

# CHAPTER 1 - PC MATH 12 notes

## 1.1 Dividing a Polynomial by a Binomial

To divide <sup>①</sup> write exponents in descending order

ex  $-x + 3x^3 - 6 + 2x^2 \Rightarrow 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 6$

② write as a long division question

ex 
$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 6 \\ \div x + 2 \end{array} \Rightarrow x + 2 \overline{) 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 6}$$

③ calculate what you need to multiply 1st term (divisor) to get the 1st term in the polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 2 \overline{) 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 6} \\ \underline{x \cdot 3x^2 = 3x^3} \end{array}$$

④ multiply both terms in divisor by this monomial and subtract.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 8x + 7 \\ x + 2 \overline{) 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 6} \\ \ominus \underline{3x^3 + 6x^2} \phantom{-x - 6} \\ \phantom{3x^3 +} -4x^2 - x \phantom{- 6} \\ \ominus \underline{-4x^2 - 8x} \phantom{- 6} \\ \phantom{3x^3 + 2x^2 -} 7x - 6 \\ \ominus \underline{7x + 14} \\ \phantom{3x^3 + 2x^2 - x -} -20 \end{array}$$

$x \cdot 3x^2 = 3x^3$   
 $2 \cdot 3x^2 = 6x^2$

$x \cdot -4x = -4x^2$   
 $2 \cdot -4x = -8x$

$x \cdot 7 = 7x$   
 $2 \cdot 7 = 14$

\* careful w/ + -  
\* repeat above steps

∴ quotient =  $3x^2 - 8x + 7$  R -20

\* if you have a space between exponents  
fill in with a 0.

ex  $-4x^4 + 2x^2 - x - 3 \Rightarrow -4x^4 + 0x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 3$

Synthetic division:  $x - a$ ;  $bx^2 + cx + d$

ex1

$x - 2$ ;  $5x^2 + 7x - 4$

2	5	7	-4	
	↓	10	34	→ $17 \times 2 = 34$ then add
	5	17	30	
				→ $5 \times 2 = 10$ then add

quotient R

∴ quotient is  $5x + 17$  R 30

ex2

$2x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x - 6$ ;  $x + 1$

-1	2	4	-5	-6	
	↓	$(2 \cdot -1)$	$(4 \cdot -1)$	$(-5 \cdot -1)$	
		-2	-2	7	

2 2 -7 1

∴ quotient is  $2x^2 + 2x - 7$  R 1

## 1.2 Factoring Polynomials

use  $x-a$  if  $(x+a) \rightarrow$  think of it as  $x-(-a)$

Remainder theorem - when a polynomial  $(P(x))$  is divided by  $x-a$  the remainder is  $P(a)$

ex using long division

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x^2 + 8x + 24 \\ x-2 \overline{) 5x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x - 1} \\ \underline{\ominus 5x^3 - 10x^2} \phantom{- 1} \phantom{- 1} \\ 8x^2 + 8x \phantom{- 1} \phantom{- 1} \\ \underline{\ominus 8x^2 - 16x} \phantom{- 1} \phantom{- 1} \\ 24x - 1 \phantom{- 1} \\ \underline{24x - 48} \\ R = -47 \end{array}$$

using the Remainder theorem

$$\begin{array}{l} 5x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x - 1 \div x-2 \\ \phantom{5x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x - 1} \uparrow \\ \phantom{5x^3 - 2x^2 + 8x - 1} a=2 \\ 5(2)^3 - 2(2)^2 + 8(2) - 1 \\ = 40 - 8 + 16 - 1 \\ = 47 \\ R = 47 \end{array}$$

Factor theorem - if the remainder = 0 it is a factor

ex  $3x^4 + 7x^3 - x^2 + 14x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{l} \div x-1 \\ 3(+1)^4 + 7(1)^3 - (1)^2 + 14(1) - 3 \\ = 20 \\ \text{NOT A FACTOR} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \div x+3 \\ 3(-3)^4 + 7(-3)^3 - (-3)^2 + 14(-3) - 3 \\ = 0 \\ \text{IS A FACTOR} \end{array}$$

Why do you want to know if it a factor?

- ① to find roots/zeros
- ② to simplify complex equations

To factor  $2x^3 - 9x^2 + 7x + 6$

Guess & check - if  $R=0$ , it is a factor  $\uparrow$  the factors  $P(x)$  will have the same factors as the last # (factor property)

try  $x-1$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(1)^3 - 9(1)^2 + 7(1) + 6 \\ &= 2 - 9 + 7 + 6 \\ &= 6 \quad \text{NOT A FACTOR} \end{aligned}$$

try  $x-2$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(2)^3 - 9(2)^2 + 7(2) + 6 \\ &= 16 - 36 + 14 + 6 \\ &= 0 \quad * \text{ IS A FACTOR} \end{aligned}$$

\* once you find a factor - divide  $P(x)$  by it

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 5x - 3 \\ x-2 \overline{) 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 7x + 6} \\ \ominus \underline{2x^3 - 4x^2} \phantom{+ 7x + 6} \\ \phantom{2x^3 - } -5x^2 + 7x \phantom{+ 6} \\ \ominus \underline{-5x^2 + 10x} \phantom{+ 6} \\ \phantom{2x^3 - 5x^2 + } -3x + 6 \\ \phantom{2x^3 - 5x^2 + } \underline{-3x + 6} \\ \phantom{2x^3 - 5x^2 + } \phantom{-3x + } 0 \end{array}$$

or

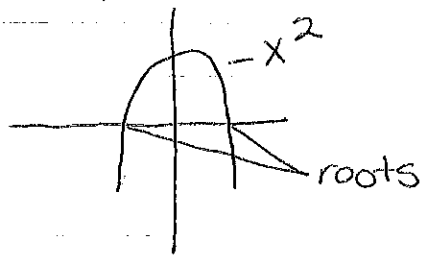
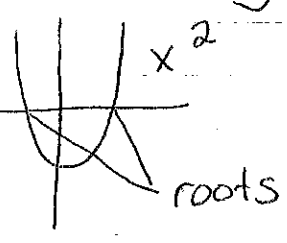
$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 2 \ -9 \ 7 \ 6} \\ \underline{4 \ -10 \ -6} \\ 2 \ -5 \ -3 \ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So... } 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 7x + 6 &= (x-2)(2x^2 - 5x - 3) \\ &= (x-2)(2x+1)(x-3) \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$  factor

# 1.3 Graphing Polynomial Functions

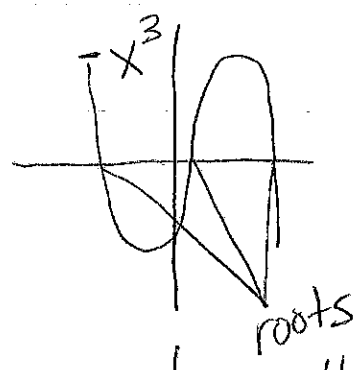
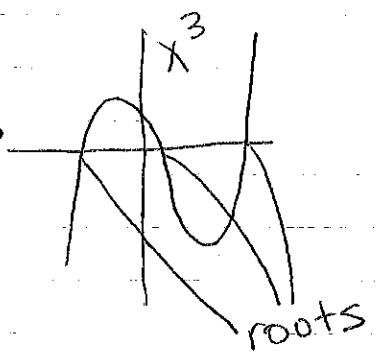
$x^2$   
= 2 directions



$$x^2 + 2x - 3$$

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y intercept

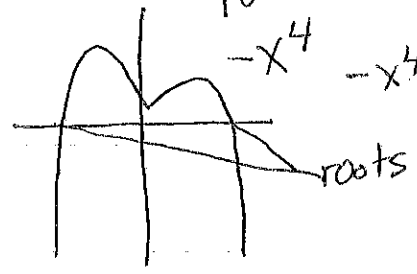
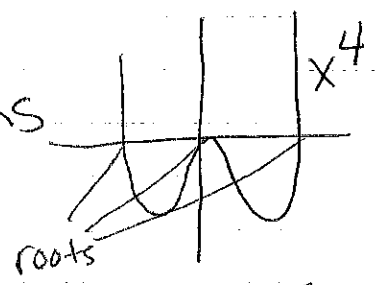
$x^3$   
= 3 directions



$$2x^3 + 3x^2 - 3x - 2$$

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y intercept

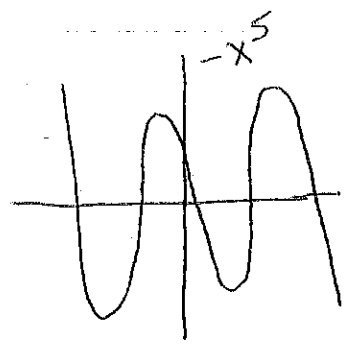
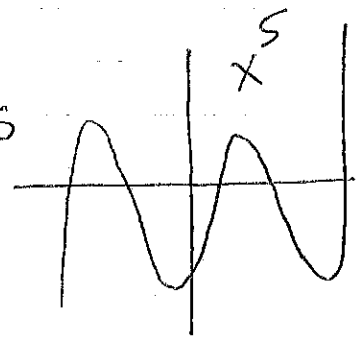
$x^4$   
= 4 directions



$$-x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 12x - 2$$

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y intercept

$x^5$   
= 5 directions



$$x^5 + 2x^4 - 7x^3 - 8x^2 + 12x - 1$$

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y intercept

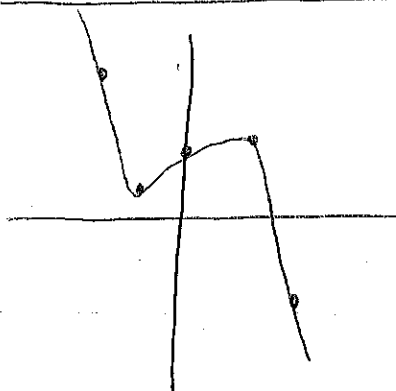
# 1.4 Relating Polynomial Functions and Equations

degree = leading / highest power

Graphing - Method 1; table of values

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

x	y
-2	12
-1	2
0	4
1	6
2	-4



Graphing - Method 2 - factoring

$$2x^4 - x^3 - 14x^2 + 19x - 6$$

- ① try  $x-1$   $\Rightarrow 2(1)^4 - (1)^3 - 14(1)^2 + 19(1) - 6 = 0$   
 So  $x-1$  is a factor - now divide

② 
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6 \\ x-1 \overline{) 2x^4 - x^3 - 14x^2 + 19x - 6} \\ \ominus 2x^4 - 2x^3 \phantom{- 14x^2} \phantom{+ 19x} \phantom{- 6} \\ \hline \phantom{2x^4 - } x^3 - 14x^2 \phantom{+ 19x} \phantom{- 6} \\ \ominus x^3 - x^2 \phantom{+ 19x} \phantom{- 6} \\ \hline \phantom{2x^4 - } \phantom{x^3 - } -13x^2 + 19x \phantom{- 6} \\ \ominus -13x^2 + 13x \phantom{- 6} \\ \hline \phantom{2x^4 - } \phantom{x^3 - } \phantom{-13x^2 + } 6x - 6 \\ \phantom{2x^4 - } \phantom{x^3 - } \phantom{-13x^2 + } \phantom{6x - } 6x - 6 \\ \hline \phantom{2x^4 - } \phantom{x^3 - } \phantom{-13x^2 + } \phantom{6x - } \phantom{6x - } 0 \end{array}$$

$(x-1)(2x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6)$

- ③ find factor for this  
 try  $x-2$   
 $2(2)^3 + (2)^2 - 13(2) + 6 = 0$

④ 
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 5x - 3 \\ x-2 \overline{) 2x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6} \\ \ominus 2x^3 - 4x^2 \phantom{- 13x} \phantom{+ 6} \\ \hline \phantom{2x^3 + } 5x^2 - 13x \phantom{+ 6} \\ \ominus 5x^2 - 10x \phantom{+ 6} \\ \hline \phantom{2x^3 + } \phantom{5x^2 - } -3x + 6 \\ \phantom{2x^3 + } \phantom{5x^2 - } \phantom{-3x + } -3x + 6 \\ \hline \phantom{2x^3 + } \phantom{5x^2 - } \phantom{-3x + } \phantom{-3x + } 0 \end{array}$$

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$$\text{now } 2x^4 - x^3 - 14x^2 + 19x - 6$$

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

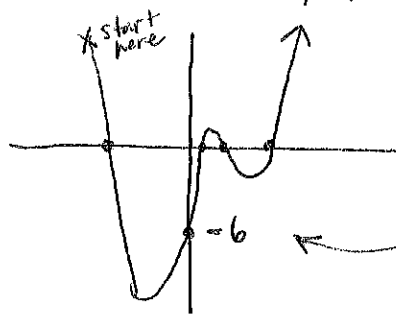
$$(2x-1)(x+3) \quad \text{factor } \textcircled{5}$$

$\therefore$  roots/factors are

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

$\textcircled{6}$  and roots  $+1$  ;  $+2$  ;  $+\frac{1}{2}$  ;  $-3$

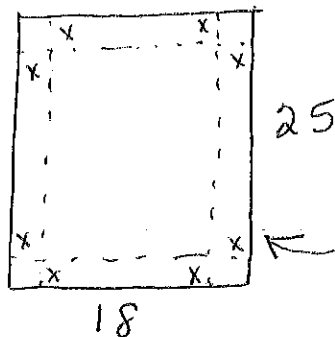
graph  $2x^4 - x^3 - 14x^2 + 19x - 6$   $\leftarrow$  y-intercept  
positive so W



# 1.5 Modelling & Solving Problems to Polynomial Functions

\* DRAW IT OUT!

max volume: 25 long 18 wide



- a piece is cut at corners  
+ folded up  
you don't know length  
of this piece so it is  $x$ .

now draw out the  
folded box



used to be 25 is taken off  
but now  $x$  both sides  $\rightarrow (25 - 2x)$

used to be 18 but now  $x + x$  is folded up  
so now  $(18 - 2x)$

$$V = l \times w \times h$$

$$= (25 - 2x)(18 - 2x)(x)$$

Graphing Calculator:

$$y = (25 - 2x)(18 - 2x)(x)$$

2nd CALC  $\rightarrow$  MAX

$x = x$  value

$y = \text{max. volume}$

\*  $x \geq 0$  can't have a  
side as  $-1$ !



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EX 2

### Leo and 3 friends

Leo =  $x$  ; Sandra 3 years younger =  $x - 3$   
Vince 4 years older =  $x + 4$   
Hunter 1 year older =  $x + 1$

Find ages if product of ages = 54658 more than  
Sum of ages

$$\text{product of ages} = (x)(x-3)(x+4)(x+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum of ages} &= (x) + (x-3) + (x+4) + (x+1) \\ &= 4x + 2\end{aligned}$$

$$(x)(x-3)(x+4)(x+1) = 4x + 2 + 54658$$

\* move everything to one side to = 0  
then graph; where  $y = 0$  is your answer

$$0 = (x)(x-3)(x+4)(x+1) - 4x - 54660$$

\* remember Leo's age cannot be  $\leq 0$

— on the graph  $y = 0$  at 15

so  $\therefore$  Leo = 15

$\therefore$  Sandra =  $15 - 3 = 12$

Vince =  $15 + 4 = 19$

Hunter =  $15 + 1 = 16$