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Worksheet 3.2—Real Zeros of Polynomial Functions

Show all work on a separate sheet of paper. Give simplified, exact values for all answers. **No Calculator is permitted unless specifically stated.**

I. Multiple Choice

1. Let f be a polynomial function with integer coefficients such that $f(\sqrt{3}) = 0$. Which of the following statements is not necessarily true?

- (A) $x + \sqrt{3}$ is a factor of $f(x)$ (B) $x - \sqrt{3}$ is a factor of $f(x)$ (C) $x = \sqrt{3}$ is a root of $f(x)$
 (D) $x^2 + 3$ is a factor of $f(x)$ (E) $x^2 - 3$ is a factor of $f(x)$

2. If $f(x) = 6x^3 + 14x^2 - 25x + 4$, then how many possible distinct rational roots does $f(x)$ have? $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4}{1, 2, 3, 6}$

- (A) 8 (B) 12 (C) 16 (D) 24 (E) 30

$\pm \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{6} \right)$

3. Let $f(x) = (x+2)(x^2+x-1) - 3$. Which of the following statements is not true?

- (A) The remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $x+2$ is -3
 (B) The remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $x-2$ is -3
 (C) The remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by x^2+x-1 is -3
 (D) $x+2$ is not a factor of $f(x)$
 (E) $f(x)$ is not evenly divisible by $x+2$

4. Let $f(x) = (x^2+1)(x-2) + 7$. Which of the following statements is not true?

- (A) The remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by x^2+1 is 7
 (B) The remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $x-2$ is 7
 (C) $f(2) = 7$
 (D) $f(0) = 5$
 (E) f does not have a real root

5. A degree 3 polynomial with integer coefficients with roots $x=1$ and $x=4-2\sqrt{3}$ that passes through the point $(-1, -52)$ has a y -intercept of what?

- (A) -8 (B) -52 (C) 2 (D) $\frac{1}{2}$ (E) 4

$$f(x) = A(x-1)(x-4+2\sqrt{3})(x-4-2\sqrt{3})$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 2x\sqrt{3} - 4x + 16 + 8\sqrt{3} + 2x\sqrt{3} - 8\sqrt{3} - 4 \cdot 3$$

$$f(x) = A(x-1)(x^2 - 8x + 4)$$

$$f(x) = 2(x-1)(x^2 - 8x + 4)$$

$$-52 = A(-1-1)((-1)^2 - 8(-1) + 4)$$

$$-52 = A(-2)(13)$$

$$2 = A$$

II. Short Answer

6. Two polynomials are given. Use either synthetic or long division to divide $P(x)$ by $D(x)$. Express

your answer in two ways: $P(x) = D(x) \cdot Q(x) + R(x)$ and $\frac{P(x)}{D(x)} = Q(x) + \frac{R(x)}{D(x)}$.

(a) $P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 6x + 1$, $D(x) = x - 1$

(b) $P(x) = 4x^3 + 7x + 9$, $D(x) = 2x + 1$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & 4 & -6 & 1 \\ & & 1 & 5 & -1 \\ \hline & 1 & 5 & -1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$Q(x) = x^2 + 5x - 1$ $R(x) = 0$

$$x^3 + 4x^2 - 6x + 1 = (x - 1)(x^2 + 5x - 1) + 0$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 4x^2 - 6x + 1}{x - 1} = (x^2 + 5x - 1) + \frac{0}{x - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} Q(x) = 2x^2 - x + 4 \\ 2x + 1 \overline{) 4x^3 + 0x^2 + 7x + 9} \\ \underline{-4x^3 + 2x^2} \\ -2x^2 + 7x + 9 \\ \underline{+2x^2 + x} \\ 8x + 9 \\ \underline{-8x + 4} \\ 13 \end{array}$$

$R(x) = 5$

$$4x^3 + 7x + 9 = (2x + 1)(2x^2 - x + 4) + 5$$

$$\frac{4x^3 + 7x + 9}{2x + 1} = 2x^2 - x + 4 + \frac{5}{2x + 1}$$

7. Use synthetic division to find the simplified, exact zeroes of each of the following. Use the quadratic formula if necessary.

(a) $f(x) = 3x^3 + 7x^2 + 6x - 5$, if $f(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ (b) $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 16x^2 - 27x + 63$, if $f(-3) = 0 = f(3)$

(c) $f(x) = 10 + 5x - x^3 - 7x^2 + x^4$, if $f(\sqrt{5}) = 0$ (d) $f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 - 2x^3 + 8x + 4$, if $f(1 - \sqrt{2}) = 0$

a) $\frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 7 & 6 & -5 \\ & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{17}{4} & \frac{41}{8} \\ \hline 3 & \frac{17}{2} & \frac{41}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \end{array} \right.$
*oops! $f(\frac{1}{2}) \neq 0$
 sorry!*

a) Revised
 $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 41x + 20$
 $\frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 1 & -41 & 20 \\ & 1 & 1 & -20 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & -40 & 0 \end{array} \right.$
 $2x^2 + 2x - 40$
 $2(x^2 + x - 20)$
 $2(x+5)(x-4)$
 Zeros $\boxed{x = \frac{1}{2}, -5, 4}$

b) $-3 \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 3 & -16 & -27 & 63 \\ & -3 & 0 & 48 & -63 \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 0 & -16 & 21 & 0 \\ & 3 & 9 & -21 & & \\ \hline 1 & 3 & -7 & & & 0 \end{array} \right.$

$x^2 + 3x - 7 = 0$ zeros: $\boxed{x = -3, 3, \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{37}}{2}}$
 $\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{37}}{2}$

c) $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 7x^2 + 5x + 10$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} \sqrt{5} & 1 & -1 & -7 & 5 & 10 \\ & & \sqrt{5} & -\sqrt{5}+5 & -2\sqrt{5}-5 & -10 \\ \hline -\sqrt{5} & 1 & -1+\sqrt{5} & -2-\sqrt{5} & -2\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ & & -\sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} & 2\sqrt{5} & \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & -2 & 0 & \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

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

Zeros $x = -1, 2, \pm\sqrt{5}$

d) $f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 - 2x^3 + 8x + 4$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1-\sqrt{2} & 1 & -2 & -5 & 8 & 4 \\ & & 1-\sqrt{2} & 1 & -4+4\sqrt{2} & -4 \\ \hline 1+\sqrt{2} & 1 & -1-\sqrt{2} & -4 & 4+4\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ & & 1+\sqrt{2} & 0 & -4-4\sqrt{2} & \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (1-\sqrt{2})(-1-\sqrt{2}) \\ & -1-\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{2}+2 \\ & -4(1-\sqrt{2}) \dots \\ & -4+4\sqrt{2} \\ & (1-\sqrt{2})(4+4\sqrt{2}) \\ & 4+4\sqrt{2}-4\sqrt{2}-8 \\ & -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 - 4 = 0$$

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

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

8. (Calculator permitted) If $P(x) = 8x^5 - 14x^4 - 22x^3 + 57x^2 - 35x + 6$, list all possible rational zeros, then find the simplified, exact real zeros. Use the calculator to help you find rational roots, and use the quadratic formula if necessary.

factors of ± 6
factors of 8

$\pm 1, 2, 3, 6$
 $1, 2, 4, 8$

$\pm 1, 2, 3, 6, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{8}$

-2	8	-14	-22	57	-35	6
		+16	60	-76	38	-6
	8	-30	38	-19	3	0
1		8	-22	16	-3	
	8	-22	16	-3	0	
$\frac{3}{4}$		6	-12	3		
	8	-16	4	0		

$$8x^2 - 16x + 4 = 0$$

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

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(1)}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{8}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

Zeros: $x = 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}, -2, 1, \frac{3}{4}$

9. Write an equation, in reduced factored form, of a polynomial, f , of lowest degree with the following properties: $f(-1) = f(-4) = f(-\sqrt{2}) = f(2+\sqrt{3}) = 0$ and $f(0) = -7$.

$$f(x) = A(x+1)(x+4) \underbrace{(x+\sqrt{2})(x-\sqrt{2})}_{\text{multiply}} \underbrace{(x-2-\sqrt{3})(x-2+\sqrt{3})}_{\text{multiply}}$$

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

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

$$-7 = A(0+1)(0+4)(0^2-2)(0^2-4(0)+1)$$

$$-7 = A(1)(4)(-2)(1)$$

$$-7 = A(-8)$$

$$A = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{7}{8}(x+1)(x+4)(x^2-2)(x^2-4x+1)$$

10. Find the remainder of each of the following, then decide if the divisor is a factor of the dividend.

(a) when $9x^{2222} - 12x^{1946} + 33x^{565} + 26x$ is divided by $x+1$

(b) when $47x^{5769} - 3x^{400} + 735$ is divided by x

$$a) 9(-1)^{2222} - 12(-1)^{1946} + 33(-1)^{565} + 26(-1)$$

$$9 - 12 - 33 - 26 = \boxed{-62}$$

$$b) 47(0)^{5769} - 3(0)^{400} + 735 = \boxed{735}$$

11. Find the given value of k so that the given divisor $D(x)$ is a factor of $P(x)$.

(a) $P(x) = 3x^4 + kx^2 - 2x + 1$, $D(x) = x + 1$ (b) $P(x) = 2x^3 + kx^2 + kx - 5$, $D(x) = x - 2$

(c) $P(x) = 3x^{1000} + kx^{48} - 2x^{15} + kx$, $D(x) = x - 1$

a. $0 = 3(-1)^4 + k(-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 1$

$$0 = 3 + k + 2 + 1$$

$$0 = 6 + k$$

$$k = -6$$

b. $0 = 2(2)^3 + k(2)^2 + k(2) - 5$

$$0 = 16 + 4k + 2k - 5$$

$$0 = 11 + 6k$$

$$-11 = \frac{6k}{6}$$

$$k = -\frac{11}{6}$$

c) $0 = 3(1)^{1000} + k(1)^{48} - 2(1)^{15} + k(1)$

$$0 = 3 + k - 2 + k$$

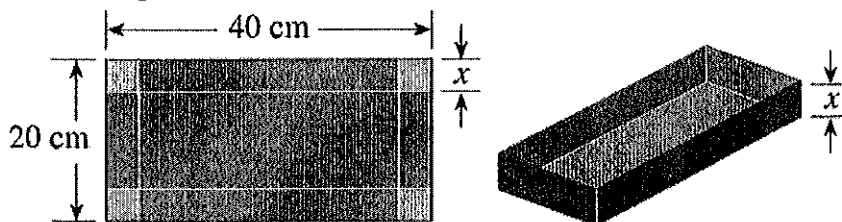
$$0 = 1 + 2k$$

$$-1 = 2k$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{2}$$

12. (Calculator permitted) An open-top box is to be made by taking a piece of cardboard 20 cm by 40 cm, cutting squares of side length x cm from each corner, and folding up the sides.

- (a) Write an equation (in expanded form) of a polynomial function $V(x)$, representing the volume of the box (in cm^3) in terms of x .
- (b) What is the domain of $V(x)$? For what values of x is $V(x) > 0$? What is the relevant domain, that is, what values of x make sense in the context of this problem?
- (c) If the volume of the box is to be 1500 cm^3 , show that the box can be constructed in two different ways, and find the exact dimensions of the box in each case.
- (d) What dimensions will give the maximum volume of the box?



$$f(x) = (40 - 2x)(20 - 2x)(x)$$

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a) $V(x) = (40 - 2x)(20 - 2x)(x), 0 < x < 10$

b) ① \mathbb{R} ② $x \in (0, 10) \cup (20, \infty)$, ③ $x \in (0, 10)$

c) $1500 = (40 - 2x)(20 - 2x)(x)$ $x = 3.486$, S

3.486 cm x 13.028 cm x 3.486 cm
5 x 10 x 30 cm

d) $x = 4.226$ 4.226 cm x 11.547 cm x 31.547 cm