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1.(a)Solve quadratic equations using factorization

(i) $4x^2 - 16x + 15 = 0$, (ii) $x^2 + 10x + 25 = 0$ (iii) $x^2 - 10x + 24 = 0$

(b) Solve quadratic equations by completing the square.

(i) $2x^2 + 2x + 5 = 0$ (ii) $5x^2 + 1 = 2x$ (iii) $10 = 3x - x^2$ (iv) $4x^2 - x = 8$

(c) Solve the following quadratic equations by using the quadratic formula, giving the solutions in simplified Surd form.

(i) $5x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$ (ii) $7x^2 + 9x + 1 = 0$ (iii) $4x^2 - 7x = 2$ (iv) $25z^2 - 30z = -9$

2. (a)Sketch the graphs of the following equations

(i) $y = x^2 + 3x + 2$ (ii) $y = -x^2 + 6x + 7$ (iii) $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x + 5$ (iv) $f(x) = 2x^2 + 2x + 5$

(b)For what values of k will the function $f(x) = x^2 + 6x + k$

(i)cuts the x-axis twice (ii)touch the x-axis (iii)have no x intercepts

(c) For the quadratic $f(x) = 7 + 4x - 2x^2$, find

(i)The equation of the axis of symmetry (ii) Coordinates of the vertex (iii) the x and y intercepts.
Hence ,sketch the graph of the function.

3. Solve the following pairs of simultaneous equations:

(i) $x + y = 6$, $x^2 + y^2 = 26$ (ii) $x + 2y = 7$, $x^2 - 4x + y^2 = 1$

(iii) $\frac{x}{3} - \frac{y}{2} = 1$, $\frac{3}{x} + \frac{2}{y} = \frac{3}{2}$ (iv) $\frac{x}{4} - \frac{y}{3} = 1$, $\frac{16}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = 3$

4.a) Given that for all values of x :

$3x^2 + 12x + 5 = p(x + q)^2 + r$. Find the values of p, q and r

b) Find, as surds, the roots of the equation:

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

c) The equation $px^2 - 2(p + 3)x + p - 1 = 0$ has real roots. What is the range of values of p?

d) Find the values of k if the equation $x^2 + (k - 2)x + 10 - k = 0$ has equal roots

e) What is the largest value m can have if the roots of $3x^2 - 4x + m = 0$ are real ?

f) Show that the equation $a^2x^2 + ax + 1 = 0$ can never have real roots .

g) If the equation $x^2 - (p - 2)x + 1 = p(x - 2)$ is satisfied by only one value of x , What are the possible values of p

h) What type of roots does the equation $5x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$ have ?

i) For what values of k will the x -axis be a tangent to the curve $f(x) = kx^2 + (1 + k)x + k$

j) With these values, find the equations of the curve

5. Show that the solution of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

6. a) Determine the nature of the curves, find the turning point and sketch the following

(i) $y = -2 + 2x - x^2$ (ii) $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x - 4$ (iii) $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$ (iv) $f(x) = 5 - 2x - 4x^2$

b) If the minimum values of $x^2 + 4x + k$ is -7 , find the value of k .

c) The function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ has a maximum value of 4 where $x = -1$. find the value of a and b

d) The function $f(x) = 1 + bx + ax^2$ has a maximum value of 4 where $x = -1$. Find the value of a and b .

e) The function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ has a minimum value of $-5\frac{1}{4}$ where $x = \frac{1}{4}$ and $f(0) = -5$. Find the values of a , b and c .

f) Express $5 - x - 2x^2$ in the form $a - b(x + c)^2$ and hence or otherwise find its maximum value and the value of x where this occurs

7 a) Let α and β be the roots of the quadratic equation $4x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$

(i) Find the sum $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}$

(ii) Find a quadratic equation whose roots are α^2 and β^2

b) The roots of the equation $x^2 - px - 7 = 0$ are α and β , write down in terms of p an equation whose roots are $\alpha^2 + p\alpha^2$ and $\beta^2 + p\beta^2$

c) The roots of the equation $2x^2 + 6x - 15 = 0$ are α and β . Find the value of

(i) $(\alpha + \beta)(\beta + 1)$ (ii) $\alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2$ (iii) $(\alpha - \beta)^2$ (iv) $\frac{1}{2\alpha + \beta} + \frac{1}{\alpha + 2\beta}$ (v) $\frac{1}{\alpha^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{\beta^2 + 1}$

(vi) $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ (vii) $\frac{1}{\alpha^3} - \frac{1}{\beta^3}$

d) if α and β are the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, Show that $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$ and that $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$. Hence show that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \frac{b^2 - 2ac}{a^2}$ and that $\alpha - \beta = \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{a}$

f) if α and β are the roots of $3x^2 + 2x + 5 = 0$, Find new equations with the roots

(i) $3\alpha, 3\beta$ (ii) $\frac{1}{\alpha^2}, \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ (iii) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ (iv) $\frac{1}{\alpha^3}, \frac{1}{\beta^3}$

POLYNOMIALS

1. a) Find the remainder when
 - i) $4p^3 - 5p^2 + 7p + 1$ is divided by $(p - 2)$
 - ii) $x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 1$ is divided by $3x + 2$
 - iii) $z^3 - 20z + 3$ is divided by $(z - 4)$
 - iv) $-2y^4 + 2y^2 - y - 5$ is divided by $(y + 2)$
2. Express each of the following polynomials in the form $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$ where $q(x)$ is the quotient and $r(x)$ is the remainder when the polynomial $f(x)$ is the dividend and $g(x)$ is the divisor
 - i) $5 + 6x + 7x^2 - x^3$ is divided by $x + 1$
 - ii) $9x^3 + 4$ is divided by $3x + 2$
 - iii) $x^4 - 3x^2 + x + 1$ is divided by $(x - 1)$
 - iv) $x^3 - 8$ is divided by $x - 2$
3. Using synthetic division find the quotient and the remainder when
 - i) $x^3 - 2x^2 + 9$ is divided by $(x + 2)$
 - ii) $x^4 - 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x - 8$ is divided by $x - 2$
 - iii) $8x^3 - 10x^2 + 7x + 3$ is divided by $2x - 1$
 - iv) $5x^6 - x^3 - 1$ is divided by $x + 1$
 - v) $4x^7 + 3$ is divided by $x - 3$
4. Use the Rational root theorem to solve the following equations
 - i) $x^3 - 4x^2 + 8 = 0$
 - ii) $x^3 - 10x - 12 = 0$
 - iii) $2x^5 - 5x^4 + x^3 + x^2 - x + 6 = 0$
 - iv) $x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x - 4 = 0$
 - v) $x^4 + 3x - 2 = 0$
5. Verify that the following equations have no Rational solutions.
 - i) $x^4 - x^3 - 8x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$
 - ii) $x^4 + 3x - 2 = 0$
 - iii) $2x^4 - 3x^3 + 6x^2 - 24x + 5 = 0$
6. Find $f(c)$ either by using synthetic division and the remainder theorem or by evaluating $f(c)$ directly
 - i) $f(x) = 5x^6 - x^3 - 1$ and $c = -1$
 - ii) $f(x) = 4x^7 + 3$ and $c = 3$
 - iii) $f(n) = -2n^4 + 2n^n - n - 5$ and $c = -2$
 - iv) $f(t) = 5t^5 - 8t^2 + 9t - 4$ and $c = -5$
7. Use the factor theorem to answer the following
 - i) is $x - 2$ a factor of $3x^2 - 4x - 4$?
 - ii) is -3 a factor of $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 3$?
 - iii) is $x - 3$ a factor of $x^4 - 81$?
 - iv) is $x - 2$ a factor of $x^3 - 8$?
8. Use synthetic division to show that $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ and complete the factorization of $f(x)$
 - i) $g(x) = x + 2$; $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x - 12$
 - ii) $g(x) = x + 1$; $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x - 4$
 - iii) $g(x) = x - 3$; $f(x) = 6x^3 - 17x^2 - 5x + 6$
 - iv) $g(x) = x - 5$; $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 61x + 30$
- 9 i) Let $g(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + 3x + 6$. Given $g(-1) = 2$, Find the remainder when $g(x)$ is divided by $(3x - 2)$.
 - ii) The expression $3x^3 + 2x^2 - px + q$ is divided by $(x - 1)$ but leaves a remainder of 10 when divided by $(x + 1)$. Find the values of a and b .
 - iii) Solve the equation $x^3 - 7x + 6 = 0$. Hence state the solution of the equation

$$(x-2)^2 - 7(x-2) + 6 = 0$$

iv) Find the remainder in terms of p when $x^3 + px^2 - x - 2$ is divided by $x + 3$

10. Factorize each of the following polynomials

i) $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6$ ii) $3x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 2$ iii) $x^4 - 1$ iv) $x^3 - 10x - 12$

11. Find the value(s) of k that makes the second polynomial a factor of the first

i) $x^3 - kx^2 + 5x + k; x - 2$ ii) $kx^3 + 19x^2 + x - 6; x + 3$ iii) $k^2x^4 + 3kx^2 - 4; x - 1$
iv) $x^3 + 4x^2 - 11x + k; x + 2$

12. The remainder and factor theorem are true for any complex value of \square .

Find \square

a) by using synthetic division and the remainder theorem and

b) by evaluating $f(c)$ directly.

i) $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 1$ and $c = i$

ii) $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 2$ and $c = 2 - 3i$

iii) $f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 2$ and $c = 1 + i$

c) i) Show that $x - 2i$ is a factor of $f(x) = x^4 + 6x + 8$

ii) Show that $x + 3i$ is a factor of $f(x) = x^4 + 14x^2 + 4513$

Given that $2x^3 - 7x^2 + 7x - 5 = A(x-1)^3 + Bx(x-1) + C$ for all values of x , find the values A , B and C .

LINEAR, QUADRATIC AND RATIONAL INEQUALITIES AND EQUATIONS

1. Solve each of the following equations

i) $\frac{3x}{2x-1} - 4 = \frac{x}{2x-1}$ ii) $\frac{6}{x+3} + \frac{20}{x^2+x-6} = \frac{5}{x-2}$ iii) $\frac{4}{x-2} + \frac{x}{x+1} = \frac{x^2-2}{x^2-x-2}$ iv) $\frac{3y}{y^2+y-6} + \frac{2}{y^2+4y+3} = \frac{y}{y^2-y-2}$
v) $\frac{-1}{2x-5} + \frac{2x-4}{4x^2-25} = \frac{5}{6x+15}$

2. Solve each of the following equations

i) $\sqrt[3]{2x+3} + 3 = 0$ ii) $n^{-2} = n^{-3}$ iii) $x^{3/2} = 4x$ iv) $\sqrt{1+2\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{x+1}$

v) $\sqrt{2x-1} - \sqrt{x+3} = 1$ vi) $p = \sqrt{-4p+17} + 3$ vii) $\sqrt{-2x-7} + \sqrt{x+9} = \sqrt{8-x}$

viii) $x^4 - 25x^2 + 144 = 0$ xi) $x^{2/3} + x^{1/3} - 2 = 0$ xiii) $12t^{-2} - 17t^{-1} - 5 = 0$

xiv) $x^{-2} + 4x^{-1} - 12 = 0$ xv) $2x - 11\sqrt{x} + 12 = 0$ xvi) $x + 3\sqrt{x} - 10 = 0$

3. Solve each of the following inequalities.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{i)} \quad \frac{4x-3}{6} + \frac{2x-1}{12} > \frac{2}{15} & \text{ii)} \quad -3 \leq \frac{4x+3}{2} \leq 1 \quad \text{iii)} \quad \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x-1}{5} \geq \frac{x+2}{10} - 4 \quad \text{iv)} \quad -2 \leq \frac{5-3x}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{iv)} \quad 3 \geq \frac{7-x}{2} \geq 1 \end{array}$$

4. Find the set of values of x for which

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{i)} \quad 2x - 3 < 5 & \text{ii)} \quad 5x + 6 \leq -12 - x \quad \text{iii)} \quad x(5 - x) \geq 3 + x - x^2 \\ \text{iv)} \quad 2(x - 5) \geq 3(4 - x) & \text{v)} \quad 1 + 11(2 - x) < 10(x - 4) \end{array}$$

5. Find the set of values of x for which

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(i)} \quad 3(x - 2) > x - 4 \text{ and } 4x + 12 > 2x + 17 & \text{(ii)} \quad 15 - x < 2(11 - x) \text{ and } 5(3x - 1) > 12x + 19 \\ \text{(iii)} \quad 3x + 8 \leq 20 \text{ and } 2(3x - 7) \geq x + 6 \end{array}$$

6. Find the set of values of x for which

$$\text{i)} \quad x^2 - 11x + 24 < 0 \quad \text{ii)} \quad x^2 + 7x + 12 \geq 0 \quad \text{iii)} \quad 11 < x^2 + 10 \quad \text{v)} \quad x(x + 11) < 3(1 - x^2)$$

7. Find the set of values of x for which

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{i)} \quad x^2 - 7x + 10 < 0 \text{ and } 3x + 5 < 17 & \text{ii)} \quad 4x^2 - 3x - 1 < 0 \text{ and } 4(x + 2) < 15 - (x + 7) \\ \text{iii)} \quad x^2 - x - 6 > 0 \text{ and } 10 - 2x < 5 & \text{iv)} \quad x^2 - 2x - 3 < 0 \text{ and } x^2 - 3x + 2 > 0 \end{array}$$

8. Solve each of the following inequalities, expressing the set of solution sets in interval notation.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{i)} \quad \frac{x+2}{x+4} \leq 0 & \text{ii)} \quad \frac{3x+2}{x-1} > 0 & \text{iii)} \quad \frac{x}{x-1} > 2 & \text{iv)} \quad \frac{1}{x-2} < \frac{1}{x+3} \quad \text{v)} \quad \frac{2}{x+1} > \frac{3}{x-4} \end{array}$$

9. Solve each of the following equations

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{i)} \quad \left| \frac{3}{k-1} \right| = 4 & \text{ii)} \quad \left| x + \frac{1}{4} \right| = \frac{2}{5} & \text{iii)} \quad |3x - 1| = |2x + 3| \\ \text{iv)} \quad |-4n + 5| = |-3n - 5| & \text{v)} \quad |-2n + 1| = |-3n - 1| & \text{vi)} \quad \left| \frac{-2}{n+3} \right| = 5 \quad \text{vii)} \quad \left| \frac{x+1}{x-2} \right| = -2 \end{array}$$

10. Solve each of the following inequalities, expressing the set of solution sets in interval notation

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{i)} \quad |x| \geq 4 & \text{ii)} \quad |2x - 1| \leq 7 & \text{iii)} \quad |t - 3| > 5 & \text{iv)} \quad |x - 1| + 2 < 4 \quad \text{v)} \quad |x + 4| - 1 > 1 \quad \text{vi)} \quad \left| \frac{x+1}{x-4} \right| < 3 \\ \text{vii)} \quad \left| \frac{x+4}{x-5} \right| \geq 3 & \text{viii)} \quad \left| \frac{n+2}{n} \right| \geq 4 & \text{ix)} \quad |x - 1| > 1 - x^2 & \text{x)} \quad |x + 1| + |x - 2| \leq 5 \\ \text{xi)} \quad \left| \frac{x+1}{x^2+2x+2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} & \text{xii)} \quad 2x - x^2 \geq |x - 1| - 1 & \text{xiii)} \quad |3 - |x|| \leq |3 - \frac{1}{3}x^2| \end{array}$$

11. On the same diagram, draw the graphs of $y = |3x|$ and $y = |x - 3|$ for the domain $-2 \leq x \leq 3$. Hence solve the equation $|3x| = |x - 3|$.

12. The range of the function $y = |x - 1|$ is $0 \leq y \leq 3$. Find a possible domain. What is the Widest Possible domain?

13. Redefine each of the following modulus functions by removing the modulus, hence sketch the graph of each function:

i) $f(x) = -2|5x - 4|$ ii) $h(x) = |3x + 1| + |2x - 3|$ (iii) $k(x) = |2x - 1| - |x + 2|$

14.(a) Sketch the following modulus functions and determine their domain and range

i) $f(x) = |2x - 1| + 3$ ii) $f(x) = |x^2 + 5x + 4| - 2$ (iii) $f(x) = |-3x^2 - 2x + 1| + 1$

iv) $f(x) = |x^2 + x - 6| - 3$ v) $f(x) = |-3x + 1| + 1$

(b) For each of the following functions $y = f(x)$, sketch the graph of $y = f(|x|)$ and determine their domain and range

(i) $f(x) = x^2 - 4x$ (ii) $f(x) = 1 + \sqrt{x+2}$ (iii) $f(x) = 3 + (x-2)^2$ (iv) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x-1}, & x < 1 \\ \sqrt{x+2}, & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$

(v) $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x^2 - 2x|, & x \geq 1 \\ |x| - 1, & x < 1 \end{cases}$ (vi) $f(x) = x|x|$

APPLICATIONS OF QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

15. What are the dimensions of the largest rectangular field which can be enclosed by 1200 m of fencing?

16. A window is to be constructed in the shape of a rectangle surmounted by a semicircle. If the perimeter of the window is 540 cm, find its dimensions for maximum area.

17. If the profit p in the manufacturing and sale of x units of a product is given by

$$P(x) = 200x - 0.001x^2,$$

- (i) Find the number x that yields the maximum profit.
- (ii) Find the maximum profit if each item is sold at K 1.50
- (iii) Sketch the graph of the function P

18. Solve each of the following inequalities involving radical functions.

(a) $10 - \sqrt{2x+7} \leq 3$

(b) $3 \leq \sqrt{2x+5} < 6$

(c) $\sqrt{2x+9} - \sqrt{9+x} > 0$

(d) $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{x+6} \leq -\sqrt{x}$

(e) $\sqrt{x-3} > \sqrt{x+4} - 1$

(f) $3 + \sqrt{2x-7} \leq 6$

(g) $\sqrt{2x+5} < \sqrt{9+x}$

(h) $\sqrt{x+3} + \sqrt{x+7} > 4$