

HW 5-4 Answers

1. They are imaginary (covered in unit 4)
2. There are 4 real zeros
3. The power tells you the number of zeros,
so there are "m"

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

5. $(1 + 3x)(1 - 3x + 9x^2)$

8 - 11 See next page

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

13. $P(x) = x(x + 2)(x - 2)$

6. a. 4

b. -

c. 

7. a. 7

b. +

c. 

When you have finished checking your homework answers please do the warm-up at the top of today's notes.

1. The graph of a polynomial function never passes through the x-axis but passes through the y-axis once. What does that tell you about the zeros of the graph?

they are imaginary (covered in unit 4)

2. The graph of a polynomial function passes through the x-axis four times and the y-axis once. What does this tell you about the zeros of the graph?

there are 4 real zeros

3. Consider the polynomial $P(x) = Ax^m + Bx$. What can you determine about the number of zeros from the equation?

the power tells you the number of zeros, so there are m

In 4 & 5, factor:

4. $x^3 + 5x^2 - 5x - 25$

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

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

5. $1 + 27x^3$

$$a=1 \quad b=3x$$

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

Without your calculator:

- state degree
- state the sign of the leading coefficient
- sketch (no graph paper) the end behavior

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

a. $\frac{4}{-}$ } - even

b. $\frac{-}{-}$

c. 

7. $P(x) = 4x^7 + 2x^3 - 5x$

a. $\frac{7}{+}$ } + odd

b. $\frac{+}{+}$

c. 

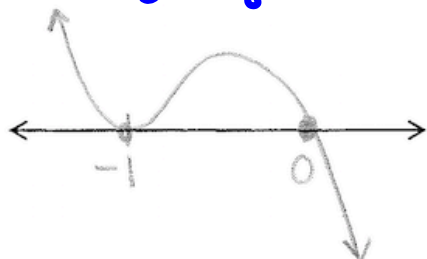
Find the zeros of each polynomial, state the multiplicity of each. Sketch (including the end behavior) - no calculators!

8. $P(x) = -x(x+1)^2$

Z	M	T/C
-1	2	T
0	1	C

- odd

3 = degree



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

Z	M	T/C
-3	1	C
1	1	C
2	2	T

+ even

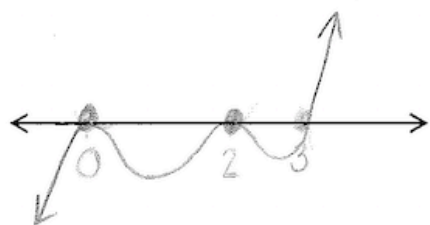
4 = degree



10. $R(x) = +x^2(x-2)^2(x-3)$

Z	M	T/C
0	2	T
2	2	T
3	1	C

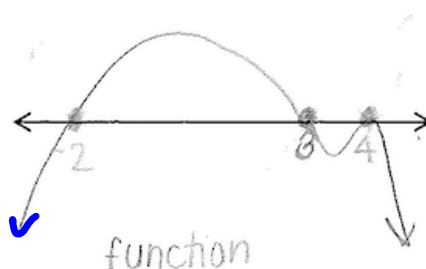
+ odd



11. $M(x) = -(x+2)^3(x-3)(x-4)^2$

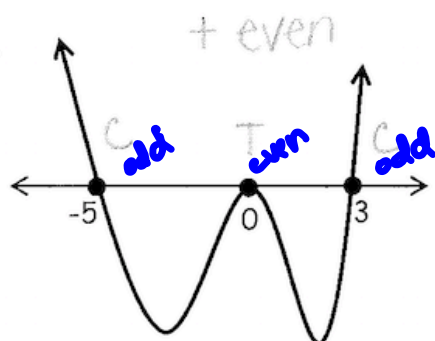
Z	M	T/C
-2	3	C
3	1	C
4	2	T

- even



Given the following graphs, write a possible polynomial equation for the graph.

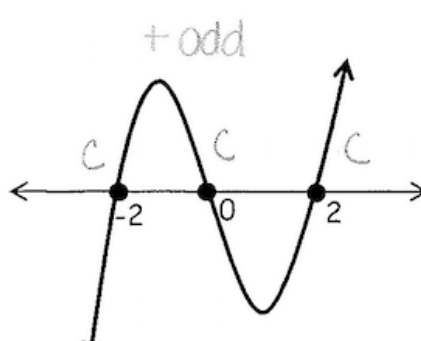
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$$P(x) = (x+5)(x)^2(x-3)$$

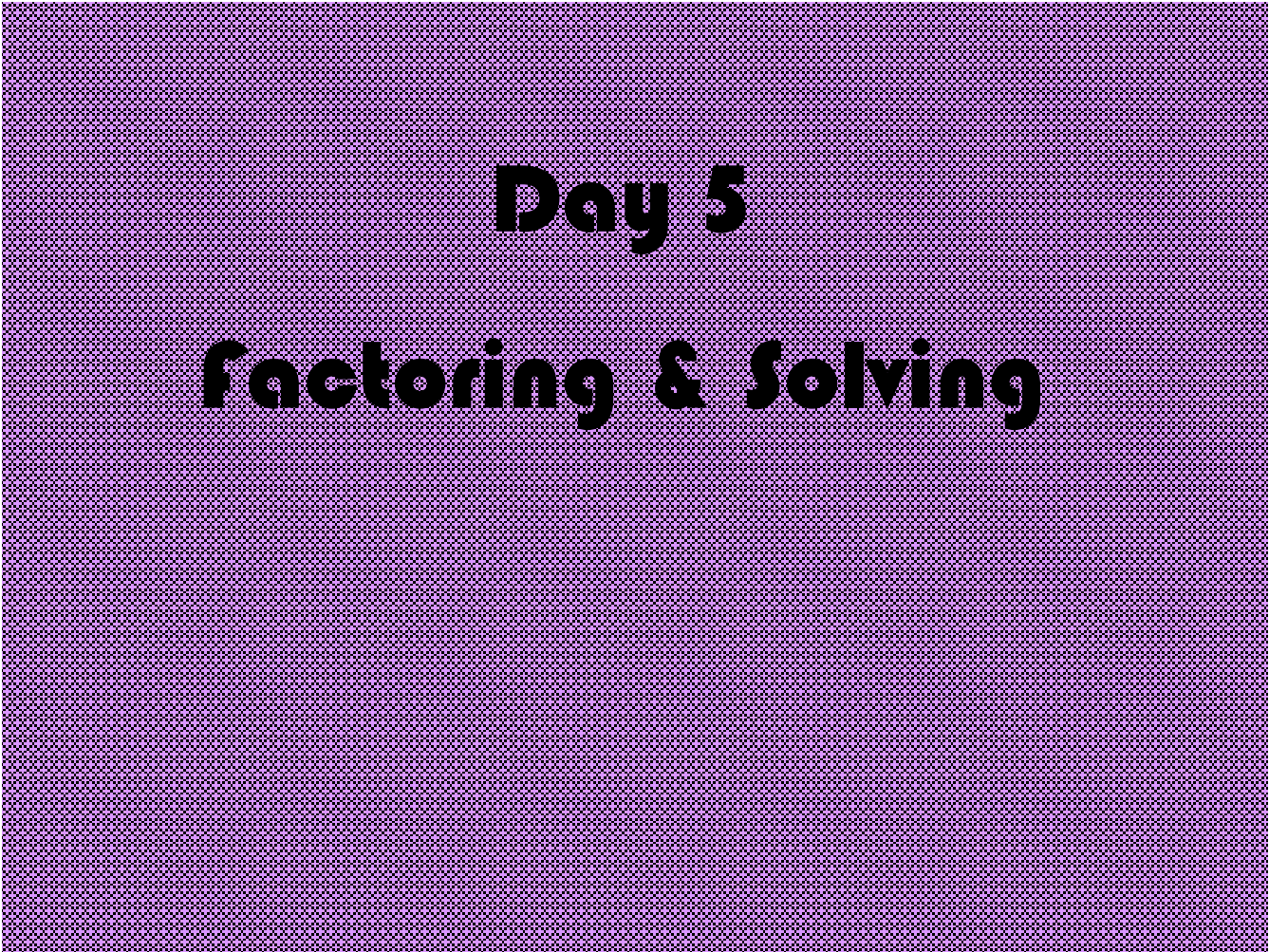
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13.



$$P(x) = (x+2)(x)(x-2)$$

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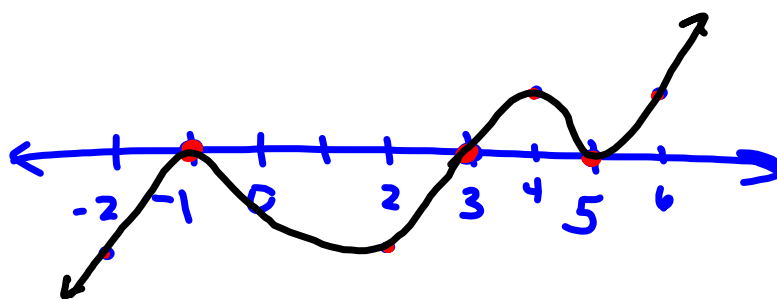
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Day 5

factoring & solving

Warm-Up:

A function f has zeros at -1 , 3 , and 5 . We know that $f(-2)$ and $f(2)$ are negative, while $f(4)$ and $f(6)$ are positive. Sketch a graph of f .



$$f(x) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{sometimes}}}{k} (x+1)^2 (x-3)^1 (x-5)^2$$

$k > 0$

You have been given a set of problems.

The directions for some say, "factor" whereas others say, "solve".

What's the difference between the two? How would you expect your answers to look?

- ① factor expressions (Not solve) ans: () ()
- ② solve equations (sometimes by factoring)
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Factor completely each of the following:

1. $x^8 - 1$ **DOTS**

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

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

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

2. $x^4 - 2x^2 + 1$

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

$$(x + 1)(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)$$

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

(hint: be careful with this one!)

3. $64x^6 - 1$ Both! Do DOTS 1st!

$(8x^3 + 1)(8x^3 - 1)$ $a = \sqrt[3]{8x^3} = 2x$
 $b = \sqrt[3]{1} = 1$

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

4. $2x^5 + x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2$

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

$x^2[x^2(2x+1) + 1(2x+1)]$

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

$$5. \frac{x^{5n}}{x^{3n}} + \frac{x^{2n}}{x^{2n}}$$

$$x^{2n}(x^{3n} + 1) \quad a = \sqrt[3]{x^{3n}} = x^n$$

$$b = \sqrt[3]{1} = 1$$

$$a^2 = (x^n)^2 = x^{2n}$$

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

$$\boxed{x^{2n}(x^n + 1)(x^{2n} - x^n + 1)}$$

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

$$\text{Let } u = x+2$$

$$2u^2 + u - 3$$

$$(2u+3)(u-1)$$

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

$$(2x+4+3)(x+1)$$

$$\boxed{(2x+7)(x+1)}$$

$$7. \quad 25x^{2n} - 625$$
$$25(x^{2n} - 25)$$
$$25(x^n - 5)(x^n + 5)$$

All of the previous problems were factorable.
If we set each of them equal to 0, only some
are solvable. Why?

#5 and #7 were not solvable
because they have 2 variables
(also one variable in exponent)

Solve each of the following (factor completely first):

1. $4x^5 - 8x^3 + 4x = 0$

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

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 4x=0 & x+1=0 & x-1=0 \\ \hline x=0 & x=-1 & x=1 \end{array}$$

$$\{0, \pm 1\}$$

2. $x^6 - 16x^2 = 0$

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

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} x^2=0 & x^2+4=0 & x+2=0 & x-2=0 \\ \hline x=0 & \sqrt{x^2=-4} & x=-2 & x=2 \\ & x=\pm 2i & & \end{array}$$

$$\{0, \pm 2i, \pm 2\}$$

$$3. \quad x^4 - 13x^2 + 36 = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x-2)(x+3)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} x+2=0 & x-2 & x+3 & x-3 \\ \hline x=-2 & & & \end{array}$$

$$\{ \pm 2, \pm 3 \}$$

$$4. \quad 3x^4 - 24x = 0$$

$$3x(x-2)(x^2+2x+4) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 3x=0 & x-2=0 & x^2+2x+4=0 \\ \hline x=0 & x=2 & \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2 \pm i\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac$$

$$4 - 4(1)(4) = -12$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{2} = -1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$$

$$\{ 0, 2, -1 \pm i\sqrt{3} \}$$