

Grade 11 AP Mathematics
Unit 4 – Major Test – Polynomial Functions

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Victim: 9th. Solutions*Another inspiring piece of work!!*

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1. Use end behaviours, turning points and zeros to match each graph to the most likely polynomial equation. (4 KU)

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

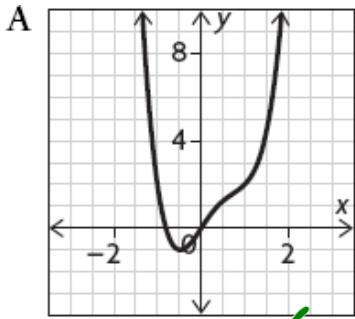
(b) $y = x(x-1)(2x-1)-2$

(d) $y = -x^2 + 6x + 5$ wrong y-int

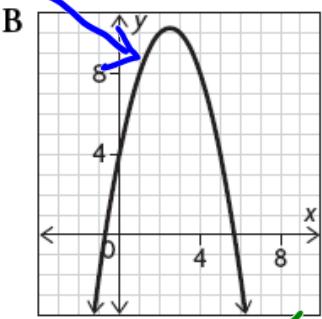
(d) $y = -x^2 + 5x + 4$

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

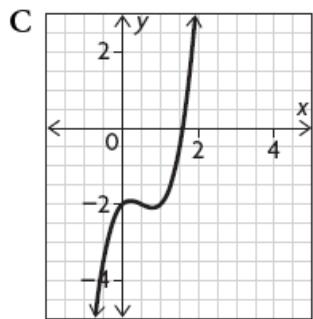
(f) $y = -x^4 + x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 7$



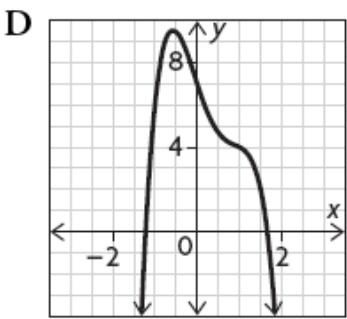
Equation: a ✓



Equation: d ✓

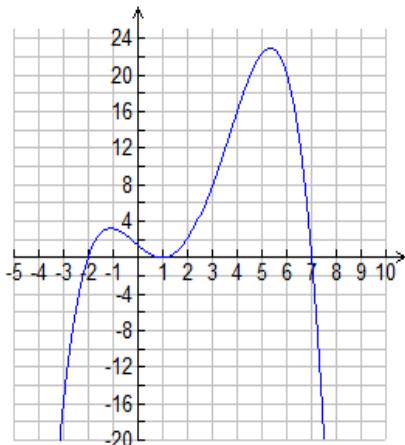


Equation: b ✓



Equation: F ✓

2. Given below is the graph of the polynomial function $p(x)$. Determine each of the following. (12 KU)



(a) End Behaviours

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow -\infty$ As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $y \rightarrow -\infty$

(d) Intervals of Increase

 $(-\infty, -1.1)$ $(1, 5, 3)$

approximately

(b) Number of Turning Points (Mark the turning points on the graph)

(c) Zeros and Multiplicities

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow -\infty$ As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $y \rightarrow -\infty$

(e) Intervals of Decrease

 $(-1.1, 1)$ $(5, 3, \infty)$

approximately

(f) Possible Equation of $p(x)$

$y = (x+2)(x-7)(x-1)^2$

3. Given the polynomial function $q(x) = -3x^5 - 9x^4 + 4x^2 + 7x - 13$, determine each of the following. (10 KU)

(a) End Behaviours

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow -\infty$

(b) Number of Possible...

Zeros: 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5

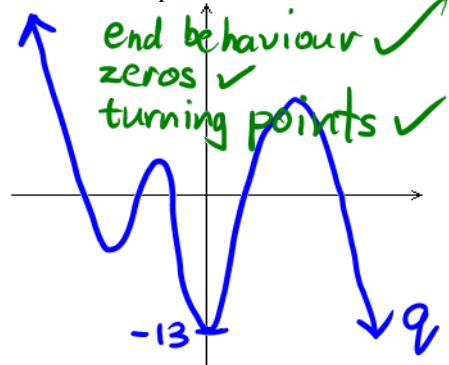
Turning Points:

0, 2, 4

(c) Absolute Max, Min or Neither? Why?

Since q is a polynomial of odd degree, it cannot have absolute extreme points.

(d) Possible Graph

As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $y \rightarrow \infty$ (e) The y-intercept of $q(x)$ -13

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$$\rightarrow = -\frac{3}{2}[2(x+1)]^3 - 5 = -\frac{3}{2}(8)(x+1)^3 - 5 = -12(x+1)^3 - 5$$

4. Sketch the graph of $g(x) = -\frac{3}{2}(2x+2)^3 - 5$ by applying transformations to the function $f(x) = x^3$. (9 APP)

(a) State the transformations required to obtain g from the base/parent/mother function $f(x) = x^3$.

Horizontal	Vertical
1. No horizontal stretch or compression	1. Stretch vertically by a factor of -12
2. Translate one unit to the left.	2. Translate 5 units down

(b) Express the transformation in **mapping notation**.

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x-1, -12y-5)$$

(c) Apply the transformation to a few key points on the graph of the base function $f(x) = x^3$

Pre-image Point on $y = f(x)$	Image Point on $y = g(x)$
(-2, -8)	(-3, 91)
(-1, -1)	(-2, 7)
(0, 0)	(-1, -5)
(1, 1)	(0, -17)
(2, 8)	(1, -101)

Rough Work

- (d) Now sketch the graph of $g(x)$.

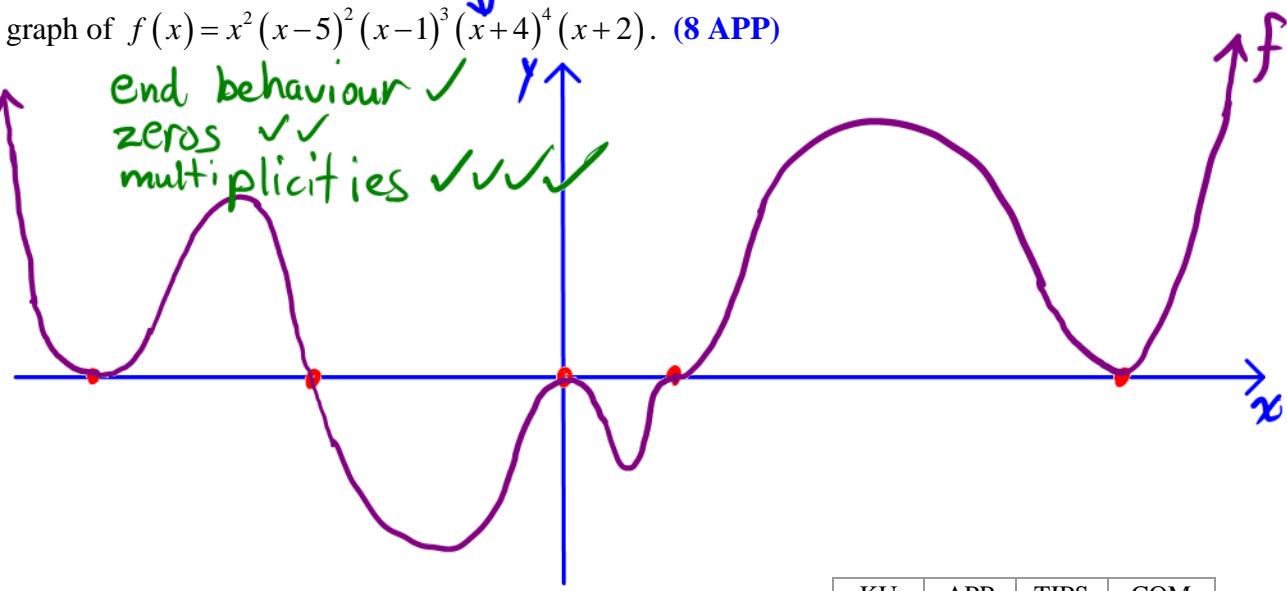


5. Sketch a possible graph of $f(x) = x^2(x-5)^2(x-1)^3(x+4)^4(x+2)$. (8 APP)

Zero	Mult.
-4	4
-2	1
0	2
1	3
5	2

end behaviour ✓
zeros ✓✓
multiplicities ✓✓✓✓

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Degree} \\ = & 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 2 \\ = & 12 \end{aligned}$$



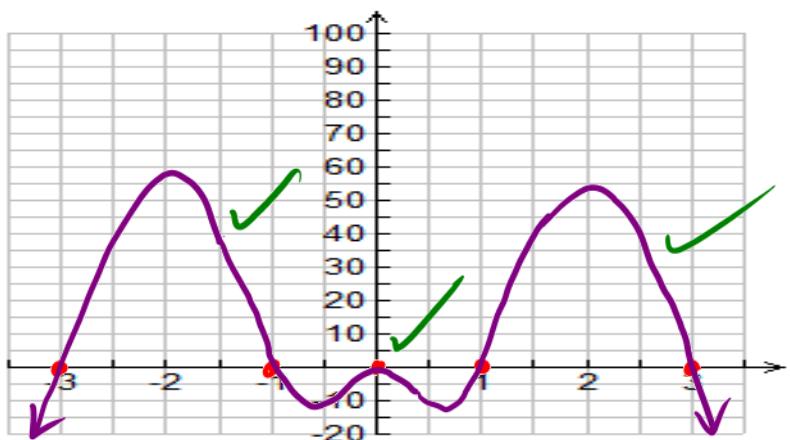
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6. Consider the sixth-degree polynomial function $p(x) = -x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2$.

(a) Fully factor the polynomial. (3 APP)

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= -x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2 \\ &= -x^2(x^4 + 10x^2 - 9) \checkmark \\ &= -x^2(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 9) \checkmark \\ &= -x^2(x-1)(x+1)(x-3)(x+3) \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(b) Use the factored form of the polynomial to sketch the graph of $y = p(x)$. (3 APP)



(c) Use the factored form to solve the equation $-x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2 = 0$. (3 APP)

$$\begin{aligned} -x^2(x-1)(x+1)(x-3)(x+3) &= 0 \\ \therefore x = 0 \text{ or } x-1 = 0 \text{ or } x+1 = 0 \\ \text{or } x-3 = 0 \text{ or } x+3 = 0 \\ \therefore x = 0, 1, -1, 3, -3 \quad \checkmark \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(d) Use the factored form and the graph to solve the inequality $-x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2 \geq 0$. State the solution set using both set notation and interval notation. (4 APP)

$$\begin{aligned} -x^2(x-1)(x+1)(x-3)(x+3) &\geq 0 \checkmark \\ \text{From the graph it's clear that } p(x) \geq 0 &\text{ if } -3 \leq x \leq -1, x = 0 \text{ or } 1 \leq x \leq 3. \text{ Therefore, the solution set is } \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -3 \leq x \leq -1, x = 0, 1 \leq x \leq 3\} \\ \text{or } [-3, -1] \cup \{0\} \cup [1, 3] \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

7. Solve the polynomial equation $x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x = 12$. Include a graph that clearly shows the solutions of the equation. (10 TIPS)

$$x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 12 = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 12$$

Since $f(2) = 0$, $x-2$ is a factor of $f(x)$ \checkmark

By long division, $f(x) = (x-2)(x^2 - 5x + 6)$ \checkmark

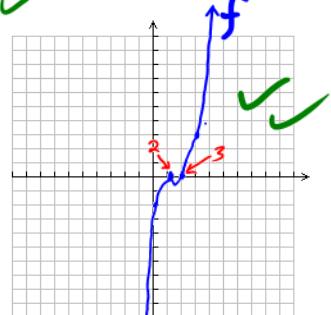
$$\therefore (x-2)(x^2 - 5x + 6) = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-2)(x-2)(x-3) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore (x-2)^2(x-3) = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-2)^2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-3 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3 \quad \checkmark$$



$$\begin{array}{r} x-2 \overline{)x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 12} \\ x^3 - 2x^2 \\ \hline -5x^2 + 16x \\ -5x^2 + 10x \\ \hline 6x - 12 \\ 6x - 12 \\ \hline 0 \end{array} \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark$$

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8. Write an inequality that corresponds to the diagram given at the right. In addition, state the solution set using both set-builder notation and interval notation. (Do not solve the inequality. You should be able to see the solution just by looking at the graphs.) (5 TIPS)

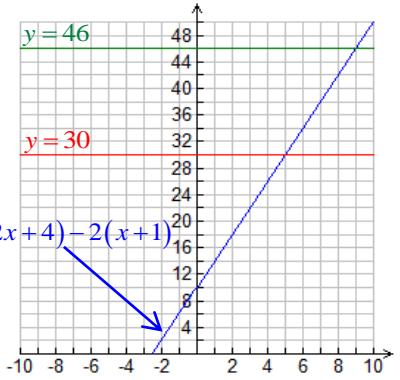
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$$30 \leq 3(2x+4) \leq 46$$

From the graph, it's clear that

$$5 \leq x \leq 9$$

Solution Set: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 5 \leq x \leq 9\}$ or $[5, 9]$



9. The polynomial function $f(x) = -x^n + kx^2 - (2k+2)x + 12$ has two turning points,

no global extreme points and can be divided by $x-3$ with no remainder.

odd degree Determine the values of n and k as well as any zeros of f . Then sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$. Hint: There is no way to calculate the value of n . The best approach is to choose the simplest possible value of n . (8 TIPS)

Since $f(x)$ can be divided exactly by $x-3$, $f(3)=0$.

$$\therefore -3^n + k(3^2) - (2k+2)(3) + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore -3^n + 9k - 6k - 6 + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore 3k + 6 - 3^n = 0$$

Since the polynomial has no global extreme points and an even number of turning points, the degree of f must be odd. Therefore, a good candidate for the value of n is 3. If $n=3$,

$$3k + 6 - 3^3 = 0$$

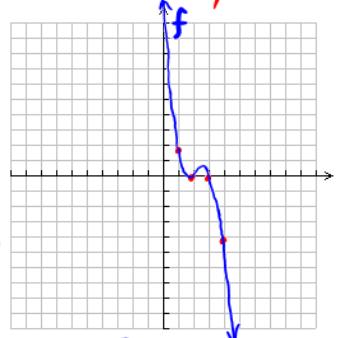
$$\therefore 3k - 21 = 0$$

$$\therefore k = 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore f(x) &= -x^3 + 9x^2 - 16x + 12 \\ &= -(x-3)(x^2 - 4x + 4) \quad \text{by long division} \\ &= -(x-3)(x-2)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{zeros are } x=3 \text{ and } x=2$$

→ odd degree, possibly 3



$$\begin{array}{r} -x^2 + 4x - 4 \\ x-3) -x^3 + 7x^2 - 16x + 12 \\ -x^3 + 3x^2 \\ \hline 4x^2 - 16x \\ 4x^2 - 12x \\ \hline -4x + 12 \\ -4x + 12 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

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