

HW Answers 5-7

1.  $(x^n - 4)(x^n - 1)$

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

3.  $x(2x - 5)$

4.  $\{0, 1, -1, 4\}$

5.  ~~$\{\pm i\sqrt{6}, \pm i\sqrt{3}\}$~~

$\{ \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \sqrt{3} \}$

6.  $\{0, 7/5, -7/5\}$

In 1 - 3, Factor Completely; 4 - 6, write in factored form and find the roots.

1.  $x^{2n} - 5x^n + 4$

2.  $3x^4 - 3x$

3.  $2(x-1)^2 - (x-1) - 3$  *let  $u = x-1$*

4.  $2x^4 + 8x^3 = 2x^2 + 8x$

$2u^2 - u - 3$

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

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

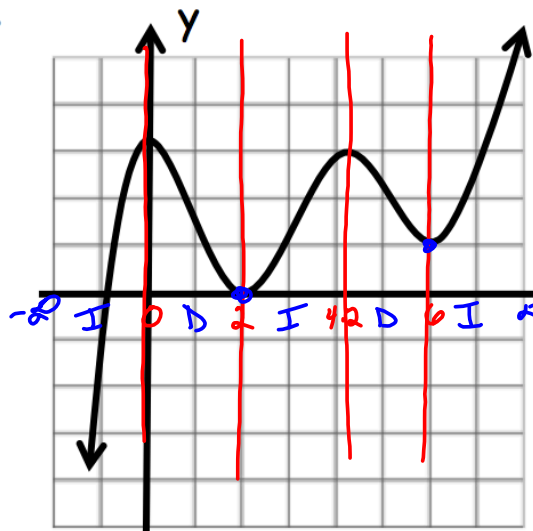
$(2x-5)(x)$

5.  ~~$4x^4 - 13x^2 + 3 = 0$~~

6.  $25x^3 = 49x$

$4x^4 - 13x^2 + 3 = 0$

2.

Increasing:  $(-\infty, 0), (2, 4.2), (6, \infty)$ Decreasing:  $(0, 2), (4.2, 6)$ Rel Min:  $(2, 0), (6, 1)$ Rel Max:  $(0, 3.2), (4.2, 3)$ 

Describe the behavior of the above functions  
as  $x$  approaches positive and negative infinity

$x \rightarrow \infty$   $y \rightarrow \infty$

$x \rightarrow -\infty$   $y \rightarrow -\infty$

Using your graphing calculator, sketch each of the following. Determine intervals where increasing, decreasing and any relative minima or maxima.

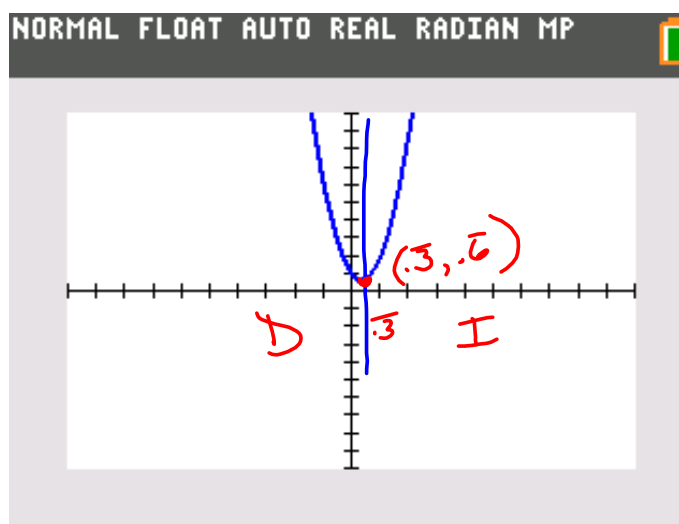
1.  $y = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$

Increasing:  $(.3, \infty)$

Decreasing:  $(-\infty, .3)$

Rel Min:  $(.3, .6)$

Rel Max: None



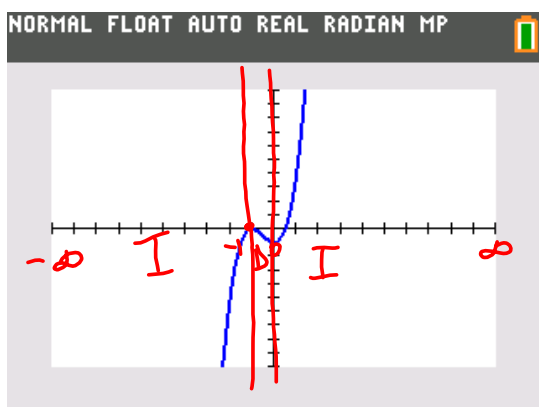
$$2. y = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 1$$

Increasing:  $(-\infty, -1), (0, \infty)$

Decreasing:  $(-1, 0)$

Rel Min:  $(0, -1)$

Rel Max:  $(-1, 0)$



Warm-Up: Each of you will be assigned one of these three problems.

Remember:  $F(x) \div G(x) = Q(x)$  with a remainder of  $R(x)$

Which is easier to read as:

*work space below - use for  
your problem...*

Dividend  $\rightarrow F(x) = G(x) \cdot Q(x) + R(x)$

Divisor  
 $\nearrow$

Quotient  
 $\uparrow$

Remainder  
 $\nwarrow$

1. Consider the polynomial function  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 8x - 4$

a. Using long division, divide  $f(x)$  by  $x - 2$

$$Q(x) = 3x + 14$$

$$R(x) = 24$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = (x-2)(3x+14) + 24$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 14 \\ x-2 \overline{) 3x^2 + 8x - 4} \\ \underline{- 3x^2 + 6x} \phantom{- 4} \\ 14x - 4 \\ \underline{- 14x + 28} \\ 24 \end{array}$$

b. Find  $f(2)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= 3(2)^2 + 8(2) - 4 \\ &= 12 + 16 - 4 \\ &= 24 \end{aligned}$$

Aside:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x(x-2) &= 3x^2 - 6x \\ 14(x-2) &= 14x - 28 \end{aligned}$$

2. Consider the polynomial function  $g(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x + 8$

a. Using long division, divide  $g(x)$  by  $x + 1$

$$Q(x) = x^2 - 4x + 10$$

$$R(x) = -2$$

$$\text{So } g(x) = (x+1)(x^2 - 4x + 10) - 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 4x + 10 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x + 8} \\ \underline{-x^3 - x^2} \phantom{+ 8} \\ -4x^2 + 6x \phantom{+ 8} \\ \underline{4x^2 + 4x} \phantom{+ 8} \\ 10x + 8 \phantom{+ 8} \\ \underline{-10x - 10} \\ -2 \end{array}$$

b. Find  $g(-1)$

$$g(-1) = (-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 + 6(-1) + 8$$

$$g(-1) = -1 - 3 - 6 + 8$$

$$g(-1) = -2$$

Aside:

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

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

$$10(x+1) = 10x + 10$$



3. Consider the polynomial function  $h(x) = x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x - 3$

a. Using long division, divide  $h(x)$  by  $x - 3$

$$Q(x) = x^2 + 3x + 11$$

$$R(x) = 30$$

$$\text{So } h(x) = (x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 11) + 30$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 3x + 11 \\ x-3 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x - 3} \\ \underline{-x^3 + 3x^2} \phantom{-3} \\ 3x^2 + 2x \phantom{-3} \\ \underline{-3x^2 + 9x} \phantom{-3} \\ 11x - 3 \phantom{-3} \\ \underline{-11x + 33} \\ 30 \end{array}$$

b. Find  $h(3)$

$$h(3) = (3)^3 + 2(3) - 3$$

$$h(3) = 27 + 6 - 3$$

$$h(3) = 30$$

Aside:

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

$$3x(x-3) = 3x^2 - 9x$$

$$11(x-3) = 11x - 33$$

Write in the answers for all parts, gathered from the class discussion.

What pattern do you see?

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Div. by } (x-2) & R = 24 & f(2) = 24 \\ (x+1) & R = -2 & f(-1) = -2 \\ (x-3) & R = 30 & f(3) = 30 \end{array}$$

What can we say about the connection between dividing a polynomial,  $P$ , by  $x - a$  and the value of  $P(a)$ ?

Write in the answers for all parts, gathered from the class discussion.

What pattern do you see? (Answers will be posted - get them from your teachers website)

The remainder is the same as the function value of the possible zero.

Look at #1: Possible zero: 2

$$R(2) = f(2)$$

What can we say about the connection between dividing a polynomial,  $P$ , by  $x - a$  and the value of  $P(a)$ ?

$$\text{Remainder} = P(a)$$

$$R(x) = P(a)$$

In algebra, the remainder theorem is an application of polynomial long division.

The remainder of a polynomial  $p(x)$  divided by a linear divisor  $(x - c)$  is equal to  $p(c)$ .

What does that mean?

If you divide a polynomial  $P(x)$  by a possible factor  $(x - c)$ , you will get a remainder that is equal to the function value of the corresponding possible zero

Formally:  $P(x) = q(x)(x - a) + P(a)$

### Why Is This Useful?

Knowing that  $x - c$  is a factor is the same as knowing that  $c$  is a root (and vice versa).

The **factor** " $x - c$ " and the **root** " $c$ " are the same thing!

Now try these: Use the remainder theorem to determine the remainder.

1.  $(-x^3 + 6x - 7) \div (x - 2)$

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

$$R(x) = -3 \quad (\text{Remainder} = -3)$$

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

$$P(-2) = (-2)^3 + (-2)^2 - 5(-2) - 6$$

$$P(-2) = -8 + 4 + 10 - 6$$

$$P(-2) = 0$$

$$\therefore R(x) = 0$$

What do you think it means if the remainder is 0?

The divisor is a factor of the polynomial; the corresponding x-value is a zero of the polynomial.