

Chapter 6 Polynomial Functions

6.0 Pre-assessment

Match each of the vocabulary terms on the left with the appropriate letter and definition on the right.

1. coefficient

2. like terms

3. root of an equation

4. x -intercept

5. maximum of a function
- A. the y -value of the highest point of the graph of the function

B. the horizontal number line that divides the coordinate plane

C. the numerical factor in a term

D. a value of the variable that makes the equation true

E. terms that contain the same variables raised to the same powers

F. the x -coordinate of a point where the graph intersects the x -axis.

Evaluate each expression.

6. 6^4

7. -5^4

8. $(-1)^5$

9. $\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$

Evaluate each expression for the given value of the variable.

10. $x^4 - 5x^2 - 6x - 8$ for $x = 3$

12. $2x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 4$ for $x = \frac{1}{2}$
11. $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 29x - 30$ for $x = -2$

13. $3x^4 + 5x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x - 1$ for $x = -1$

Multiply or divide.

14. $2x^3y \cdot 4x^2$

15. $-a^2b \cdot ab^4$

16. $\frac{-7t^4}{3t^2}$

17. $\frac{3p^3q^2r}{12pt^4}$

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10. 10 11. 0 12. 0 13. -1 14. $8x^5y$ 15. $-a^3b^5$ 16. $-\frac{3}{2}t^2$ 17. $\frac{p^2q^2r}{4t^2}$

6.1 Polynomials

Objective: Identify and classify polynomials

Definition 6.1.1. A **monomial** is a number or a product of numbers and variables with whole number exponents. A **polynomial** is a monomial or a sum or difference of monomials. The **degree of a monomial** is the sum of the exponents of the variables.

Polynomials:	$3x^4$	$2z^{12} + 9z^3$	$\frac{1}{2}a^7$	$0.15x^{101}$	$3t^2 - t^3$
Not Polynomials:	3^x	$ 2b^3 - 6b $	$\frac{8}{5y^2}$	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x}$	$m^{0.75} - m$

Example 1. Identify the degree of each monomial.

- (a) x^4 (c) $4a^2b$
 (b) 12 (d) x^3y^4z

Definition 6.1.2. The **degree of a polynomial** is given by the term with the greatest degree. A polynomial is in standard when its terms are written in descending order of degree. The **leading coefficient** the coefficient of the first term in standard form.

$$5x^3 + 8x^2 + 3x - 17$$

Definition 6.1.3. A polynomial with two terms is called a **binomial**, and a polynomial with three terms is called a **trinomial**.

Classifying Polynomials by Degree		
Name	Degree	Example
Constant	0	-9
Linear	1	$x - 4$
Quadratic	2	$x^2 + 3x - 1$
Cubic	3	$x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 1$
Quartic	4	$2x^4 + x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 1$
Quintic	5	$7x^5 + x^4 - x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x - 1$

Example 2. Rewrite each polynomial in standard form. Then identify the leading coefficient, degree, and number of terms. Name the polynomial.

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| <p>(a.) $2x + 4x^3 - 1$</p> <p>Standard Form:</p> <p>Leading Coefficient:</p> <p>Degree:</p> <p>Terms:</p> <p>Name:</p> | <p>(b.) $7x^3 - 11x + x^5 - 2$</p> <p>Standard Form:</p> <p>Leading Coefficient:</p> <p>Degree:</p> <p>Terms:</p> <p>Name:</p> |
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Example 3. Add or subtract. Write your answer in standard form.

- (a.) $(3x^2 + 7 + x) + (14x^3 + 2 + x^2 - x)$ (b.) $(1 - x^2) - (3x^2 + 2x - 5)$

Polynomials (day 2)

Objective: Evaluate and Graph Polynomials

You Try It! 1. Add or subtract. Write your answer in standard form.

(a) $(-36x^2 + 6x - 11) + (6x^2 + 16x^3 - 5)$

(b) $(5x^3 + 12 + 6x^2) + (15x^2 + 3x - 2)$

Example 4. Cardiac output is the amount of blood pumped through the heart. The output is measured by a technique called dye dilution. A doctor injects dye into a vein near the heart and measures the amount of dye in the arteries over time.

The cardiac output of a particular patient can be approximated by the function

$$f(t) = 0.0056t^3 - 0.22t^2 + 2.33t,$$

where $f(t)$ represents the concentration of dye (in milligrams per liter).

(a) Evaluate $f(t)$ for $t = 0$ and $t = 3$.

(b) Describe what the values of the function in part (a) represent.

Example 5. Graph each polynomial on a graphing calculator. Describe the graph, and identify the number of real zeros.

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

(b) $f(x) = -3x^3 + 2x + 1$

(c) $h(x) = x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$

(d) $k(x) = x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 3$

6.2 Multiplying Polynomials

Objective: To Multiply Polynomials and Binomial Expansion

Example 1. Find each product.

(a) $3x^2(x^3 + 4)$

(b) $ab(a^3 + 3ab^2 - b^3)$

Example 2. Find each product.

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

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

Binomial Expansion

Example 3. Find the product.

$(x + y)^3$

Binomial Expansion	Pascal's Triangle (Coefficients)
$(a + b)^0 =$ 1	1
$(a + b)^1 =$ 1 $a +$ 1 b	1 1
$(a + b)^2 =$ 1 $a^2 +$ 2 $ab +$ 1 b^2	1 2 1
$(a + b)^3 =$ 1 $a^3 +$ 3 $a^2b +$ 3 $ab^2 +$ 1 b^3	1 3 3 1
$(a + b)^4 =$ 1 $a^4 +$ 4 $a^3b +$ 6 $a^2b^2 +$ 4 $ab^3 +$ 1 b^4	1 4 6 4 1
$(a + b)^5 =$ 1 $a^5 +$ 5 $a^4b +$ 10 $a^3b^2 +$ 10 $a^2b^3 +$ 5 $ab^4 +$ 1 b^5	1 5 10 10 5 1

Example 4. Expand each expression using Pascal's triangle.

(a) $(y - 3)^4$

(b) $(4z + 5)^3$

6.3 Dividing Polynomials

Objective: Use long and synthetic division to divide polynomials.

Example 1. Divide using arithmetic long division.

(a) $12 \overline{)277}$

You Try It! 2. Divide.

(b) $8 \overline{)347}$

Example 2. Divide using long division.

(a) $(4x^2 + 3x^3 + 10) \div (x - 2)$

(b) $(15x^2 + 8x - 12) \div (3x + 1)$

Example 3. Divide using synthetic division.

(a) $(4x^2 - 12x + 9) \div \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)$

(b) $(6x^2 - 5x - 6) \div (x + 3)$

Example 4. Use synthetic substitution to evaluate the polynomial for the given value.

(a) $P(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x - 5$ for $x = 4$

(b) $P(x) = 4x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x + 5$ for $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

6.3 (day 2)

Objective: Use long and synthetic division to divide polynomials.

You Try It! 3. Divide using long division.

(a) $(2x^2 + 7x + 7) \div (x + 2)$

(b) $(x^2 + 5x - 28) \div (x - 3)$

Example 5. Divide using synthetic division.

(a) $(x^2 - 3x - 18) \div (x - 6)$

(b) $(x^4 - 7x^3 + 9x^2 - 22x + 25) \div (x + 3)$

Remainder Theorem	
Theorem	Example
If the polynomial function $P(x)$ is divided by $x - \mathbf{a}$, then the remainder r is $P(\mathbf{a})$.	Divide $x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x + 1$ by $x - 3$ <div><div><div>3</div><div>1</div><div>-4</div><div>5</div><div>1</div></div><div><div>↓</div><div>3</div><div>-3</div><div>6</div></div><div><div>1</div><div>-1</div><div>2</div><div>7</div></div></div> <div>$P(\mathbf{3}) = \mathbf{7}$</div>

Example 6. Use synthetic substitution to evaluate the polynomial for the given value.

(a) $P(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 4$ for $x = -3$

(b) $P(x) = 5x^2 + 9x + 3$ for $x = \frac{1}{5}$

6.2 & 6.3 Review**Objective:** Multiply and Divide Polynomials

Find each product.

1. $3x^2(2x^2 + 9x - 6)$

2. $(2x + 5y)(3x^2 - 4xy + 2y^2)$

Expand each expression. (Use Pascal's triangle)

3. $(x - 3y)^3$

4. $(x - 2)^5$

Divide.

5. $7 \overline{)647}$

6. $9 \overline{)3452}$

Use long division to divide the polynomials. Write as Quotient + Remainder/Divisor.

7. $(2x^2 + 3x - 20) \div (x - 2)$

8. $(x^4 + 6x^3 + 6x^2) \div (x + 5)$

Use synthetic division to divide the polynomials. Write as Quotient + Remainder/Divisor.

9. $x^4 - 3x^3 - 7x - 14) \div (x - 4)$

10. $(x^2 + 9x + 6) \div (x + 8)$

Use synthetic substitution (The Remainder Theorem) to evaluate the polynomial for the given value.

11. $P(x) = 4x^3 - 5x^2 - x + 2$ for $x = -1$

12. $P(x) = 25x^2 - 16$ for $x = \frac{4}{5}$

13. $P(x) = 4x^3 - 5x^2 - x + 2$ for $x = -1$

14. $P(x) = 25x^2 - 16$ for $x = \frac{4}{5}$

6.4 Factoring Polynomials

Objective: Use the Factor Theorem to determine factors of a polynomial.

Factor Theorem	
Theorem	Example
For any polynomial $P(x)$, $(x - a)$ is a factor of $P(x)$ if and only if $P(a) = 0$.	Because $P(1) = 1^2 - 1 = 0$, $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $P(x) = x^2 - 1$.

Example 1. Determine whether the given binomial is a factor of the polynomial $P(x)$.

(a) $(x - 3)$; $P(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$

(b) $(x + 4)$; $P(x) = 2x^4 + 8x^3 + 2x + 8$

Example 2. Factor by grouping.

(a) $x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 12$

(b) $x^3 - 2x^2 - 9x + 18$

You Try It! 4. Factor by grouping

(a) $2x^3 + x^2 + 8x + 4$

(b) $8y^3 - 4y^2 - 50y + 25$

6.4 (day 2) Factoring

Objective: Factor the sum and difference of two cubes.

Factoring The Sum and Difference of Two Cubes	
Method	Algebra
Sum of two cubes	$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
Difference of two cubes	$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

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same
opposite
always
positive

$(a \pm b)^3 = (a \pm b)(a^2 \mp ab + b^2)$

Example 3. Factor each expression using sum or difference of cubes.

- (a) $5x^4 + 40x$
- (b) $8y^3 - 27$

You Try It! 5. Factor each expression using sum or difference of cubes.

- (a) $8 + z^6$
- (b) $2x^5 - 16x^2$

6.4 Review of Factoring

Objective: Factor using the sum and difference of two cubes, difference of square, grouping, and GCF.

Factor using the greatest common factor (GCF).

1. $2x^5 - 6x^3$

3. $14x^3 - 49x^2 - 28x$

2. $5x^3 - 10x$

4. $27x^5 - 18x^4 + 9x^3$

Factor using difference of squares.

5. $q^2 - r^2$

8. $x^4 - y^4$

6. $25a^2 - 64b^2$

9. $a^6 - b^6$

7. $81x^2 - 100y^2$

10. $4x^4 - 9y^6$

Factor using sum and difference of cubes.

5. $x^3 - y^3$

8. $64x^3 + 125y^3$

6. $r^3 + s^3$

9. $a^6 - b^6$

7. $8a^3 - 27b^3$

10. $x^6 + y^6$

Factor using grouping.

5. $6x^3 + 2x^2 + 9x + 3$

7. $4x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x - 18$

6. $7x^3 - 35x^2 + 8x - 40$

8. $16x^3 - 64x^2 - 25x + 100$

6.5 Finding Real Roots of Polynomial Equations

Objective: Identify the multiplicity of roots, Use the Rational Root Theorem to solve polynomial equations.

Example 1. Solve each polynomial equation by factoring.

(a) $3x^5 + 18x^4 + 27x^3 = 0$

(b) $x^4 - 13x^2 = -36$

You Try It! 6. Solve each polynomial equation by factoring.

(a) $2x^6 - 10x^5 - 12x^4 = 0$

(b) $x^3 - 2x^2 - 25x = -50$

Definition 6.5.1. The **multiplicity** of root r is the number of times that $x - r$ is a factor of $P(x)$. Even multiplicity means the graph “touches” the x -axis at the root but does not cross. Odd multiplicity means the graph crosses the x -axis at the root.

Example 2. Identify the roots of each equation. State the multiplicity of each root.

(a) $x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 27 = 0$

(b) $-2x^3 - 12x^2 + 30x + 200 = 0$

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Objective:

Definition 6.6.1. Definition

Example 1. Example

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Objective:

Definition 6.7.1. Definition

Example 1. Example

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Objective:

Definition 6.8.1. Definition

Example 1. Example

6.9

Objective:

Definition 6.9.1. Definition

Example 1. Example