

Unit 3 Notes / Secondary 3 Honors

Day 1: Factoring & Polynomial Division

Factoring Methods: GCF, Backwards Foil, Difference of Squares, Sum/Difference of Cubes, Grouping

Formulas:

$a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$ - diff of \square

$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
 $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$ } sum/diff of cubes

1. Factor each of the polynomials:

a. $3x^4 + 2x^2 - 8$
 $(3x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 2)$
1,8 2,4

b. $25x^2 - 1$
 $(5x+1)(5x-1)$

c. $x^2 - 5x + 6$
 $(x-2)(x-3)$
1,6 2,3

d. $2x^4 + 10x^3 + 12x^2$
 $= 2x^2(x^2 + 5x + 6)$
 $= 2x^2(x+2)(x+3)$
2,3 1,6

e. $x^3 - 2x^2 - 13x + 26$
 $= x^2(x-2) - 13(x-2)$
 $= (x-2)(x^2 - 13)$

f. $x^3 - 64$
 $= (x-4)(x^2 + 4x + 16)$

Polynomial Long Division:

- Can be used to factor a polynomial when your factoring methods don't work.
- You must represent the divisor in descending order of exponents and use zeros for placeholders.
- Any polynomial can be divided using long division

Always try factoring "methods" before using division
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 if any missing powers of x

2. Divide $x^3 - 2x^2 - 13x + 26$ by $x - 2$ using long division.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 \quad -13 \\
 x-2 \overline{) x^3 - 2x^2 - 13x + 26} \\
 \underline{-x^3 + 2x^2} \\
 0 - 13x + 26 \\
 \underline{+13x - 26} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$x^2 - 13$

→ * Since no remainder, $(x-2)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 2x^2 - 13x + 26$

Divide using long division:

3. $(x^3 - 1) \div (x - 1)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x + 1 \\ x-1 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 1} \\ \underline{-x^3 + x^2} \\ x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{-x^2 + x} \\ x \\ \underline{-x + 1} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$x^2 + x + 1$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 1 \\ x^2 + 2x - 3 \overline{) 2x^4 + 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x - 2} \\ \underline{-2x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2} \\ x^2 + 3x - 2 \\ \underline{-x^2 + 2x + 3} \\ x + 1 \end{array}$$

$2x^2 + 1 + \frac{x+1}{x^2+2x-3}$

Synthetic Division:

- Synthetic Division uses the ROOT form as the divisor.
- Synthetic Division can only be used when the divisor is LINEAR (x to the power of one)
- ~~x~~ (o) You must represent the dividend in descending order of exponents and use zeros for placeholders.
- Your answer must be interpreted back into a solution using variables
- It is tricky to divide with a divisor when the coefficient of x is not equal to one.

5. Divide $x^3 - 2x^2 - 13x + 26$ by $(x - 2)$ using synthetic division. → root is 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 1 \quad -2 \quad -13 \quad 26} \\ \underline{ 2 \quad 0 \quad -26} \\ 1 \quad 0 \quad -13 \quad | \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$x^2 - 13$

→ I would use long division for these

6. Divide using synthetic division.

a. $(x^4 - 10x^2 - 2x + 4) \div (x + 3)$ → root is -3

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \overline{) 1 \quad 0 \quad -10 \quad -2 \quad 4} \\ \underline{ -3 \quad 9 \quad 3 \quad -3} \\ 1 \quad -3 \quad -1 \quad | \quad | \quad | \end{array}$$

$x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 1 + \frac{1}{x+3}$

b. $(8x^3 - 1) \div (x - 1)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \overline{) 8 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -1} \\ \underline{ 8 \quad 8 \quad 8} \\ 8 \quad 8 \quad 8 \quad | \quad 7 \end{array}$$

$8x^2 + 8x + 8 + \frac{7}{x-1}$

Day 2: Zeros of Polynomials/ Factor, Remainder & Rational Root Theorems

1. Factor the following polynomial. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 15$
 $= (x - 5)(x + 3)$

$f(-3) = \frac{(-3)^2 - 2(-3) - 15}{1} = 0$ $f(5) = 0$

Factor Theorem: If $(x - a)$ is a factor of a polynomial $f(x)$ then $f(a) = 0$.

2. Determine if $(x - 4)$ is a factor of $f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 37x - 52$.

$f(4) = (4)^3 - 10(4)^2 + 37(4) - 52$
 $= 0$ **Yes $(x - 4)$ is a factor**

3. Divide the function $f(x)$ by $(x + 1)$. What is your remainder? What is $f(-1)$?

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & -10 & 37 & -52 \\ & & -1 & 11 & -48 \\ \hline & 1 & -11 & 48 & -100 \end{array}$$

$f(-1) = (-1)^3 - 10(-1)^2 + 37(-1) - 52$
 $= -100$

Remainder = -100

Remainder Theorem:

If a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - a)$ then $f(a) = R$, where R is the remainder.

4. What is the remainder if $f(x) = 3x^3 + 8x^2 + 5x - 7$ is divided by $(x + 2)$?

$f(-2) = 3(-2)^3 + 8(-2)^2 + 5(-2) - 7$
 $= -9$

5. Is 3 a root of $3x^3 - 9x^2 - 8x + 24$?

$f(3) = 3(3)^3 - 9(3)^2 - 8(3) + 24$
 $= 0$ **Yes, 3 is a root**

6. Find all the zeros of $f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 37x - 52$. (Hint: See problem #2)

→ one of the factors is $x - 4$ ☺

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 4 & 1 & -10 & 37 & -52 \\ & & 4 & -24 & 52 \\ \hline & 1 & -6 & 13 & 0 \end{array}$$

$f(x) = (x - 4)(x^2 - 6x + 13)$

$x - 4 = 0$

$x = 4$

$x^2 - 6x + 13 = 0$

$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(13)}}{2(1)}$

$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2}$

$= \frac{6 \pm 4i}{2} = 3 \pm 2i$

Zeros
 4, $3 \pm 2i$

Rational Zero Test:

- Gives you a **possible** list of all **rational roots** (not imaginary or irrational) of a function.
- Possible Rational Roots: $\pm \frac{\text{factors of the constant}}{\text{factors of the leading coefficient}}$
- Once you make your list, use a trial-and-error method or Synthetic Division and the Remainder Theorem to determine which, if any, are actual zeros of the polynomial.

7. Find the zeros of $x^4 + x^3 - 7x^2 - x + 6 = 0$

Constant = 6, Lead. Coeff. = 1

Step 1: Make a list of the possible Rational Roots.

$\pm \frac{1, 2, 3, 6}{1} = \boxed{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6}$

Step 2: Determine one of the zeros using Remainder Theorem or graph of the polynomial.

$f(1) = 0 \checkmark$

So 1 is a zero

Step 3: Use synthetic division to help you write the polynomial in factored form.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 1 & 1 & -7 & -1 & 6 \\ & & 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \checkmark$$

$f(x) = (x-1)(x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6)$

need to factor this more

Step 4: Repeat steps 2 & 3 for the cubic expression.

Find another zero:

$f(-1) = 0 \checkmark$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 \\ & & -1 & -1 & 6 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \checkmark$$

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

Step 5: Factor or use the quadratic formula to find the final two factors or roots of the remaining quadratic

$0 = (x-1)(x+1)(x^2 + x - 6)$

$x-1 = 0$

$x = 1$

$x+1 = 0$

$x = -1$

$x^2 + x - 6 = 0$

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

$x = -3 \quad x = 2$

Zeros

$1, -1, -3, 2$

8. Find all of the zeros for $h(x) = 2x^4 + 4x^3 - 10x^2 - 8x + 12$. Write the function in completely factored form.

List
 $\pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12$
 $\pm 1, \pm 1/2, \pm 3, \pm 3/2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 12$
 Find one that works:
 $h(1) = 0 \checkmark$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 2 & 4 & -10 & -8 & 12 \\ & & 2 & 6 & -4 & -12 \\ \hline & 2 & 6 & -4 & -12 & 0 \end{array} \checkmark$$

Factor Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= (x-1)(2x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 12) \\ &= (x-1)(2x^2(x+3) - 4(x+3)) \\ &= (x-1)(x+3)(2x^2 - 4) \\ &= 2(x-1)(x+3)(x^2 - 2) \end{aligned}$$

Solve factors to find zeros.

$$\begin{aligned} x-1 &= 0 & x+3 &= 0 & x^2-2 &= 0 \\ x &= 1 & x &= -3 & x^2 &= 2 \\ & & & & x &= \pm\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Zeros: $1, -3, \pm\sqrt{2}$

9. Find all of the zeros of $f(x) = x^5 + x^3 + 2x^2 - 12x + 8$.

List
 $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8$

Find one that works

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 0 \checkmark \\ f(-2) &= 0 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -12 & 8 \\ & & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -8 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -8 & 0 \end{array} \checkmark$$

Factor Polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-1)(x^4 + x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x - 8) \\ &= (x-1)(x+2)(x^3 - x^2 + 4x - 4) \\ &= (x-1)(x+2)(x^2(x-1) + 4(x-1)) \\ &= (x-1)(x+2)(x-1)(x^2 + 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & -8 \\ & & -2 & 2 & -8 & 8 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & 4 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \checkmark$$

Solve factors to find zeros

$$\begin{aligned} x-1 &= 0 & x+2 &= 0 & x-1 &= 0 & x^2+4 &= 0 \\ x &= 1 & x &= -2 & x &= 1 & x^2 &= -4 \\ & & & & & & x &= \pm\sqrt{-4} = \pm 2i \end{aligned}$$

Zeros: $1, -2, 1, \pm 2i$

Day 3: Polynomial Inequalities

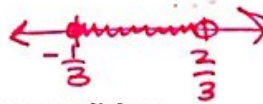
Linear Inequalities: Just isolate x.

1. Find the solution set for $5x - 7 > 3x + 9$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -3x \quad -3x \\
 & 2x > 16 \\
 & \boxed{x > 8}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Solve $-3 \leq 6x - 1 < 3$ and graph the solution set on a number line.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & +1 \quad +1 \quad +1 \\
 & -2 \leq \frac{6x}{6} < \frac{4}{6} \\
 & \boxed{-\frac{1}{3} \leq x < \frac{2}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$



Quadratic & Higher order Polynomial Inequalities:

- Use a graph or number line

3. Solve algebraically... use a number line.

$$2x^4 - 4x^2 > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x^4 - 4x^2 &= 0 \\
 2x^2(x^2 - 2) &= 0 \\
 x &= 0, \pm\sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Find zeros - mark on #line
- use test points to determine where function is + or -

Test points:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -2 &: 2(-2)^4 - 4(-2)^2 = 16 \\
 -1 &: 2(-1)^4 - 4(-1)^2 = -2 \\
 1 &: 2(1)^4 - 4(1)^2 = -2
 \end{aligned}$$



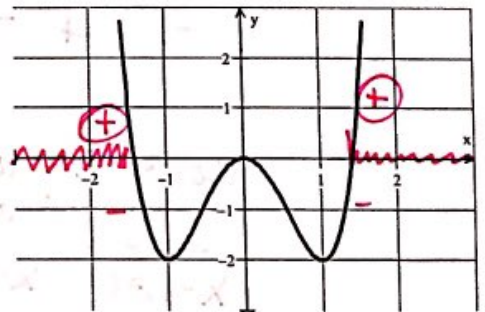
$$2: 2(2)^4 - 4(2)^2 = 16$$

Solution

$$x < -\sqrt{2} \quad x > \sqrt{2}$$

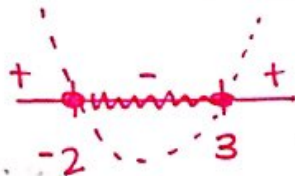
4. Given the graph of $f(x) = 2x^4 - 4x^2$, find the intervals where $f(x) > 0$.

- Mark zeros on #line
- use graph to decide where $f(x)$ is + or -



$$x < -\sqrt{2} \quad x > \sqrt{2}$$

5. Solve for x: $(x-3)(x+2) \leq 0$



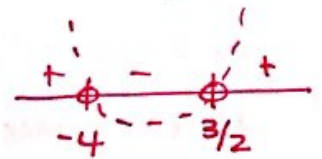
$$-2 \leq x \leq 3$$

6. Solve for x: $2x^2 + 5x > 12$

$$2x^2 + 5x - 12 > 0$$

$$(2x - 3)(x + 4) > 0$$

$$x = 3/2, -4$$



$$x < -4$$

$$x > 3/2$$

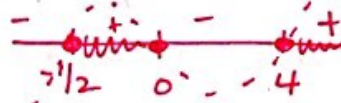
7. Solve for x: $6x^3 - 21x^2 - 12x \geq 0$

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$$3x(2x^2 - 7x - 4) = 0$$

$$3x(2x + 1)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = 0, -1/2, 4$$



$$-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 0$$

$$x \geq 4$$

8. Use your graphing calculator to solve for x: $x^4 - 5x > x^3 + 2x^2 - 4$



$$(-\infty, .625) \quad (2.407, \infty)$$

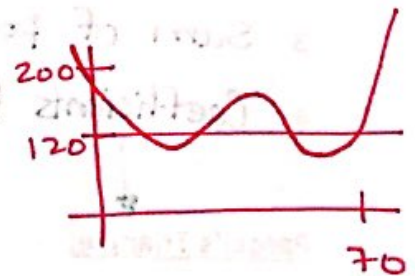
9. The average blood sugar (also known as glucose) levels in a person's blood should be between 70 and 100 mg/dL (milligrams per deciliter) one hour after eating. A person with Type 2 diabetes strives to keep glucose levels under 120 mg/dL with diet and exercise in order to avoid insulin injections. Glucose levels of one individual over the span of 72 hours can be represented with the polynomial function,

$$b(t) = 0.000139x^4 - 0.0188x^3 + 0.8379x^2 - 13.55x + 176.51$$

where glucose levels is a function of the number of hours.

a. For what hours were the glucose levels greater than 120 mg/dL?

from: 0 to 6.28 hrs
23.9 to 45.2 hrs
59.5 to 72 hrs



b. For what hours were the glucose levels less than 120 mg/dL?

from 6.28 to 23.9 hrs
45.2 to 59.5 hrs

Day 4: Binomial Theorem and Pascal's Triangle

Needed Skills:

Recall that ! is called a *factorial* symbol. Ex: $4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$
 It will be necessary to make a rule that $0!$ always equals 1. Ex: $0! = 1$

Combinations: ${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

→ (${}_n C_r$ in Math/Prob)

Find the following by hand. Check some of them by calculator:

1. ${}_8 C_2 = \frac{8!}{2!6!} = \boxed{28}$ 2. $\binom{10}{3} = \frac{10!}{7!3!} = \boxed{120}$ 3. ${}_7 C_0 = \frac{7!}{7!0!} = \boxed{1}$ 4. $\binom{8}{8} = \frac{8!}{0!8!} = \boxed{1}$ 5. ${}_{250} C_2 = \frac{250!}{2!248!} = \boxed{31125}$

Binomial = Polynomial with exactly 2 terms

Look at the expansion of $(x+y)^n$ for several values of n.

$(x+y)^0 = 1$
 $(x+y)^1 = x+y$
 $(x+y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$
 $(x+y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$
 $(x+y)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4$
 $(x+y)^5 = x^5 + 5x^4y + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5xy^4 + y^5$

There are several observations we can make about these expansions.

1. Each expansion includes $(n+1)$ terms
2. Powers of x decrease, Powers of y increase
3. Sum of powers in each term is n
4. Coefficients increase then decrease symmetrically.



Pascal's Triangle:

n=0	1
n=1	1 1
n=2	1 2 1
n=3	1 3 3 1
n=4	1 4 6 4 1
n=5	1 5 10 10 5 1
n=6	1 6 15 20 15 6 1

* Find the pattern and fill in next 2 rows ☺

The Binomial Theorem:

$$(x+y)^n = x^n + nx^{n-1}y + {}_n C_r x^{n-r}y^r + \dots + {}_n C_r x^{n-r}y^r + \dots + nxy^{n-1} + y^n$$

Can use Pascal's Δ or ${}_n C_r$ for coeff. ($r =$ power y is raised to)

Write the expansion of the following expressions.

6. $(x+1)^3$

$$= 1x^3(1)^0 + 3x^2(1)^1 + 3x(1)^2 + 1x^0(1)^3$$

$$= \boxed{x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1}$$

7. $(2x-3)^4$

$$= 1(2x)^4(-3)^0 + 4(2x)^3(-3)^1 + 6(2x)^2(-3)^2 + 4(2x)^1(-3)^3 + 1(2x)^0(-3)^4$$

$$= \boxed{16x^4 - 96x^3 + 216x^2 - 216x + 81}$$

8. $(x-2y)^4$

$$= (x)^4 + 4(x)^3(-2y)^1 + 6(x)^2(-2y)^2 + 4(x)^1(-2y)^3 + (-2y)^4$$

$$= \boxed{x^4 - 8x^3y + 24x^2y^2 - 32xy^3 + 16y^4}$$

9. $(x^2+4)^3$

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

$$= \boxed{x^6 + 12x^4 + 48x^2 + 64}$$

10. Find the 6th term of $(a+2b)^8$.

$${}_8 C_5 (a)^3 (2b)^5$$

$$= 56 a^3 (32b^5)$$

$$= \boxed{1792 a^3 b^5}$$

11. Find the coefficient of the term $a^6 b^5$ in the expansion of $(2a-5b)^{11}$.

$${}_{11} C_5 (2a)^6 (-5b)^5$$

$$= 462 (2)^6 a^6 (-5)^5 b^5$$

$$\text{Coeff} = 462(2^6)(-5)^5 = \boxed{-92,400,000}$$