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### Polynomial Equations and Inequalities (2)

1. Factor fully.

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| <p>a. <math>x^3 - x^2 + x - 1</math><br/> <math>= x^2(x-1) + (x-1)</math><br/> <math>= (x^2+1)(x-1)</math></p>                                      | <p>e. <math>5x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 4</math> root: <math>\frac{2}{5}</math><br/> <math>= (5x-2)(x^2+x-2)</math><br/> <math>= (5x-2)(x+2)(x-1)</math></p>   |
| <p>b. <math>2x^3 + 11x^2 + 12x - 9</math> root: <math>\frac{1}{2}</math><br/> <math>= (2x-1)(x^2+6x+9)</math><br/> <math>= (2x-1)(x+3)^2</math></p> | <p>f. <math>x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x - 60</math> root: <math>2</math><br/> <math>(x-2)(x^2+11x+30)</math><br/> <math>(x-2)(x+5)(x+6)</math></p>   |
| <p>c. <math>x^3 - 7x - 6</math><br/> <math>= (x-3)(x^2+3x+2)</math><br/> <math>= (x-3)(x+1)(x+2)</math></p>   | <p>g. <math>x^4 - 5x^2 + 4</math> let <math>x^2 = w</math><br/> <math>w^2 - 5w + 4</math><br/> <math>(w-1)(w-4) = (x^2-1)(x^2-4)</math><br/> <math>= (x-1)(x+1)(x-2)(x+2)</math></p>                   |
| <p>d. <math>3x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 24</math> root: <math>2</math><br/> <math>3(x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 8)</math><br/> <math>-3(x-2)(x^2+x+4)</math></p>        | <p>h. <math>x^4 + 3x^3 - 38x^2 + 24x + 64</math> root: <math>2</math><br/> <math>= (x-2)(x^3+5x^2-28x-32)</math><br/> <math>= (x-2)(x-4)(x^2-9x+8)</math><br/> <math>= (x-2)(x-4)(x-8)(x+1)</math></p> |

$$4 \begin{array}{r} 5-28-32 \\ 4 \quad 36 \quad 32 \\ 1 \quad 9 \quad 8 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

2. Determine the values of  $m$  and  $n$  if  $3x^2 - x - 2$  is a factor of the polynomial  $3x^4 + mx^3 - 19x^2 + nx + 12$ .

Express the polynomial in factored form.

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

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

$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 19x^2 + 8x + 12$$

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

$$f(1) = 0 = 3 + m - 19 + n + 12 = m + n - 4$$

$$m + n = 4 \quad n = 4 - m$$

$$f\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 0 = \frac{16}{27} - \frac{8m}{27} - \frac{76}{9} - \frac{2n}{3} + 12$$

$$-\frac{8m}{27} - \frac{2n}{3} = -\frac{112}{27}$$

$$4m + 9(4-m) = 56$$

$$4m + 36 - 9m = 56$$

$$-5m = 20$$

$$m = -4$$

$$n = 8$$

$$8m + 18n = 112$$

$$4m + 9n = 56$$

3. If  $x-2$  and  $x+2$  are factors of  $6x^3+ax^2+bx+16$ , determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$ , and any remaining factors.

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= 0 = 48 + 4a + 2b + 16 \quad (1) \\ f(-2) &= 0 = -48 + 4a - 2b + 16 \quad (2) \\ (1) - (2) &: 96 + 4b = 0 \quad b = -24 \\ a &= -4 \\ f(x) &= 6x^3 - 4x^2 - 24x + 16 \\ &= (x-2)(6x^2 + 8x - 8) \\ &= (x-2)(x+2)(6x-4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 6 & -4 & -24 & +16 \\ & & 12 & 16 & -16 \\ \hline & 6 & 8 & -8 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 6 & 8 & -8 \\ & & -12 & 8 \\ \hline & 6 & -4 & 0 \end{array}$$

4. Given  $f(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 2$ . If  $k$  is a non-zero real root of  $f(x) = 0$ , show that  $\frac{1}{k}$  is also a root.

Symmetric polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} f(k) &= 0 \quad 2(k)^4 + 3(k)^3 - 5(k)^2 + 3(k) + 2 = 0 \\ f\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) &= 0 \quad 2\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^4 + 3\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^3 - 5\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) + 2 = 0 \\ \therefore k \neq 0 \quad k^4 \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) &= 2 + 3(k) - 5(k)^2 + 3(k)^3 + 2(k)^4 = f(k) = 0 \\ f\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) &= f(k) \quad \therefore \frac{1}{k} \text{ is a root} \end{aligned}$$

5. Find all possible roots of the polynomial equation where  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $\leftarrow$  complex

- a.  $2x^3 + 5x^2 + 14x + 6 = 0$   
b.  $8x^4 = x$   
c.  $x^2(4x^2 + 17) = 15$

a) root:  $-\frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & 2 & 5 & 14 & 6 \\ & & -1 & -2 & -6 \\ \hline & 2 & 4 & 12 & 0 \end{array}$$

b)  $8x^4 - x = 0$   
 $8x(x^3 - \frac{1}{8}) = 0$   
 $8x(x - \frac{1}{2})(x^2 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4}) = 0$   
 $x = 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x + \frac{1}{2})(2x^2 + 4x + 12) \\ &= (2x + 1)(x^2 + 2x + 6) \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 + 2x = -6$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = -5$$

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

$$x+1 = \pm \sqrt{-5}i$$

$$\text{roots: } -\frac{1}{2}, -1 \pm \sqrt{5}i$$

c)  $4x^4 + 17x^2 - 15$  let  $w = x^2$   
 $(4w - 3)(w + 5) = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
 $\text{or } \pm \sqrt{5}$

6. Sketch a possible graph for each polynomial function, using the intercepts and end behavior of the function.

a.  $y = 2x^3 - 12x^2 + 18x$

b.  $y = -x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 4$

c.  $y = x^4 - 8x^2 + 16$

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

b)  $-(x-4)(x-1)(x+1)$

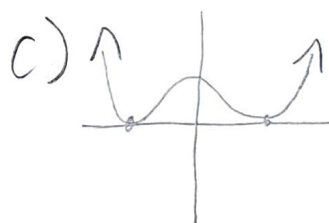
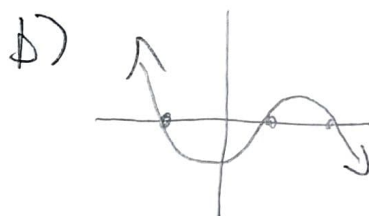
c) let  $w = x^2$

$w^2 - 8w + 16$   
 $= (w-4)^2$

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



7. Explain why



a.  $15x^5 + 4x^4 + 9x^2 + 7x + 380 = 0$  has at least one real root.

b.  $5x^6 + 3x^4 + 8x^2 + 120 = 0$  has no real roots.

a) it has an odd degree

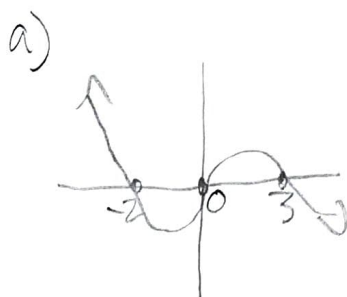
b) all terms have even deg, and  
 $+$ . Thus they are greater than 0.  
 The graph is also shifted up by 120



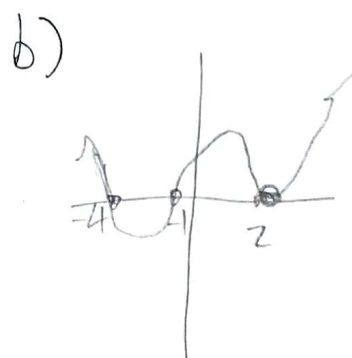
8. Solve each of the following polynomial inequalities using a graphical approach,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

a.  $-2x(x+2)(x-3) < 0$

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



$x \in (-2, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$



$x \in [-4, -1] \cup \{2\}$

9. Solve each of the following polynomial inequalities using an interval sign table,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

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

a)  $\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & < -3 & & < 1 & & < 5 & & > 5 \\ & & - & & & + & & - & & + \end{array}$   
 $x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup [1, 5]$

b.  $-3(x+4)(x-3)^3 > 0$

b)  $\begin{array}{ccc} < -4 & < 3 & > 3 \\ & - & & + & & - \end{array}$   
 $x \in (-4, 3)$

10. Suppose  $P(x)$  is a quadratic whose coefficients are all odd integers. Prove that  $P(x)=0$  has no rational roots.

$$P(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, \quad a, b, c \text{ are odd}$$

let  $\frac{m}{n}$  be a rational root

$$m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0$$

$$0 = P\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = a\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^2 + b\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) + c$$

$$P\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) \cdot n^2 = am^2 + bmn + cn^2$$

By rational root theorem  $n|a$  and  $m|c$

$\therefore a, c$  are odd and all divisors and factors of odd #'s are odd

$\therefore m, n$  are odd

$$\underbrace{0}_{\text{even}} = \underbrace{am^2}_{\text{odd}} + \underbrace{bmn}_{\text{odd}} + \underbrace{cn^2}_{\text{odd}}$$

The terms sum to an odd number, but 0 is even  
 $\therefore P(x)=0$  has no rational roots