

# Section 4.1 Continued.

HWS: due this Saturday at 11:59pm

Sketching the graph of a polynomial function of degree  $\geq 3$ .

**Facts:** When  $x$  approaches to  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ , any polynomial function  $f(x)$  approaches to  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

Ex Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3 = (x-3)(x+1)(x-1)$

STEP 1 Factor!  $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3$

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

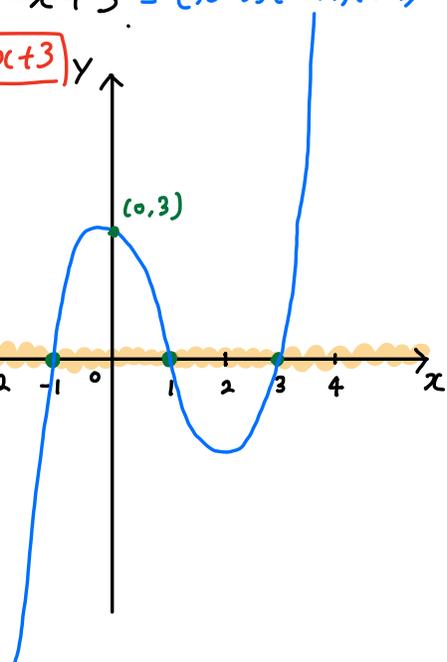
STEP 2 Find  $x$ -intercept:  
 $y$ -intercept:  $(0, 3)$

Solve  $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x-3)(x+1)(x-1) = 0$   
 $\downarrow$  z.f.t.  
 $x-3=0$  or  $x+1=0$  or  $x-1=0$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $x=3, x=-1, x=1$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $(3,0), (-1,0), (1,0)$

STEP 3 Analyze the sign of  $f(x) = (x-3)(x+1)(x-1)$

$f(x) = (x-3)(x+1)(x-1)$	$\ominus$	$\oplus$	$\ominus$	$\oplus$
$(x-3)$	-	-	-	+
$(x+1)$	-	+	+	+
$(x-1)$	-	-	+	+
	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-1, 1)$	$(1, 3)$	$(3, \infty)$

$y = x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3$



Ex Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2$

STEP 1 Factor:  $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2$   
 $= x^2(x^2 - x - 6)$   
 $= x^2(x-3)(x+2)$

STEP 2 Find  $x$ -intercept:  
 $y$ -intercept:  $(0, 0)$

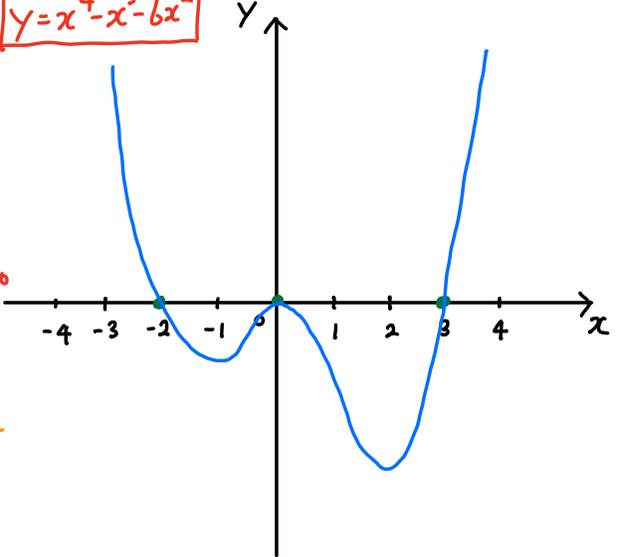
Solve  $x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2(x-3)(x+2) = 0$   
 $\downarrow$  z.f.t.  
 $x=0$  or  $x-3=0$  or  $x+2=0$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $x=0, x=3, x=-2$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $(0,0), (3,0), (-2,0)$

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

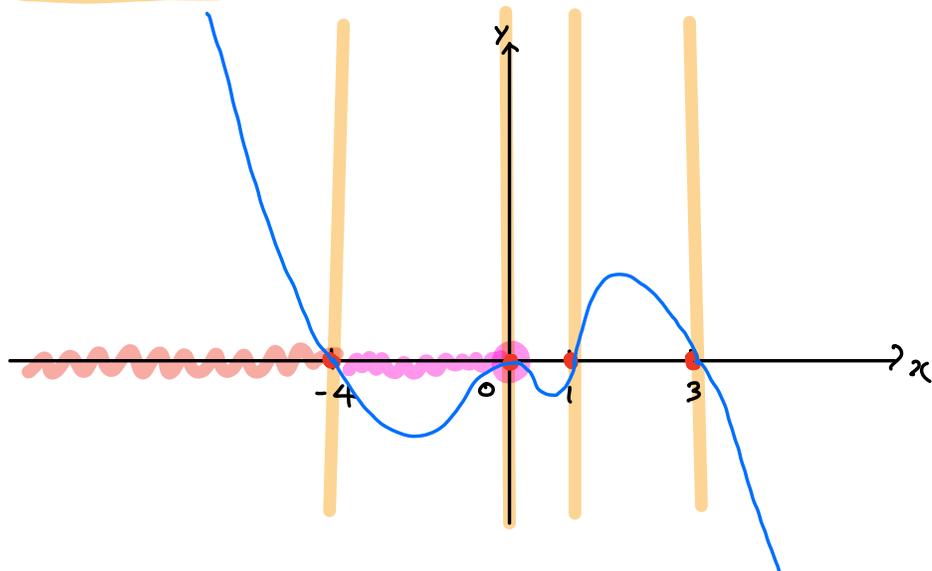
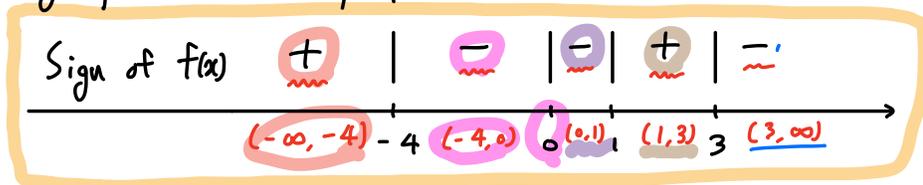
	$\oplus$	$\ominus$	$\ominus$	$\oplus$
$x^2$	+	+	+	+
$x-3$	-	-	-	+
$x+2$	-	+	+	+
	$(-\infty, -2)$	$(-2, 0)$	$(0, 3)$	$(3, \infty)$

*it is  $x^2$ , NOT  $x$ .*

$y = x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2$



Ex Given the sign diagram below, sketch a possible graph of the polynomial  $f$ .



## Section 4.2 Properties of Division.

Def Given two polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , it means there exists a third polynomial  $h(x)$  such that  $f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$ .

$f(x)$  is divisible by  $g(x)$  if  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

Ex  $x^2 + 5x + 4$  has four factors:  $1, (x+1), (x+4), (x+1)(x+4)$   
" $(x+1)(x+4)$ ."

Hence  $x^2 + 5x + 4$  is divisible by  $1, (x+1), (x+4), (x+1)(x+4)$

When  $f(x)$  is not divisible by  $g(x)$ , we can still divide  $f(x)$  by  $g(x)$  using "long division".

Recall: long division for positive integers.

Ex

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{2096} \\
 11 \overline{) 23057} \\
 \underline{22} \quad \downarrow \downarrow \\
 105 \\
 \underline{99} \\
 67 \\
 \underline{66} \\
 \textcircled{1}
 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow 23057 = 11 \times \frac{2096}{\uparrow \text{quotient}} + \frac{1}{\uparrow \text{remainder}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \overline{) 13} \\
 \underline{12} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

4 · ? < 13

remainder

$13 = 4 \cdot 3 + 1$

quotient

Long division for the polynomials is similar.

Ex  $x^2 - 2x + 2 \overline{) 2x^5 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 1}$

$x^2 \cdot 2x^3 = 2x^5$   $\Downarrow$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{quotient.} \\
 \underline{2x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 1} \\
 x^2 - 2x + 2 \overline{) 2x^5 + 0x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 0x + 1} \\
 \underline{2x^5 - 4x^4 + 4x^3} \quad \downarrow \\
 4x^4 - 7x^3 + 5x^2 \\
 \underline{4x^4 - 8x^3 + 8x^2} \quad \downarrow \\
 x^3 - 3x^2 + 0x \\
 \underline{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} \\
 -x^2 - 2x + 1 \\
 \underline{-x^2 + 2x - 2} \\
 -4x + 3 \\
 \text{remainder.}
 \end{array}$$

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

$$2x^5 + 0x^4 - 3x^3 - (2x^5 - 4x^4 + 4x^3) = 4x^4 - 7x^3$$

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

$$(4x^4 - 7x^3 + 5x^2) - (4x^4 - 8x^3 + 8x^2) = x^3 - 3x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^5 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 1 = (x^2 - 2x + 2)(2x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 1) + (-4x + 3)$$

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

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

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

## Division Algorithm for Polynomials.

If  $f(x)$  and  $p(x)$  are polynomials and if  $p(x) \neq 0$ , then there exist unique polynomials  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  such that

$$f(x) = p(x) \cdot \underline{q(x)} + \underline{r(x)}$$

where either  $r(x) = 0$  or the degree of  $r(x)$  is less than the degree of  $p(x)$ .