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## Polynomial Functions Unit 3

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**Big idea**

~~Fri Oct. 18~~  
~~Mon. Oct. 21~~

In this unit will you extend your knowledge from linear, quadratic and cubic functions (learned in gr9-11) to general polynomial functions. Recall that the quadratic function can be written in 3 forms – factored, expanded/standard and vertex forms. When you study polynomials you will also use all three of these forms. The vertex form will just be called the transformed form since a polynomial function may have many turning points, not just one vertex as a parabola did. You will learn that polynomial functions can be described by their end-behaviour, symmetry, number of zeros and number of turning points. You will be introduced to how to sketch the polynomial function from factored form as well as how to find the equation from a given graph. The main part of this unit will be to learn how to factor polynomials, which can be a long process involving long division or synthetic division. You will not learn how to find where exactly the turning points will occur – that is part of calculus.

parent  $x^3$

Corrections for the textbook answers:

Sec 3.2 #12 get rid of the word range  
Sec 3.3 #14 graph is wrong in answer  
Sec 3.4 #6f) (-11, -3), (-4, -2), (10, 6)

**Success Criteria**

I understand the new topics for this unit if I can do the practice questions in the textbook/handouts

Date	pg	Topics	# of quest. done? You may be asked to show them	Questions I had difficulty with ask teacher before test!
Oct. 3-4	1-5	INVESTIGATIONS Polynomials, Expanded and Factored Forms Section 3.1 & 3.2 & TWO Handouts	?	
Oct. 7	6-7	Graphing and Finding Equations Section 3.3 & TWO Handouts	?	
Oct. 8	8-10	Transformed Form of Polynomial Functions Section 3.4 & Handout		
Oct. 10	11-12	Long Division & Synthetic Division Section 3.5 & TWO Handouts		
Oct. 15	13-15	Theorems and Applications THREE Handouts		
Oct. 16	16-18	Factoring Polynomials Section 3.6 & TWO Handouts		
Oct. 17	19-20	Factoring Sum & Difference of Cubes Section 3.7 & Handout		
Oct. 18		REVIEW		

Oct. 21 - TEST

Reflect – previous TEST mark \_\_\_\_\_, Overall mark now \_\_\_\_\_.

## What is a Polynomial Function?

1. How can you tell if the equation or graph or table that is given is of a polynomial function?

Equation: expanded version of polynomial equation has every term in a form of  $ax^n$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Graphs: Continuous + smooth graph with infinite end behaviour.

Table: polyn of "degree"  $n$  will have  $n^{\text{th}}$  constant difference

2. Identify whether the following are considered to be polynomial functions.



a.  $y = 2x^1 - bc^0$  yes

b.  $f(x) = 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} - x$  NO.

c.  $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  not a whole # exp.

d.  $y = x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 11$  YES

e.  $y = -0.2(4x-3)(x+3)$  YES.

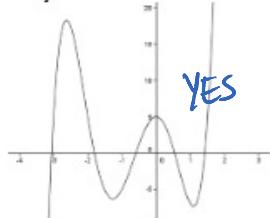
f.  $y = x^{-3} + 2x^2 - x^{-1} + 11$  NO.

g.  $x = -6$  vertical line  
not a function

h.  $y = 2x^0$  YES.

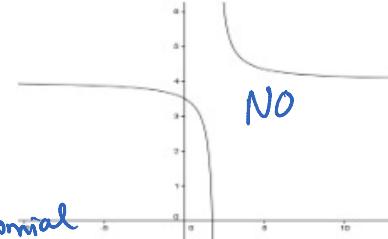
i.  $y = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$  NO  $\frac{1}{x}$

j.

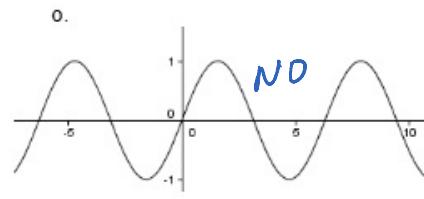
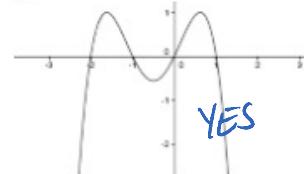
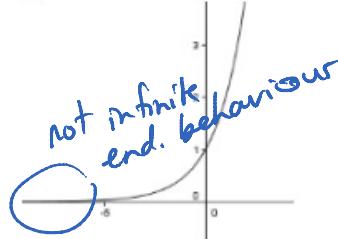


x	y	$\Delta y$	$\Delta \Delta y$
-3	-27	+19	+12
-2	-8	+7	+6
-1	-1	+1	+6
0	0	+1	+6
1	1	+1	+6
2	8	+7	+6

... cubic polynomial



m.



3. How can you find the degree and the leading coefficient of a polynomial? Explain using these examples

$y = 3x - 9x^3 + 10x^6 - x^2 + 8$

$y = -2(x-4)(3x^3 - x^2)(1-x^4)$

$y = 10x^6 - 9x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 8$

rough:  $-2(x)(3x^3)(-x^4) = 6x^8$

Leading Coefficient = L.C. = 10

$\therefore \text{L.C.} = 6$

Degree = Deg = 6

Deg = 8

transformed ( $x$  appears once!)  
factored  
standard/expanded

Name:  $5(-3x)^6 - 1(-4x)^3$

try  
factored  
standard / expanded

Name: 5(-3x)^4  
3645x^6-1(-4x)^3

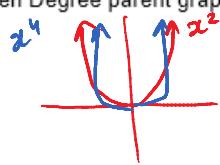
4. Identify the form of the polynomial, the degree and the leading coefficient.

a. $y = (x+1)(1-2x)(3x^2+x^3+1)$	b. $y = x^5 - 3x + 7x^4 - 9x^5 + 1$	c. $y = (1-3x)^4 + 8$	d. $y = -(1-4x)^3$
Form: factored L.C. = -10 Deg = 8	standard L.C. = -9 Deg = 5	transformed L.C. = 3645 Deg = 6	transf. or factored L.C. = 64 Deg = 3

### INVESTIGATE Transformed Form of Polynomials.

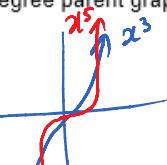
5. Investigate how does the degree affect the shape of the graph?

- a. Even Degree parent graphs:



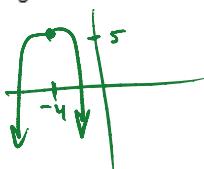
\* if x appears once the graph will resemble these parent shapes.

- b. Odd Degree parent graphs:

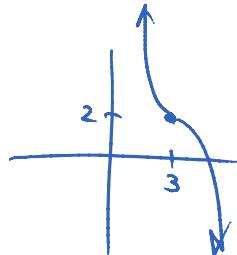


6. How do you think the following functions will look?

a.  $y = -(x+4)^4 + 5$   
reflect in x-axis  
left up

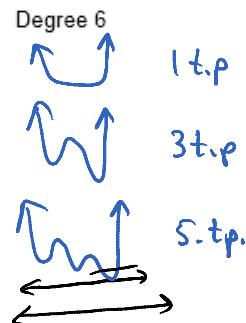
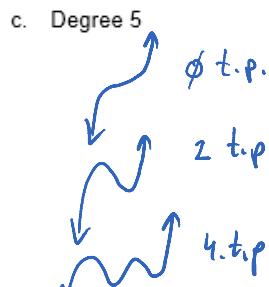
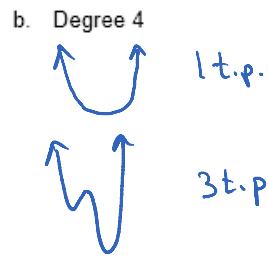
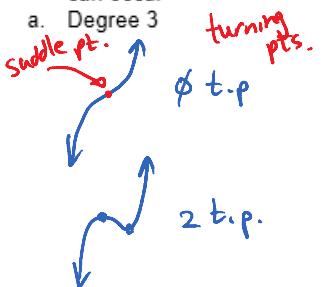


b.  $y = -0.1(x-3)^5 + 2$   
- reflect in x-axis  
- vertical compress.  
right up



### INVESTIGATE Standard/Expanded Form of Polynomials.

7. Using technology, investigate how does having many terms affect the shape of the graph. Draw all possible twists that can occur



8. Investigate how does the leading coefficient affect the end behaviour of the graph?

ODD degree + pos. L.C.  $\uparrow$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow \infty$   
neg. L.C.  $\downarrow$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow \infty$   
as  $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$

EVEN. pos L.C.  $\uparrow$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, y \rightarrow \infty$   
neg L.C.  $\downarrow$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$

9. What conclusions can you make about the range of polynomial graphs?

Odd deg. range:  $y \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $(-\infty, \infty)$

Even. Deg. range:  $y \in \mathbb{R}, y \geq \text{Abs. Min}$   
 $y \leq \text{Abs. Max.}$

10. Summarize

Absolute maximum/minimum can only occur for EVEN. degree polynomials.

A polynomial of EVEN degree  $n$  can have at least none and at most  $n$  zeros.A polynomial of EVEN degree 8 can have  $+5, 3, 1$  turning pointsA polynomial of ODD degree  $n$  can have at least  $b_n$  and at most  $n$  zeros.A polynomial of ODD degree 11 can have  $10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 0$  turning points.

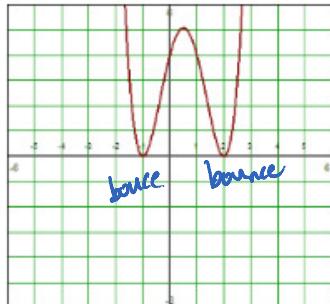
**INVESTIGATE Factored Form of Polynomials.**

As you may have noticed from above, polynomial graphs behave near the x-axis in several different ways: The graph can "bounce off", "cut through", or "bend near the roots (zeros)".

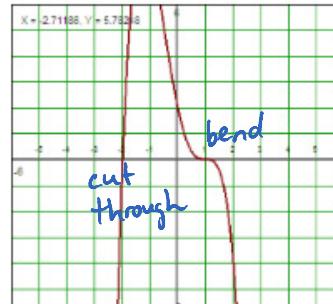
11. For each graph and equation given find the relationship between the power of the factor in the equation and whether the graph would "bounce", "cut" or "bend" through zeros.



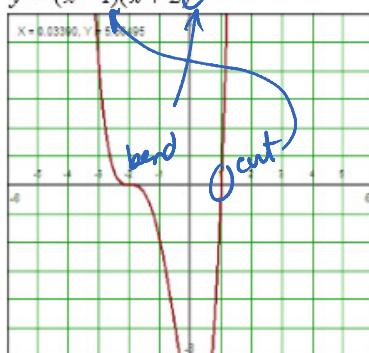
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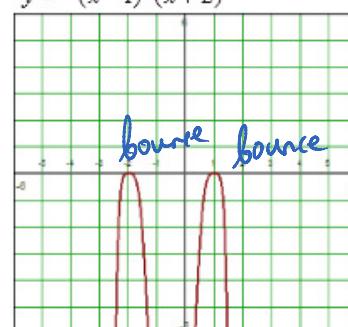
2.  $y = -(x-1)^3(x+2)$



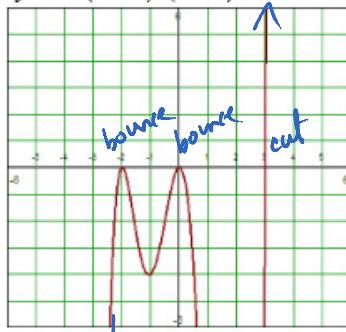
3.  $y = (x-1)(x+2)^3$



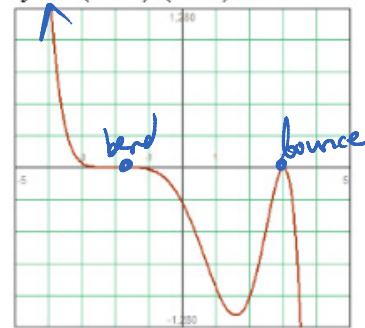
4.  $y = -(x-1)^4(x+2)^4$



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



6.  $y = -(x+2)^5(x-3)^2$



12. Summarize:

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

When a polynomial function has a repeated even root, the graph of the function bounce at that root i.e. looks quadratic near the zero

When a polynomial function has a repeated odd root greater than 1, the graph of the function bend at that root. i.e. looks cubic near the zero

When a polynomial function has a root of order 1, the graph of the function cut through at that root. i.e. look linear near the zero.

**INVESTIGATE Symmetry of Polynomials.**

13. You just finished looking at Odd and Even Degree Polynomials. Please don't confuse the words Odd Function with Odd Degree Function. These are totally different concepts. Recall what you learned about symmetry: summarize here how something can have odd symmetry, or even symmetry or neither symmetry – graphically and algebraically.

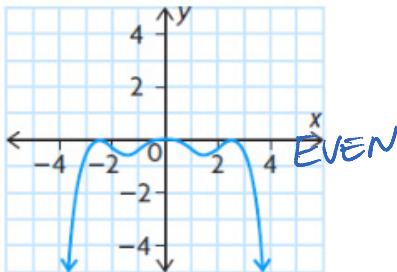
**Odd function :  $-f(-x) = f(x)$**       **Even function :  $f(-x) = f(x)$**

ex. or

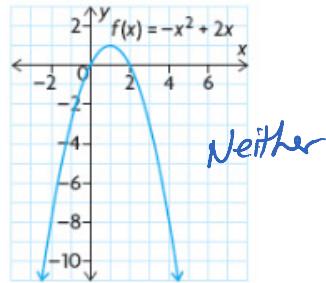
14. For each graph or equation given determine the degree & symmetry.



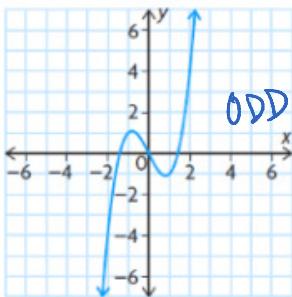
a.  $f(x) = -0.01(x - 0.5)(x + 0.5)(x - 2.5)^2(x + 2.5)^2$



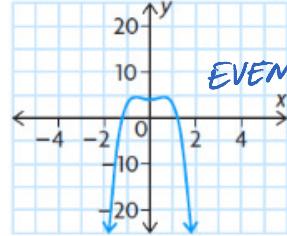
b.



c.  $f(x) = x(x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{2})$



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



e.  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 1$   
 even  $f(-x) = (-x)^4 - 2(-x)^2 + 1 = x^4 - 2x^2 + 1$   
 odd  $-f(x) = - (x^4 - 2x^2 + 1) = -x^4 + 2x^2 - 1$   $\therefore$  EVEN

f.  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$   
 $f(-x) = (-x)^2 - 3(-x) + 4 = x^2 + 3x + 4$   
 $-f(x) = - (x^2 - 3x + 4) = -x^2 + 3x - 4$   $\therefore$  Neither.



g.  $f(x) = x^5 - 3x^3 + 9x$   
 $f(-x) = (-x)^5 - 3(-x)^3 + 9 = -x^5 + 3x^3 + 9$   
 $-f(x) = - (x^5 - 3x^3 + 9) = -x^5 + 3x^3 - 9$   $\therefore$  neither

h.  $f(x) = x^5 - 3x$   
 $f(-x) = (-x)^5 - 3(-x) = -x^5 + 3x$   
 $-f(x) = - (x^5 - 3x) = -x^5 + 3x$   $\therefore$  odd



15. Summarize:

Odd degree polynomial can have odd or neither symmetry. It will be symmetric only if expanded form has all odd powers on each  $x$ .

Even degree polynomial can have even or neither symmetry. It will be symmetric only if expanded form has all even powers on each  $x$ , constant #s have  $x^0$  on them.

## Graphing and Finding Equations

### Standard

1. Summarize the steps of sketching polynomials given expanded form. Explain what details you still don't know about the graph.

① Find degree + L.C. this will give you the end behaviours

② Sketch all possible ways the polyn can "twist" in the middle.

From standard form we can't know exactly how many "twists" / t.p. zeros

2. Sketch each of the following



a.  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 5x^5 + x - 1$

Deg = 5  
L.C. = -5

t.p.: 4, 2, 0



c.  $f(x) = 11x - 9x^4 + 10x^7$

Deg = 7  
L.C. = 10

t.p. 6, 4, 2, 0



b.  $f(x) = 3 - 7x + 8x^4 - x^3$

Deg = 4  
L.C. = 8

t.p. = 3, 1

d.  $f(x) = -6x^6 + 8x^2 - x^3 + 9$

Deg = 6  
L.C. = -6

t.p. 5, 3, 1



3. Summarize the steps of sketching polynomials given factored form. Explain what details you still don't know about the graph

① Find deg + L.C. to figure out + sketch end behaviour

② Find the zeros and look at the powers on each factor to determine whether it bounces/cuts/bends near that zero.

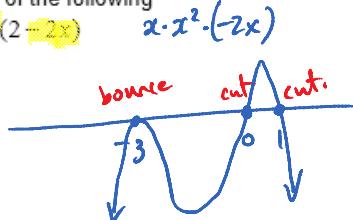
Factored form does not tell you how high/low t.p. are.

4. Sketch each of the following



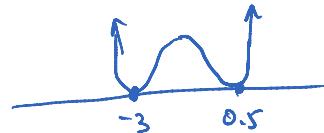
a.  $y = (x+3)(2-x)$

Deg: 4  
L.C. = -2



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

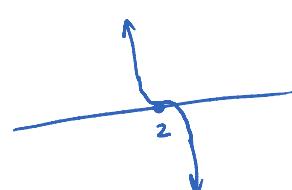
Deg: 4  
L.C. = 16



c.  $y = (2-x)^3$

Deg = 3  
L.C. = -1

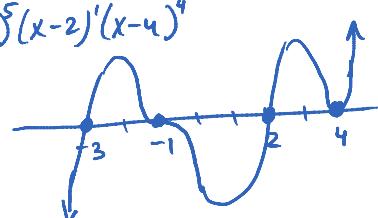
$$\begin{aligned} & (-x+2)^3 \\ & 1(-1(x-2))^3 + 0 \end{aligned}$$



- d. positive leading coefficient,  
zeros at -3, -1 (order 5), 2, 4 (order 4)

$$+ (x+3)^1(x+1)^5(x-2)^1(x-4)^4$$

Deg 11  
L.C. (+)



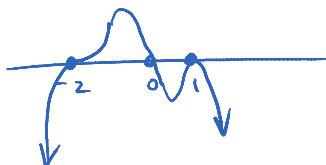
Sketch each of the following



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

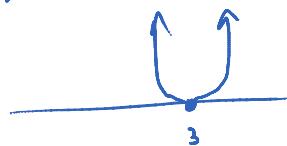
$$-x(x)^3(-x)^4 = -x^8$$

Deg = 8  
L.C. = -1



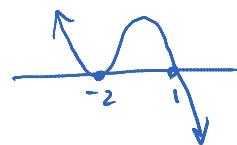
g.  $y = (6-2x)^4$

Deg = 4  
L.C. = 16



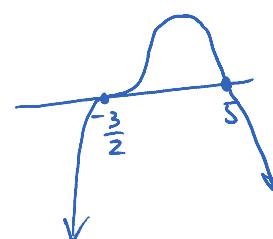
f.  $y = -3(2x+4)^2(x-1)$

Deg = 3  
L.C. = -12



h.  $y = (2x+3)^3(5-x)$

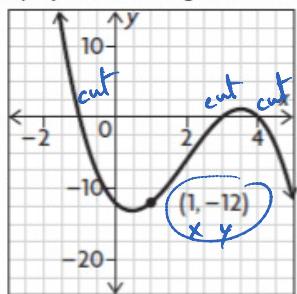
Deg = 4  
L.C. = -8



5. Find the equations for the given graphs



a. polynomial of degree 3 with the following graph



$$y = a(x+1)(x-3)(x-4)$$

$$-12 = a(1+1)(1-3)(1-4)$$

$$-12 = a(2)(-2)(-3)$$

$$-12 = +12a$$

$$\textcircled{-1 = a} \quad \therefore y = -1(x+1)(x-3)(x-4)$$



b. The function is cubic with zeros at 4(order 2) and -1 and with a y-intercept of 10.

$$y = a(x-4)^2(x+1)$$

$$10 = a(0-4)^2(0+1)$$

$$10 = 16a$$

$$\frac{5}{8} = a$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{5}{8}(x-4)^2(x+1)$$

6. The function  $f(x) = kx^3 + 20x^2 - 8x - 96$  has a zero when  $x = -3$ . Determine the value of  $k$ .

$$0 = k(-3)^3 + 20(-3)^2 - 8(-3) - 96$$

$$0 = -27k + 108$$

$$-108 = -27k$$

$$\textcircled{4 = k}$$

## Transformed Form of Polynomials

1. Write out the transformed form of a polynomial of degree n. Summarize what type of transformations the letters control and recap the steps of transforming a function.

$$y = a [k(x-d)]^n + c$$

\* Factor out "k" to see "d" (there should be a bracket between k and x.)

a → reflection in x-axis  $a < 0$   
 a → vertical stretch  $|a| > 1$  / compress  $|a| < 1$   
 K → reflect in y-axis  $k < 0$   
 K → horiz. stretch  $|k| < 1$  / compress  $|k| > 1$   
 d → shift left/right  
 c → shift up/down

Accurate graphs:  $\frac{x}{k} + d$   $y = a \cdot$

Sketch: can ignore stretch/compressions.

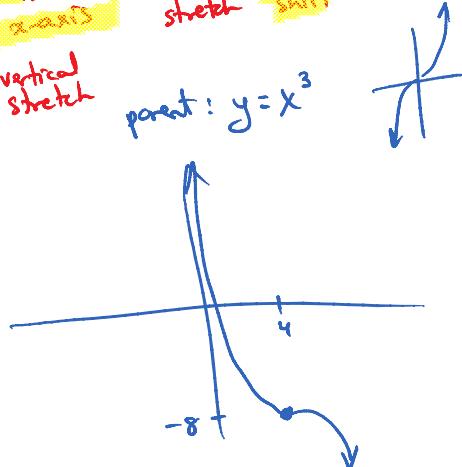
2. Sketch the following

a.  $f(x) = -2\left(\frac{1}{4}x - 1\right)^3 - 8$

$$= -2\left[\frac{1}{4}(x-4)\right]^3 - 8$$

a  
 K  
 horiz. stretch  
 right shift  
 down shift

parent:  $y = x^3$

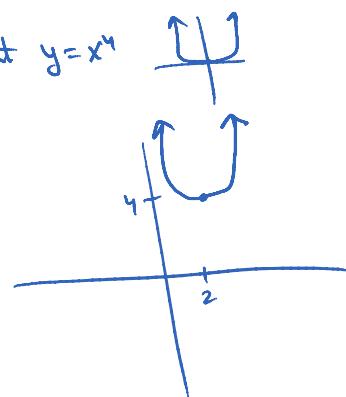


b.  $f(x) = 3(10 - 5x)^4 + 4$

$$= 3[-5(x-2)]^4 + 4$$

up  
 right  
 vertical stretch  
 reflect in y-axis  
 horiz. compress

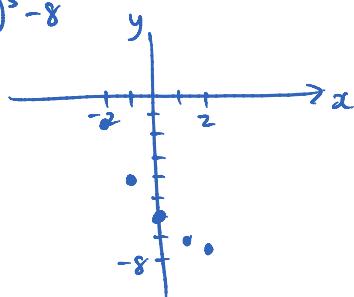
parent  $y = x^4$



3. Explain why it is important to follow the steps outlined above instead of just taking the x values below and just plugging them into the equation. Use question a. as an example in your explanation.

x	y
-2	-1.25
-1	-4.1
0	-6
1	-7.2
2	-7.8

$$y = -2\left(\frac{1}{4}x - 1\right)^3 - 8$$

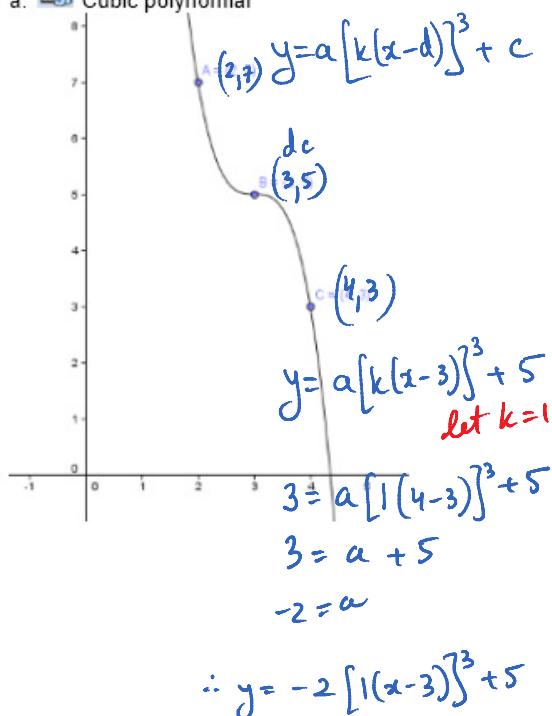


Transformations are important since they provide a better picture of the "interesting" part of the graph.

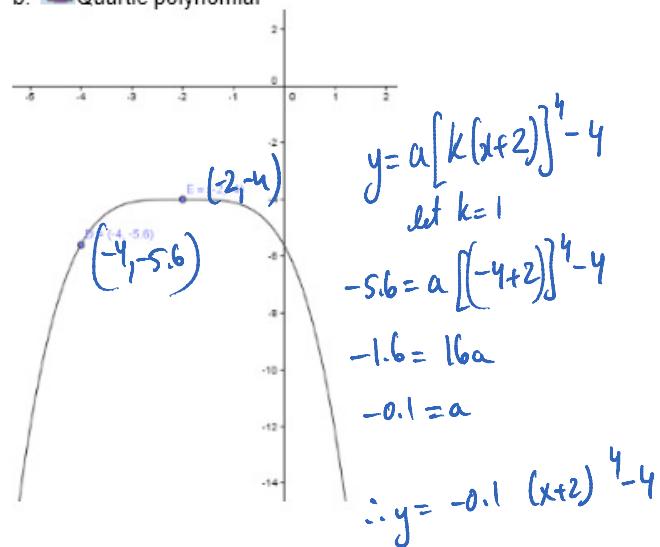
When finding "a" or "k" - you can let one of them be ONE, and solve for the other (except for sinusoids)

4. Find the equations for the following graphs. Be careful not all pictures represent a transformed form of a parent!!!

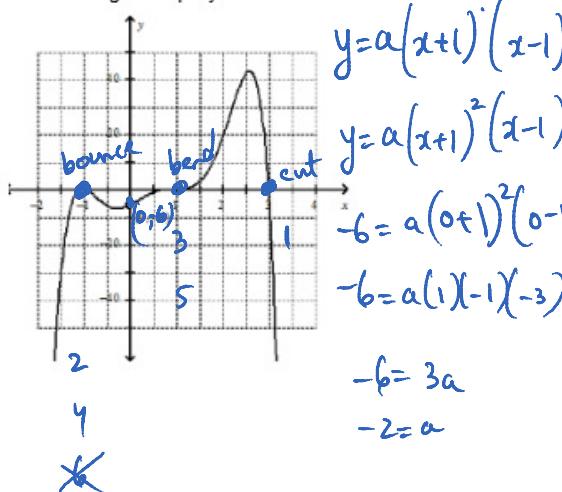
a. Cubic polynomial



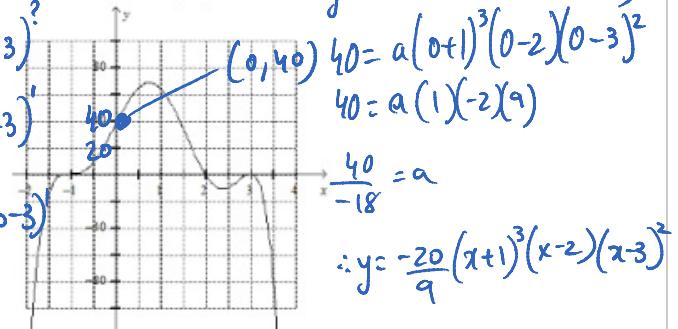
b. Quartic polynomial



c. Degree 6 polynomial



d. Degree 6 polynomial



$$\therefore y = -2(x+1)^2(x-1)^3(x-3)$$

5. Determine the zeros of the following polynomials

a.  $y = 3(4x-8)^4 - 243$  sub  $y=0$

$$0 = 3(4x-8)^4 - 243$$

$$\frac{243}{3} = \frac{3(4x-8)^4}{3}$$

$$\pm\sqrt[4]{81} = \sqrt[4]{(4x-8)^4}$$

$$\pm 3 = 4x-8$$

$$\frac{\pm 3 + 8}{4} = \frac{4x}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{11}{4} \text{ or } x = \frac{5}{4}$$

b.  $y = 2(2x-10)^3 + 128$

c. Why can't the above method be used on the following  $y = -5x^4 - 4x^2 + 1$ ?

Impossible to isolate for  $x$  using SAMDEB when  $x$  appears many times.

d. What method do you know of that could help you find the roots of  $y = -5x^4 - 4x^2 + 1$ ?

$$y = -5a^2 - 4a + 1 \quad \text{let } a = x^2$$

$$0 = (-5a+1)(a+1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \\ | \\ 1 \\ \text{one neg} \end{array}$$

$$0 = (-5x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 1)$$

$$0 = (1 - 5x^2)(x^2 + 1)$$

$$0 = (1 + \sqrt{5}x) \underbrace{(1 - \sqrt{5}x)}_{x\sqrt{5}} (x^2 + 1)$$

$$1 + \sqrt{5}x = 0 \quad 1 - \sqrt{5}x = 0 \quad x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{N/A.}$$

e. Would the method you used for d. work on  $y = -5x^4 - 4x^3 + 1$ ?

this is not a pseudo-quadratic  
so we don't know  
how to factor this

*Wait 2 more lessons.*

## Long Division and Synthetic Division of Polynomials

1. Remind yourself how to do long division with numbers, since the same approach will be used for polynomial division.

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- a. Identify where the following terms would be located on the long division table: Quotient, Divisor, Dividend, Remainder, then find the quotient and remainder.

b. State the formula that relates all of these terms together and modify it to the one that has dividend – which will always be the function,  $f(x) -$  [isolated]

$$\frac{\text{Dividend}}{\text{Divisor}} = \frac{\text{Quotient} \times \text{Divisor} + \text{Remainder} \times \text{Divisor}}{\text{Divisor}}$$

$$\frac{25697}{4} = 6424 + \frac{1}{4}$$

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$$\text{Dividend} = (\text{Quotient})(\text{Divisor}) + \text{Remainder}$$

2. Provide an explanation of how to do long division.

- ① Fill in any missing terms with zeros.
  - ② Divide only 1st terms you see
  - ③ Multiply the result of step ② with whole divisor
  - ④ Subtract
  - ⑤ Repeat after dropping next term

3. Provide an explanation of how to do synthetic division.

- ① Record the "root" of divisor outside and only coefficients of dividend inside for missing terms use 0
  - ② Carry down 1<sup>st</sup> coefficient.
  - ③ Multiply ... } see an example  
w/ ④ Add ...

4. Divide using long division, write down the result in

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a.  $(2x^4 - 5x^2 + 3) \div (x + 4)$

$$\text{b. } (12x^4 - 6x^3 - x + 81) \div (3x^2 - 9)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{---} \\ -100x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\therefore 2x^4 - 5x^2 + 3 = (2x^3 - 8x^2 + 27x - 108)(x+u) + 435$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 4x^2 - 2x + 12 \\
 \hline
 3x^2 + 0x - 9 \longdiv{12x^4 - 6x^3 + 0x^2 - x + 81} \\
 \underline{-12x^4 + 0x^3 + 36x^2} \\
 \hline
 -6x^3 + 36x^2 - x \\
 \underline{+6x^3 + 0x^2 + 18x} \\
 \hline
 36x^2 - 19x + 81 \\
 \underline{-36x^2 - 0x + 108} \\
 \hline
 -19x + 189
 \end{array}$$

$\therefore \frac{12x^4 - 6x^3 - x + 81}{3x^2 - 9} = 4x^2 - 2x + 12 + \frac{-19x + 189}{3x^2 - 9}$

$$\therefore \frac{12x^4 - 6x^3 - x + 8}{3x^2 - 9} = 4x^2 - 2x + 12 + \frac{-19x + 189}{3x^2 - 9}$$

$$\text{OR} \\ |2x^4 - 6x^3 - x + 8| = (4x^2 - 2x + 12)(3x^2 - 9) - 19x + 189$$



c.  $(3x^3 - x^2 + 10x) \div (x - 2)$

d.  $(10x^3 - 14x + 5) \div (x + 1)$

$$f(x) = (3x^2 + 5x + 20)(x - 2) + 90$$

$$f(x) = (10x^2 - 10x - 4)(x + 1) + 9$$

5. Divide using synthetic division, don't forget to write down the result



a.  $(4x^5 - 2x^4 + 3x - 9) \div (x - 2)$

root → 2  
of divisor

$\begin{array}{r} 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -9 \\ \times 2 & \hline 8 & -4 & 0 & 6 & 12 & 24 \\ \hline 4 & 6 & 2 & 12 & 24 & 51 \\ \hline & & & 93 \end{array}$
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dividend  
remainder  
Quotient

$$f(x) = (4x^4 + 6x^3 + 12x^2 + 24x + 51)(x - 2) + 93$$



c.  $(x^3 - 8x^2 - 4x - 7) \div (x^2 + 1)$  non-Linear divisor ∵ synthetic doesn't work.

$f(x)$

$\begin{array}{r} x - 8 \\ x^2 + 0x + 1 \quad \boxed{x^2 + 1} \\ \hline x^3 - 8x^2 - 4x - 7 \\ - x^3 + 0x^2 + 1x \\ \hline -8x^2 - 5x - 7 \\ -8x^2 + 0x - 8 \\ \hline -5x + 1 \end{array}$
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$$\therefore f(x) = (x - 8)(x^2 + 1) - 5x + 1$$

6. What are the disadvantage(s) of long division?

- lots of writing
- subtract instead of add.

b.  $(2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 5) \div (2x + 1)$

$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 5 \quad -4 \quad -5 \\ \times -1 \quad \hline -1 \quad -2 \quad 3 \\ \hline 2 \quad 4 \quad -6 \quad -2 = R \end{array}$
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$$\therefore f(x) = (2x^2 + 4x - 6)(x + \frac{1}{2}) - 2$$

d.  $(12x^4 - 20x^3 - 4x + 24) \div (4x - 8)$

$\begin{array}{r} 12 \quad -20 \quad 0 \quad -4 \quad 24 \\ \times 2 \quad \hline 24 \quad 8 \quad 16 \quad 24 \\ \hline 12 \quad 4 \quad 8 \quad 12 \quad 48 = R \end{array}$
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$$\therefore f(x) = (12x^3 + 4x^2 + 8x + 12)(x - 2) + 48$$

7. What are the disadvantages of synthetic division?

- doesn't work for non-linear divisors
- when divisor has a coefficient on x you should be careful to record  $(x - \text{root})$  instead of original divisor.





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4. Find the remainder (without doing the division) of  $f(x) = 2x^5 + 4x^4 - 5x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$  when it is divided by  $x + 3$

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5. If the divisor is  $x^2 + 5x + 8$ , the dividend is  $x^4 - 5x^3 + 3x^2 - 7x + 11$ . Find the remainder.

$$\therefore R = -91 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore R = -152x - 349 \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark$$

6. If the dividend is  $-2x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x - 1$ , quotient is  $-2x^3 - 7x^2 - 5x - 2$  and remainder is  $-3$ , find the divisor by using comparing coefficients method.

$$-2x^4 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x - 1 = (-2x^3 - 7x^2 - 5x - 2)(ax + b) - 3$$

compare  $x^4$ 

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x^4 = -2ax^4 \\ \hline -2x^4 \quad -2x^4 \\ \text{isolate} \end{array}$$

$$(1=a) \quad \checkmark$$

compare constant term

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 = -2b - 3 \\ +3 \\ \hline 2 = -2b \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 = b \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  Divisor is  
 $(x-1)$   $\checkmark$



7. Remind yourself what is the definition of the word "factor"

↳ divides evenly

or remainder is zero.

by remainder theorem  $f(a) = 0$   $\cancel{\times}$  see this <sup>14</sup> in factor th.

**Rational Root Theorem:**

If a polynomial  $y = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$  has any rational (integer or fractional) zeros then the zeros are from the list of all combinations of  $\pm \frac{p}{q}$ , where p is an integer factor of  $a_0$  and q is an integer factor of  $a_n$ .

(Keep in mind that zeros can also be irrational – these can only be found using technology. In university you'll study how the technology is programmed to find the zeros using different approximation methods)



8. Find the list of possible zeros of

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

$$\pm \frac{p}{q}: \pm \frac{1}{1}, \pm \frac{2}{1}, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}$$

9. Find the list of possible zeros of

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 18x + 8$$

$$\pm \frac{p}{q}: \pm \frac{1}{1}, \pm \frac{2}{1}, \pm \frac{4}{1}, \pm \frac{8}{1}, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{2}{2}, \pm \frac{4}{2}, \pm \frac{8}{2}$$

**Factor Theorem:**

The polynomial  $f(x)$  has a factor  $(x - k)$  if and only if (this means the implication goes both ways)  $f(k) = 0$

Proof - "if" implication:

if  $x - k$  is a factor of  $f(x)$

then it divides into  $f(x)$  evenly

This means the remainder is zero.

By Remainder theorem  $f(k) = \text{remainder}$

Therefore  $f(k) = 0$ , since remainder is zero.

Proof - "only if" implication:

if  $f(k) = 0$

then by Remainder theorem remainder = 0

but that implies the divisor  $x - k$  goes into  $f(x)$  evenly

which means the divisor  $x - k$  is a factor.



10. Which of the numbers from the list you've made for  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 5x^2 + 5x - 2$  above, are actual zeros?

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 1 & f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) &= -\frac{7}{9} \\ f(-1) &= -15 & f\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) &= -\frac{4}{9} \\ f(2) &= 12 & f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) &= 0 \\ f(-2) &= -56 & f\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) &= -\frac{8}{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = (x - 1)(ax^2 + bx + c)$$

11. Determine if the binomial  $2x - 3$  is a factor of

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

divides evenly.

$$f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \neq 0 \quad \therefore (2x - 3) \text{ is not a factor of } f(x)$$



12. Which of the numbers from the list you've made for  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 18x + 8$  above, are actual zeros?

Use your answers to factor the polynomial completely.

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= & f(4) &= \\ f(-1) &= & f(-4) &= 0 \\ \boxed{f(2) = 0} & & f(8) &= \\ f(-2) &= & f(-8) &= \\ & & \boxed{f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0} & \\ & & f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 17.5 \end{aligned}$$

13. Determine if the binomial  $x + 4$  is a factor of

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

$$f(x) \quad f(-4) = 0 \quad \therefore (x+4) \text{ is a factor of } f(x)$$

$$f(x) = (x+4)(ax^2 + bx + c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a(x-r)(x-t)(x-s) \\ f(x) &= 2(x-2)(x+4)(x-\frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned}$$



c.  $12x^3 + 8x^2 - 3x - 2 = f(x)$

d.  $3x^3 + 8x^2 - 21x + 6$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} f: & \frac{\pm 1}{1}, \frac{\pm 2}{1} & \frac{\pm 1}{2}, \frac{\pm 2}{2} & \frac{\pm 1}{3}, \frac{\pm 2}{3} \\ & \cancel{\frac{1}{6}}, \cancel{\frac{2}{12}} & \cancel{\frac{1}{12}}, \cancel{\frac{2}{2}} & \cancel{\frac{1}{4}}, \cancel{\frac{2}{4}} \end{array}$$

try # between -1 and 1

$$f(\ ) = 0 \quad \therefore (\ ) \text{ is a factor}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (2)(x+1)(2x-1)(3x+2) \\ &\quad \text{or} \\ &= (2\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(x+\frac{2}{3}\right)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\doteq 3(x-1.4)(x+4.4)\left(x-\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &\quad \text{or} \\ &= (x-1.4)(x+4.4)(3x-1) \end{aligned}$$

When completing practice questions, you may use the following online calculator to help you check your answers, or to use to find zeros of polynomials for which you get stuck on or the ones that have only irrational solutions – textbook sometimes does give questions that are unfactorable over rationals.

<http://www.mathportal.org/calculators/polynomials-solvers/polynomial-roots-calculator.php>

desmos.com is better

4. When  $ax^3 + 3x^2 - 2x - b$  is divided by  $x - 1$ , the remainder is 1. When it is divided by  $x - 2$ , the remainder is 40. Find  $a + b$
5. For the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + kx - 16$ , the remainder from  $f(x) \div (x+1)$  is twice the remainder from  $f(x) \div (x-1)$ . Determine the value of  $k$ .

by remainder theorem  $f(1) = 1$  pt(1,1)  
 $f(2) = 40$  pt(2,40)

pt.  $1 = a(1)^3 + 3(1)^2 - 2(1) - b$

$1 = a + 3 - 2 - b$

$0 = a - b$  ①

$f(\ ) = R_1$

$f(\ ) = R_2$

$R_1 = 2R_2$   
 $f(\ ) = 2f(\ )$

pt.  $40 = 8a + 12 - 2(2) - b$

$32 = 8a - b$  ②

$0 = a - b$

$32 = 7a$

$\frac{32}{7} = a$

solve by  
elimination  
or  
substitution.

$0 = \frac{32}{7} - b$

$b = \frac{32}{7}$

$\therefore a+b$   
 $= \frac{32}{7} + \frac{32}{7}$   
 $= \frac{64}{7}$

Dif. of sq.  $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$  Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sum of sq:  $a^2 + b^2$  can't be factored

### Factoring a Sum and a Difference of Cubes

1. Develop the SUM of CUBES formula by factoring the following polynomial  $x^3 + k^3$ :  $(-k)^3 + k^3 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - kx + k^2 \\ \hline x+k \sqrt{x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + k^3} \\ - x^3 - kx^2 \\ \hline -kx^2 + 0x \\ -kx^2 - k^2 x \\ \hline k^2 x + k^3 \\ \hline k^2 x + k^3 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

dividend = (divisor)(quot) + R

$$\therefore x^3 + k^3 = (x+k)(x^2 - kx + k^2)$$

$$\boxed{a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)}$$

3. Factor the following by using the formulas developed above

a. **Eg.**

$$\frac{8}{343}x^3 - \frac{1}{216}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{7}x\right)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^3$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{7}x - \frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{4}{49}x^2 + \frac{1}{21}x + \frac{1}{36}\right)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \left(\frac{2}{7}x\right)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - kx + k^2 \\ \hline x-k \sqrt{x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - k^3} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)}$$

b. **Eg.**  $-54x^4 - 250x$  common factor  $14x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= -2x(27x^3 + 125) \\ &\quad \checkmark (3x)^3 \checkmark 5^3 \\ &= -2x(3x+5)(9x^2 - 15x + 25) \\ &\quad \quad \quad \checkmark \text{squared} \checkmark \text{sign} \end{aligned}$$

SOAP  
 same sign as the question.  
 opposite sign  
 always positive

**Eg.** C.  $(x - 5)^3 - (5x - 1)^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [(x-5) - (5x+1)] \left[ (x-5)^2 + (-5)(5x+1) + (5x+1)^2 \right] \\
 &= [x-5-5x-1] \left[ x^2 - 10x + 25 + 25x^2 - 25x - 5 + 25x^2 + 10x + 1 \right] \\
 &= [-4x-4] \left[ 31x^2 - 46x + 31 \right] \\
 &= -4(x+1)(31x^2 - 46x + 31)
 \end{aligned}$$

d.  $(2a + b)^3 + (2a - b)^3$

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