

## MHF4U Culminating - Unit 1 Polynomial Functions

**Knowledge:****True or False (Correct if False):**

1.) For the function  $y = 3 \left( -\frac{1}{2} (x + 2) \right)^5 + 4$

a) There is a reflection in the x-axis.

False - reflection in the y-axis.

b) It has a horizontal translation 2 units left.

True

c) It has a horizontal stretch by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

False - horizontal stretch by factor of 2

d) An even degree polynomial (degree 6) with a positive coefficient will always extend from quadrant 2 to quadrant 1.

True

e) An odd degree polynomial will always have an odd number of turning points.

False - even # of turning points.

f) Is the following statement true or false: dividend = divisor x quotient + remainder.

True

2.) The Remainder Theorem: When does a polynomial have a factor?

when  $f(x)$  is being divided by  $x-a$  & the remainder is equal to  $f(a)$  ( $f(a)$  must equal  $\emptyset$ )

3.) What are the restrictions for using synthetic division?

- must divide by a linear expression.

- that expression must have a leading coefficient of 1

4.) Divide the polynomial  $3x^2 + 4x + 6$  by  $x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x + 5 \\
 x - 3 \overline{) 3x^2 + 4x + 6} \\
 \underline{3x^2 - 9x} \quad \downarrow \\
 5x + 6 \\
 \underline{5x - 15} \\
 \hline
 21 \text{ R.}
 \end{array}$$

5.) Use the remainder theorem to determine if the following are factors of the polynomial  $6x^3 + 5x^2 - 16x - 15$ .

a.)  $x + 1$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 -1 & 6 & 5 & -16 & -15 \\
 & \downarrow & -6 & 1 & 15 \\
 \hline
 & 6x^2 & -1x & -15 & \emptyset \text{ R}
 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  yes,  $x + 1$  is a factor of  $6x^3 + 5x^2 - 16x - 15$ .

b.)  $2x + 3$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x^2 - 2x - 5 \\
 2x + 3 \overline{) 6x^3 + 5x^2 - 16x - 15} \\
 \underline{- 6x^3 + 9x^2} \quad \downarrow \\
 -4x^2 - 16x \\
 \underline{- 4x^2 - 6x} \\
 -10x - 15 \\
 \underline{- 10x - 15} \\
 \hline
 \emptyset \text{ R.}
 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  yes,  $2x + 3$  is a factor of  $6x^3 + 5x^2 - 16x - 15$ .

c.)  $x-1$ 

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 & 6 & 5 & -16 & -15 \\
 1 & \downarrow & 6 & 11 & -5 \\
 \hline
 & 6x^2 & +11x & -5 & -20R
 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  No,  $x-1$  is not a factor of  $6x^3 + 5x^2 - 16x - 15$

6.) Name the following terms when dividing polynomials:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{divisor} \rightarrow 4 \overline{) 107} \\
 \underline{-8} \phantom{0} \\
 27 \\
 \underline{-24} \\
 3
 \end{array}$$

$26 \leftarrow$  quotient  
 $107 \leftarrow$  dividend.  
 $3 \leftarrow$  remainder

7.) Identify the transformations for a, k, d & c from the original function  $f(x) = x^4$  to  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(6(x-3))^4 + 8$ .

$a = -1/2$ : verticle compression by factor of 2  
 $\nrightarrow$  the negative is a reflection in the x-axis.

$k = 6$ : horizontal compression by a factor of 6.

$d = 3$ : horizontal shift 3 units right.

$c = 8$ : verticle shift 8 units up.

**Application:**

1.) Given the table of values below for a cubic function, determine the new coordinates of the points after the function undergoes the transformations in the function

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

x	y
-2	-4
-1	-2
0	0
1	2
2	4

$\frac{x}{2} + 3$	$-2y + 4$
2	12
$\frac{5}{2}$	6
3	4
$\frac{7}{2}$	0
4	-4

2.) Factor the difference of cubes below:

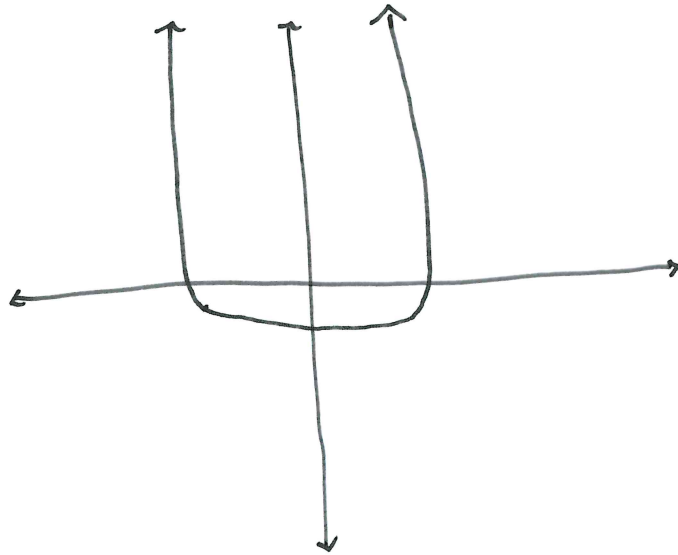
a.)  $f(x) = x^3 - 125$

$$= (x-5)(x^2+5x+25)$$

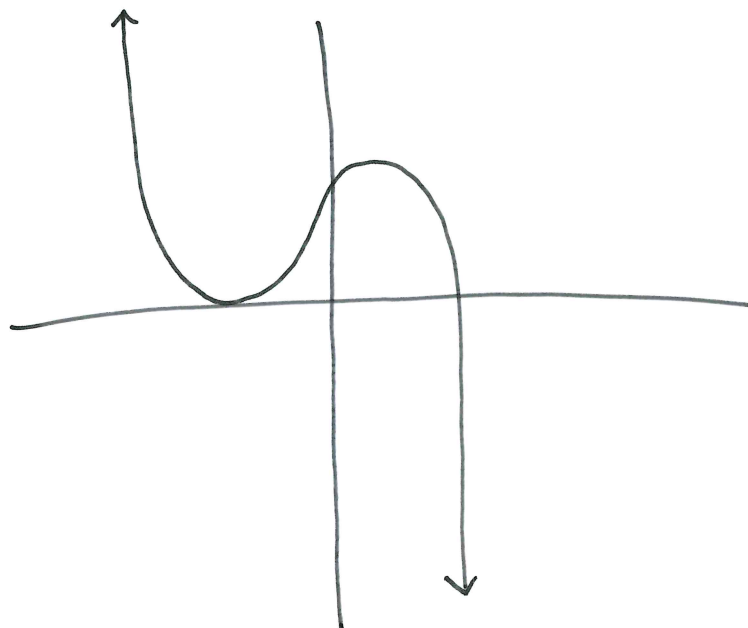
b)  $f(x) = 125x^3 - 27y^3$

$$= (5x-3y)(25x^2+15xy+9y^2)$$

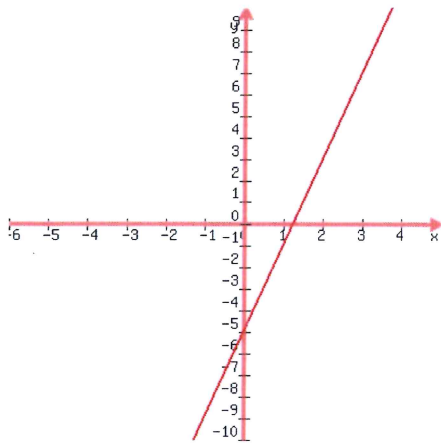
3. a) Sketch a graph of a function with a positive leading coefficient, a degree of 4, 2 zeros, and one turning point.



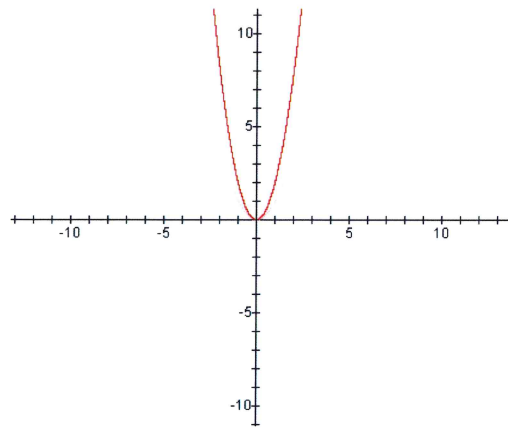
b) Sketch a graph of a function with a negative leading coefficient, a degree of 3, 2 zeros, and 2 turning points.



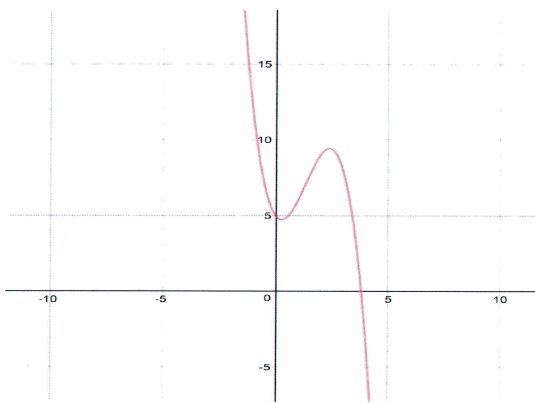
4. Match the functions to their graphs by writing the correct equation underneath. 2 equations do not belong.



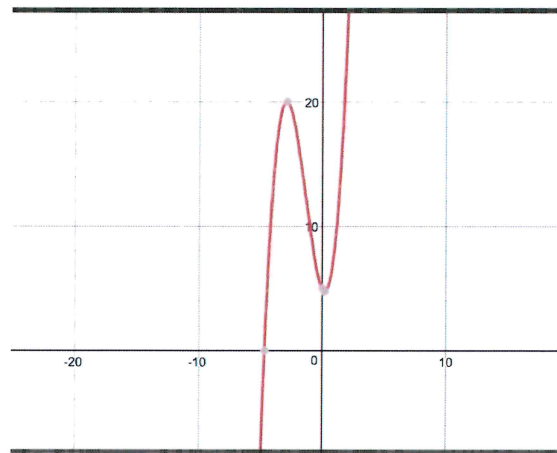
$4x - 1$



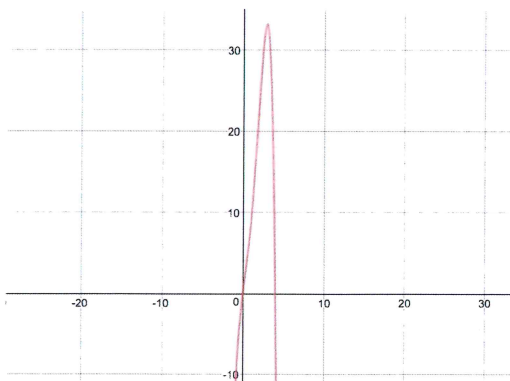
$2x^2$



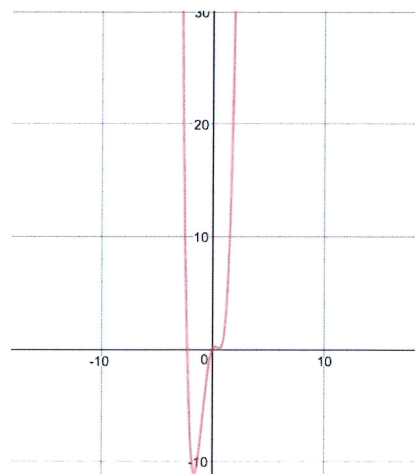
$-x^3 + 4x^2 - 2x + 5$



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



$-x^4 + 4x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x$



$2x^2 + 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x$

- A.  $f(x) = x^3 + 4x - 2x + 5$     B.  $f(x) = -2x - 1$     C.  $f(x) = -3x^2$     D.  $f(x) = 4x - 1$   
 E.  $f(x) = 2x^4 + 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x$     F.  $f(x) = -x^3 + 4x^2 - 2x + 5$     G.  $f(x) = 2x^2$

## TIPS:

1.) Determine the equation of the graph to the right.

Zeros @  $-5, -1, 2$

y int. =  $-2$

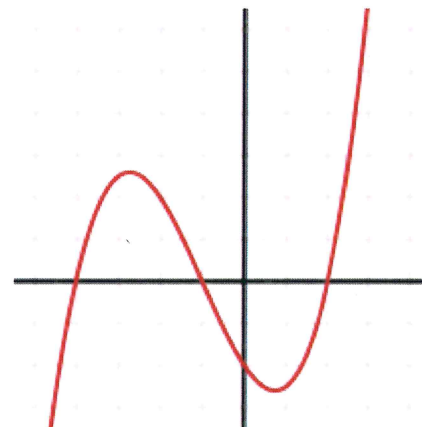
$$f(x) = a(x+5)(x+1)(x-2)$$

sub in y int.  $(0, -2)$

$$-2 = a(0+5)(0+1)(0-2)$$

$$-2 = -10a$$

$$a = \frac{1}{5}$$



$\therefore$  The eq'n is  $f(x) = \frac{1}{5}(x+5)(x+1)(x-2)$

2.) John divided  $x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 5$  by a polynomial. His answer was  $x^2 - 2x - 2$  with a remainder of

1. What polynomial did John divide by?

$$\text{dividend} = \text{quotient} \times \text{divisor} + \text{remainder}$$

$$\therefore \text{divisor} = \frac{\text{dividend} - \text{remainder}}{\text{quotient}}$$

plug in values

$$\text{divisor} = \frac{x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 5 - 1}{x^2 - 2x - 2}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 4}{x^2 - 2x - 2} \quad \boxed{x-2}$$

$\therefore$  John divided by  $x-2$

3.) Solve the following polynomial to find the values of  $b$  and  $c$  if it has zeros at  $(x - 2)$  and  $(x + 3)$ .

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + bx^2 + cx + 2$$

Look at the zeros  $2, -3$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 3(2)^3 + b(2)^2 + c(2) + 2 \\ &= 24 + 4b + 2c + 2 \\ &= 26 + 4b + 2c \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{c = -2b - 13} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 3(-3)^3 + b(-3)^2 + c(-3) + 2 \\ &= -81 + 9b - 3c + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{9b - 3c = 79} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

sub  $\textcircled{1}$  into  $\textcircled{2}$

$$9b - 3(-2b - 13) = 79$$

$$15b = 40$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{8}{3}}$$

sub  $b$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$c = -2\left(\frac{8}{3}\right) - 13$$

$$c = -\frac{55}{3}$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{8}{3} \text{ or } 2.6667$$

$$c = -\frac{55}{3} \text{ or } -18.33$$

4.) When  $2x^3 - ax^2 + bx - 2$  is divided by  $x + 1$  the remainder is  $-12$  and  $x - 2$  is a factor. Determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - ax^2 + bx - 2$$

look @  $f(-1)$

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

↑ remainder

$$-12 = 2(-1)^3 - a(-1)^2 + b(-1) - 2$$

$$= -2 - a - b - 2$$

$$\boxed{a = 8 - b} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Look @  $f(2)$

$$0 = 2(2)^3 - a(2)^2 + b(2) - 2$$

$$0 = 16 - 4a + 2b - 2$$

$$0 = -4a + 2b + 14$$

sub in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$0 = -4(8 - b) + 2b + 14$$

$$18 = 6b$$

$$\boxed{b = 3}$$

sub into  $\textcircled{1}$   $\rightarrow$

$$a = 8 - 3$$

$$\boxed{a = 5}$$

$$\therefore a = 5, b = 3$$



**Communication:**

1.) Write an equation for the following transformations of the original function  $f(x) = x^4$

- Vertical stretch by a factor of 2.
- Reflection in the y-axis.
- Translated 6 units right.
- Translated 1 unit down.

$$f(x) = 2(-(x-6))^4 - 1$$

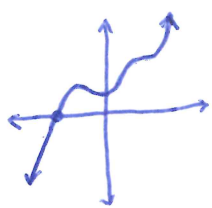
2.) Determine the degree of the function from the following chart:

x	y
0	0
1	1
2	8
3	27
4	64
5	125

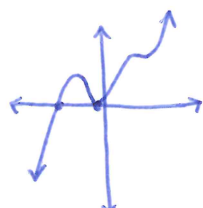
> 1 > 6 > 6  
> 7 > 12 > 6  
> 19 > 18 > 6  
> 37 > 24  
> 61

∴ it's highest degree is cubic ( $x^3$ ).

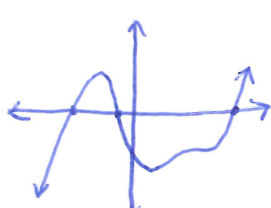
3.) How many zeros can a quintic function have? Use diagrams to support your answer.



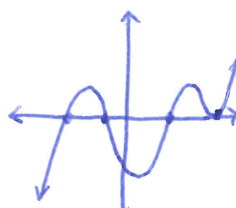
1 zero.



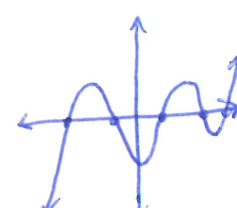
2 zeros.



3 zeros.



4 zeros.



5 zeros.

because it's an odd degree function (5) it goes from quadrant 3 to 1 it must have at least 1 zero but can have up to 5 zeros.

4.) Describe the steps in which you would use to factor a function of degree 5 with a leading coefficient of 1 and a constant of 8.

ex.  $x^5 + 4x^4 + 2x^3 + bx^2 + 8$

1. find a factor by plugging in numbers to make the function = 0
2. divide using the factor found
3. repeat steps 1 & 2 until you're left with a polynomial of degree 2
4. factor remaining function.

5.) In the following equation,  $4x^4 + 6x^2 - 3x + 8$ , what is an extra step that is crucial for dividing polynomials?

adding in a place holder for the cubic term.

$$\sqrt{4x^4 + 0x^3 + 6x^2 - 3x + 8}$$