3x^5 + 9x^3 + 2x$
- IV. $f(x) = 3x^3 + 8x + 1$
- A. III and IV.
- B. I, II and III.
- C. III only
- D. IV only.

C ✓

6. Divide $(3x^3 - 10x + 8)$ by $(x-5)$ using polynomial division and then write the division statement.
[3 Marks]

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x^2 + 15x + 65 \text{ R } 333 \\
 x-5 \overline{) 3x^3 + 0x^2 - 10x + 8} \\
 \underline{3x^3 - 15x^2} \\
 15x^2 - 10x \\
 \underline{15x^2 - 75x} \\
 65x + 8 \\
 \underline{65x - 325} \\
 \text{R } 333
 \end{array}$$

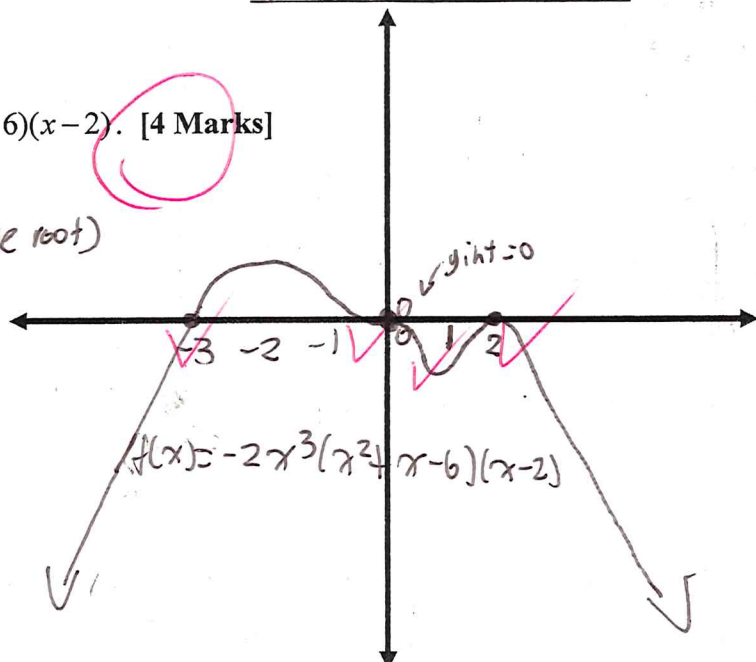
$$3x^2 + 15x + 65 + \frac{333}{x-5}$$

division statement ✓

Division Statement: $3x^3 - 10x + 8 = (3x^2 + 15x + 65)(x-5) + 333$

7. Graph and properly label $f(x) = -2x^3(x^2 + x - 6)(x - 2)$. [4 Marks]

$-2x^3(x-2)^2(x+3)$
x, int: 0 (order 3), 2 (order 2), -3 (order 1 / single root)
slc: -
degree = 6
y int = 0
x3 - x4



8. State the family of polynomial functions of degree 7 with roots at -7 and 4, a double root at 3, a point of inflection at $x = 1$ and as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$. [3 Marks]

$f(x) = K(x-1)^3(x+7)(x-4)(x-3)^2$, $K < 0$

9. The height of a miniature rocket above the ground is modeled by $h(t) = -5t^2 + 5t + 120$, where $h(t)$ is the height in metres and t is time in seconds. Estimate the IROC at $t = 2$ seconds. [3 Marks]

$IROC = \frac{h(2+h) - h(2)}{h}$, as $h \rightarrow 0$
 $IROC = \frac{40 - 109.984995}{0.001} = 15.002 = \frac{7501}{800}$

\therefore IROC at 2 seconds is 15.002 m/s

THINKING - [5 MARKS]

1. Determine the values of a , b and c given $P(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + 15$ and the following information:

- $P(x)$ is divisible by $x+1$.
- $P(x)$ has a remainder of -3 when divided by $x-2$.
- The value of the third finite differences is 24.

[5 Marks]

divisible by $x+1$

$4(-1)^3 + b(-1)^2 + c(-1) + 15$

$-4 + b - c + 15$

$b - c + 11$

$4x^3 + bx^2 + cx + 15$ $a3! = 24$

$a(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) = 24$

$6a = 24$

$a = 4$

\therefore the values of $P(x)$ are $a = 4$
 $b = -14$
 $c = 3$

$4(2)^3 + b(2)^2 + c(2) + 15 = -3$

$4(8) + 4b + 2c + 15 = -3$

$32 + 4b + 2c + 15 = -3$

$4b + 2c = -50$

$2c = -50 - 4b$

$c = -25 - 2b$

(2, -3) point to plug in

$b - 25 - 2b + 11 = 0$

$-b - 25 + 11 = 0$

$b = -25 + 11$

$b = -14$

$4(-14) + 2c = -50$

$-56 + 2c = -50$

$2c = 6$

$c = 3$

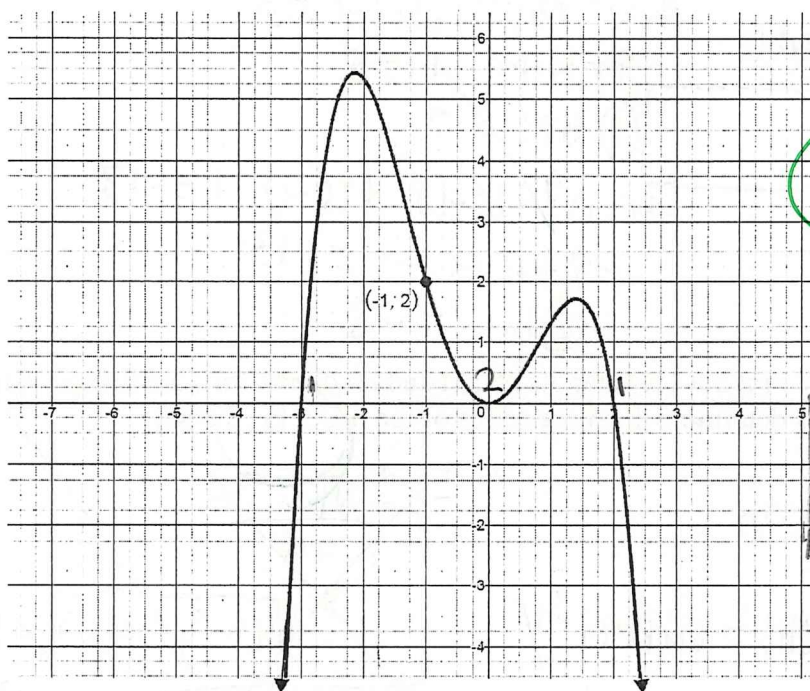
Unit 1: Polynomial Functions - Assessment of Learning - DAY 2

Application	Thinking	Comm.
19 /20	5 /5	4.5 /5

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APPLICATION - [20 MARKS]

1. Determine the **specific equation** (assume lowest possible degree) of the function below. [4 Marks]



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

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

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

$$2 = -6k$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{3}$$

∴ equation is

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x^2(x+3)(x-2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 36 \\ -30 \quad 2 \quad 15 \\ -3 \quad 10 \end{array}$$

2. Solve the following. **Note:** For Part b) use interval notation. [7 Marks]

a) $4x^3 - x^2 - 11x - 6 = 0$

$$\frac{-6}{4} \rightarrow \left\{ \frac{1, 2, 3, 6}{1, 2, 4} \right\}$$

$f(2) = 0$ ∴ $x-2$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 4 \ -1 \ -11 \ -6} \\ \underline{8 \ 14 \ 6} \quad \checkmark \\ 4 \ 7 \ 3 \ 0 \end{array}$$

$$(4x^2 + 7x + 3)(x-2) = 0$$

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

∴ $x = -\frac{3}{4}, -1, 2$

[4]

b) $-(x^2 + 7x - 30)(9 - x^2) > 0$

[3]

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 30 \\ 2 \quad 15 \\ 3 \quad 10 \\ -3 \quad 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x^2 + 9 \\ -(x^2 - 9) \\ (x+3)(x-3) \end{array}$$

$$-(x-3)(x+10) - (x+3)(x-3)$$

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

roots: $x = 3$ (order 2), -10 (single root), -3 (single root)

$$(5-3)^2(5+10)(5+3) = (4)(15)(8) = 480$$

$$\begin{array}{c} + \quad - \quad + \quad - \quad + \\ -10 \quad -3 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

∴ $f(x) > 0$: $(-\infty, -10) \cup (-3, \infty)$

3. Determine the values of m and n so that the polynomials $P(x) = 2x^3 + mx^2 + nx - 6$ and

$Q(x) = x^3 - 3mx^2 + 2nx + 4$ are both divisible by $x+2$. [4 Marks]

[3]

$$Q(-2) = (-2)^3 - 3m(-2)^2 + 2n(-2) + 4 = 0$$

$$-8 - 3m(4) + 2n(-2) + 4 = 0$$

$$-8 - 12m - 4n + 4 = 0$$

$$-12m - 4n - 4 = 0$$

$$-12m - 4n = 4$$

$$-12(-11-h) - 4h = 4$$

$$132 + 12h - 4h = 4$$

$$8h = -128 \quad h = -16$$

$$P(-2) = 2(-2)^3 + m(-2)^2 + n(-2) - 6 = 0$$

$$2(-8) + -2m + -2n - 6 = 0$$

$$-16 - 2m - 2n - 6 = 0$$

$$-2m - 2n = 22$$

$$2m - n = 11$$

$$m = -11 - h$$

$$m = -11 - 16$$

$$m = -27$$

∴ the values of m and n are
 $n = -16$
and $m = -27$

[4]

4. Determine the polynomial function that passes through the following points. [5 Marks]

x	y	Δy	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
-3	-151	///	///	///
-2	-55	96	///	///
-1	-13	42	-54	///
0	-1	12	-30	24
1	5	6	-6	24
2	29	24	18	24
3	95	66	42	24

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$-1 = a(0)^3 + b(0)^2 + c(0) + d$$

$$-1 = d$$

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx - 1$$

$$4x^3 + bx^2 + cx - 1$$

$$4h! = \Delta$$

$$a(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) = 24$$

$$6a = 24$$

$$a = 4$$

② $b - c = -8$ ② $b = -8 + c$
 ① $b + c = 2$
 $-8 + c + c = 2$
 $2c = 10$
 $c = 5$
 $b + 5 = 2$
 $b = -3$

Sub 2 into 1
 \therefore the equation is
 $f(x) = 4x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1$

third difference

$$4(1)^3 + b(1)^2 + c(1) - 1 = 5$$

$$4 + b + c - 1 = 5$$

$$b + c = 2$$

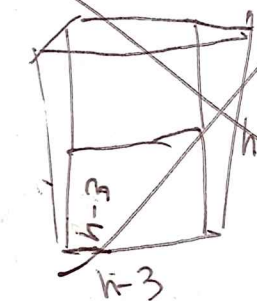
$$4(-1)^3 + b(-1)^2 + c(-1) - 1 = -13$$

$$-4 + b - c - 1 = -13$$

$$b - c = -8$$

THINKING - [5 MARKS]

1. The width of a square-based storage tank is 3 metres less than its height and all dimensions are integer values. If the tank has a capacity of 20 cubic metres determine the dimensions of the tank. [5 Marks]



Refer to Scrap Paper attached for work and final answer

capacity = 20

$$(3-h)(3-h)(h) = \text{capacity}$$

$$(3-h)(3-h)(h) = 20$$

$$(9 - 3h - 3h + h^2)(h) = 20$$

$$(h^2 - 6h + 9)(h) = 20$$

$$h^3 - 6h^2 + 9h = 20$$

$$h^3 - 6h^2 + 9h - 20 = 0$$

$\pm \{1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20\}$ $f(5) = 0$ $(h-5)$ is factor

$$5 \overline{) 1 \ -6 \ 9 \ -20}$$

$$\phantom{5 \overline{) 1 \ -6 \ 9 \ -20}} 5 5 20$$

$$\phantom{5 \overline{) 1 \ -6 \ 9 \ -20}} \phantom{5 5 20} 1 4 0$$

$$(h^2 - h + 4)$$

$h = 5$
 width = 3
 Length = 3-h
 height = h

$$-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$$

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-16}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-15}}{2}$$

COMMUNICATION - [5 MARKS]

1. "An odd degree polynomial function must have at least one x - intercept."

Is the above statement **always true**, **sometimes true** or **never true**? Provide a thorough explanation and diagrams to justify your answer. [3 Marks]

The above statement is **always true**. As an odd degree function, no matter what degree it is (as long as it's odd), the function must cross the x int at least once. Which means it must always have at least one x intercept. If the SLT is +, then the function goes from $q_3 - q_1$. If it's - it goes from $q_2 - q_4$. In both cases in order for the function to end in the correct quadrant, it must cross the x int, meaning it has at least one x int.



*** 2 Marks will be awarded in the Communication Category for the use of proper mathematical form. ***

4. Divide $x^3 - 6x^2 + 10$ by $x^2 - x - 2$ and write the division statement. [3 marks]

$$\begin{array}{r} x-5 \\ x^2-x-2 \overline{) x^3-6x^2+0x+10} \\ \underline{x^3-x^2-2x} \\ -5x^2+2x \\ \underline{-5x^2+5x+10} \\ -3x \end{array}$$

$$\text{let } f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2$$

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

Division statement:

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

5. Write the equation of the family of polynomial functions of degree 3 with roots of order 1 at 15 and -1 and a point of inflection at -2. [3 marks]

$$y = a(x-15)^2(x+1)^3(x+2)^3, a \neq 0, a \in \mathbb{R}$$

APPLICATION

$$y = a(x-15)(x+1)(x+2)^5$$

6. Determine the interval(s) that satisfy the inequality: $8x^3 + 1 \leq 4x^2 + 2x$. Show all steps. [5 Marks]

$$8x^3 + 1 - 4x^2 - 2x \leq 0$$

$$8x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x + 1 \leq 0$$

$$4x^2(2x-1) - (2x-1) \leq 0$$

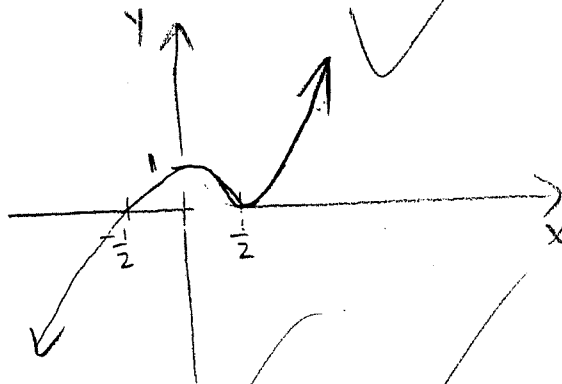
$$(2x-1)(4x^2-1) \leq 0$$

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

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

$$\text{let } f(x) = (2x-1)^2(2x+1)$$

y int: 1



$$\therefore 8x^3 + 1 \leq 4x^2 + 2x, x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}] \cup [\frac{1}{2}, \infty), x \in \mathbb{R}$$

7. $f(x) = ax^3 - x^2 + bx - 24$ has three factors. Two of these factors are $x-2$ and $x+4$. Determine the values of a and b . [4 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= a(2)^3 - (2)^2 + b(2) - 24 \\ &= 8a - 4 + 2b - 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-4) &= a(-4)^3 - (-4)^2 + b(-4) - 24 \\ &= -64a - 16 - 4b - 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 28 &= 8a + 2b \quad \text{①} \times 2 \Rightarrow \text{③} \\ 56 &= 16a + 4b \quad \text{②} \end{aligned}$$

$$40 = -64a - 4b \quad \text{④}$$

③ + ④

$$40 = -64a - 4b$$

$$96 = -48a$$

$$-2 = a$$

\therefore the value of a is -2

Sub $a = -2$ into ①

$$28 = 8a + 2b$$

$$28 = 8(-2) + 2b$$

$$28 + 16 = 2b$$

$$22 = b$$

8. Factor fully: $m^6 - 2m^3 + 1$

[3 marks]

$$= (m^2 - 1)^3$$

$$= [(m+1)(m-1)]^3$$

$$[(m-1)(m^2+m+1)]^2$$

9. Determine the polynomial function that passes through the points below. Show all steps.

[6 Marks]

x	y	1st diff.	2nd diff.	3rd diff.	4th diff.
-3	289				
-2	81	-208			
-1	17	-64	144		
0	7	-10	54	-90	
1	9	2	12	-42	48
2	29	20	18	6	48
3	121	92	72	54	48

$$a = \frac{FD}{n!}$$

$$a = \frac{48}{4!}$$

y int. 7 (given)

this is already your leading term

$$y = 2x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + 7$$

$$17 = 2(-1)^4 + a(-1)^3 + b(-1) + c(-1) + 7$$

$$17 = 2 - a - b - c + 7$$

$$8 = -a - b - c \quad (1)$$

$$29 = 2(2)^4 + a(2)^3 + b(2)^2 + c(2) + 7$$

$$29 = 32 + 8a + 4b + 2c + 7$$

$$-10 = 8a + 4b + 2c \quad (3)$$

the eq'n is

$$y = 2x^4 - 7x^3 + 24x^2 + 7$$

$$121 = 2(3)^4 + a(3)^3 + b(3)^2 + c(3) + 7$$

$$121 = 162 + 27a + 9b + 3c + 7$$

$$-48 = 27a + 9b + 3c \quad (2)$$

$$-24 = -3a - 3b - 3c \quad (4)$$

$$-48 = 27a + 9b + 3c$$

$$-24 = 24a + 6b \quad (5)$$

$$(1) \times 2 \rightarrow 16 = -2a - 2b - 2c \quad (4)$$

$$(1) + (3) \rightarrow 18 = 8a + 4b + 2c$$

$$6a + 2b = 6 \quad (6)$$

sub $a = -7$ into (6)

$$6 = 6(-7) + 2b$$

$$6 = -42 + 2b$$

$$(6) \times 3 \rightarrow 18 = 18a + 6b \quad (8)$$

$$-24 = 24a + 6b$$

$$42 = -6a$$

$$-7 = a$$

sub $b = 24$ into (2)

$$-48 = 27(-7) + 9(24) + 3c$$

$$-48 = -189 + 216 + 3c$$

$$-25 = 3c$$

THINKING

10. Given the equation $x^3 - 6x^2 + px + q = 0$, algebraically determine the values of p and q for which the equation has three equal roots? Show all steps.

[4 Marks]

3 equal roots = all the same.

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + px + q = 0$$

$$x^2(x-6) - 36(x-6) = 0$$

$$(x-6)(x^2-36) = 0$$

$$(x-6)(x-6)(x+6) = 0$$

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

2 equal roots.

$$(x-2)^3$$

$$(x-2)(x-2)(x-2)$$

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

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

$$x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x - 2x^2 + 8x - 8$$

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 8$$

$$x^3 - 2^3 - 6x^2 + 12x$$

$$= (x-2)(x^2+2x+4-6x)$$

$$= (x-2)(x^2-4x+4) \text{ PST}$$

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

$$x^3 - 18x^2 + 108x - 216$$

$$(x \pm a)^3 = x^3 - 6x^2 + px + q$$

must be, when added together, factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$

$$(x-6)(x-6)(x-6)$$

$$(x^2-6x-6x+36)(x-6)$$

$$(x^2-12x+36)(x-6)$$

$$x^3 - 12x^2 + 36x - 6x^2 + 72x - 216$$

\therefore the value of p

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is 12 and the value of q is -8.

11. The height, width and length of a **small** box are consecutive integers with the height being the smallest of the three dimensions. If the width and length are increased by 1 cm each and the height is doubled, then the volume of the box is increased by 120 cm^3 . Determine the dimensions of the original **small** box. Show all steps. [6 Marks]

Let x be the height, $x+1$ be length and $x+2$ be width.

$$V = (x+1)(x+2)(x) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$V+120 = [(x+1)+1][(x+2)+1](2x)$$

$$V+120 = (x+2)(x+3)(2x) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$(x+1)(x+2)(x)$$

$$(x^2+2x+x+2)(x)$$

$$x^3+3x^2+2x$$

$$(x+2)(x+3)(2x)$$

$$(x^2+3x+2x+6)(2x)$$

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

$$2x^3+10x^2+12x$$

$$(x+2)(x+3)(2x) - (x+1)(x+2)(x) = 120$$

$$2x^3+10x^2+12x - (x^3+3x^2+2x) = 120$$

$$x^3+7x^2+10x = 120$$

$$x^3+7x^2+10x-120 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3+7x^2+10x-120$$

$$f(3) = 0$$

$\therefore x-3$ is a factor, F.T.

$$f(x) = (x-3)(x^2+10x+40)$$

$$x = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{(-10)^2 - 4(1)(40)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{-60}}{2}$$

COMMUNICATION

← inadmissible since there are imaginary.

$$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 5, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 10, \pm 12,$$

$$x-3 \overline{) x^3+7x^2+10x-120}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3-3x^2 \\ \hline 10x^2+10x \\ 10x^2-30x \\ \hline 40x-120 \end{array}$$

$$40x-120$$

$$40x-120$$

$$0$$

\therefore the dimensions are height 3cm, length 4cm and width 5cm.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3 \rightarrow \text{height} \\ \text{length} &= x+1 \\ &= 3+1 \\ &= 4 \\ \text{width} &= x+2 \\ &= 3+2 \\ &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]

12. Compare the average and instantaneous rates of change.

Both the average rate of change and instantaneous rate of change are slopes on graphs.

The average rate of change is a secant; a line between 2 points on a graph while the instantaneous rate of change is a tangent; a line that passes through 1 point.

Four marks are awarded for use of appropriate mathematical form throughout the assessment.

[4 marks]

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