

Polynomial functions

Factor the function completely. Use synthetic division to check the possible zeros.

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

2. $h(x) = x^3 - x^2$

3. $j(x) = 2x^4 - 6x^3 - 56x^2 + 120x$

4. $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 12x$

5. $g(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2$

Sketch the graph of each polynomial function.

6. $P(x) = -4x^3 + 12x^2 - 8x$



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



8. $R(x) = x^5 - x^4$



ANSWERS

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

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

3. $2x(x - 2)(x + 5)(x - 6)$

4. $x(x + 3)(x + 4)$

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