

**Unit 6 Test Study Guide**  
**Take note of NON-CALCULATOR questions**

1. Write each polynomial in standard form and classify by degree and number of terms: (NON-CALC)

a.  $x^2 - 4$

Quadratic  
Binomial

b.  $x^3 - 4x^3 + 6x^3 \Rightarrow 3x^3$

Cubic  
Monomial

c.  $x^2 - x^3 - x^4 + 5x^3 \Rightarrow -x^4 + 4x^3 + x^2$

Quartic  
Trinomial

d. 172

Constant  
Monomial

2. Solve the following polynomial equations.

c.  $(x-3)(x^2-1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x-3)(x-1)(x+1) = 0$

↓	↓	↓
$x-3=0$	$x-1=0$	$x+1=0$
$\frac{+3 \ +3}{x=3}$	$\frac{+1 \ +1}{x=1}$	$\frac{-1 \ -1}{x=-1}$

**(3,0), (1,0), (-1,0)**

d.  $(x^2-25)(x^2+5x+4) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x-5)(x+5)(x+4)(x+1) = 0$

↓	↓	↓	↓
$x-5=0$	$x+5=0$	$x+4=0$	$x+1=0$
$\frac{+5 \ +5}{x=5}$	$\frac{-5 \ -5}{x=-5}$	$\frac{-4 \ -4}{x=-4}$	$\frac{-1 \ -1}{x=-1}$

	x	4
x	$x^2$	$4x$
1	$1x$	4

Mult:  $4x^2$   
Add:  $5x$

**(5,0), (-5,0), (-4,0), (-1,0)**

e.  $10x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$

	2x	1
$5x^2$	$10x^3$	$5x^2$
-1	$-2x$	-1

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

↓	↓	
$5x^2-1=0$	$2x+1=0$	$(\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}, 0)$
$\frac{+1 \ +1}{5x^2=1}$	$\frac{-1 \ -1}{2x=-1}$	$(-\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}, 0)$
$\frac{5x^2=1}{\frac{1}{5} \ \frac{1}{5}}$	$\frac{2x=-1}{\frac{2}{2} \ \frac{1}{2}}$	$(-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$
$x^2 = \frac{1}{5}$	$x = -\frac{1}{2}$	
$x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}$		

f.  $\sqrt{x+7} = (x-1)^2$  (hint: use your calculator!)

$y_1 = \sqrt{x+7}$

$y_2 = (x-1)^2$

2<sup>nd</sup> → trace (calc) → 5: intersect

$x = -0.591, 2.768$

**(-0.591,0), (2.768,0)**

g.  $5x^2 = 20x$  \*must equal zero

$-20x$	$-20x$
$5x^2 - 20x = 0$	
$5x(x-4) = 0$	
↓	↓
$\frac{5x=0}{\frac{5}{5}}$	$\frac{x-4=0}{+4 \ +4}$
$x=0$	$x=4$

**(0,0), (4,0)**

h.  $4x^2 - 15x - 25 = 0$

	x	-5
4x	$4x^2$	$-20x$
5	$5x$	$-25$

↓	↓
$4x+5=0$	$x-5=0$
$\frac{-5 \ -5}{4x=-5}$	$\frac{+5 \ +5}{x=5}$
$\frac{4x=-5}{\frac{4}{4}}$	
$x = -5/4$	

**(-5/4,0), (5,0)**

Mult:  $-100x^2$   
Add:  $-15x$

3. Is  $(4x + 3)$  a factor of  $(12x^3 - 11x^2 + 9x + 18)$ ?

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x+3=0 \\ -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline 4x = -3 \\ \frac{4}{4} \quad \frac{-3}{4} \\ x = -3/4 \end{array}$$

$$12\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 - 11\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + 9\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + 18 = 0$$

Yes, it is a factor!

4. Is  $x = -1$  a solution of  $(3x^3 + 5x - 1)$ ?

$$3(-1)^3 + 5(-1) - 1 = -9$$

No! It's not a solution.

5. The polynomial  $g(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 26x - 24$  has values in the table provided below.

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$g(x)$	-120	-60	-24	-6	0

a. What is the x-intercept?

$(2, 0) \rightarrow (x-2)$

b. Use the table to help you write the polynomial so it is in factored form.

(Hint: use the x-intercept and an area model to divide)

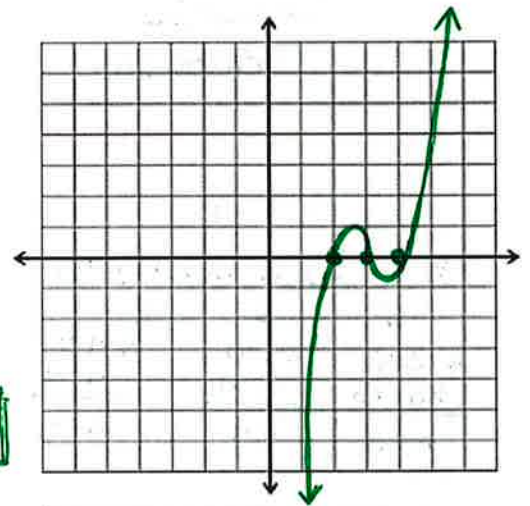
$$(x^3 - 9x^2 + 26x - 24) \div (x-2)$$

	$x^2$	$-7x$	12
$x$	$x^3$	$-7x^2$	$12x$
-2	$-2x^2$	$14x$	$-24$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = (x-2)(x^2 - 7x + 12)$$

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

Mult:  $12x^2$   
Add:  $-7x$



Factored Form:  $g(x) = (x-2)(x-4)(x-3)$

c. Graph the polynomial.

6. Use the area model to divide and solve the problem below.

a. If the polynomial  $h(x) = -x^3 - 16x^2 - 75x - 108$  has the x-intercept  $x = -4$ . Find all other x-intercepts of the polynomial. Write the polynomial in factored form and graph it.

	$-x^2$	$-12x$	$-27$
$x$	$-x^3$	$-12x^2$	$-27x$
4	$-4x^2$	$-48x$	$-108$

$$h(x) = (x+4)(-x^2 - 12x - 27)$$

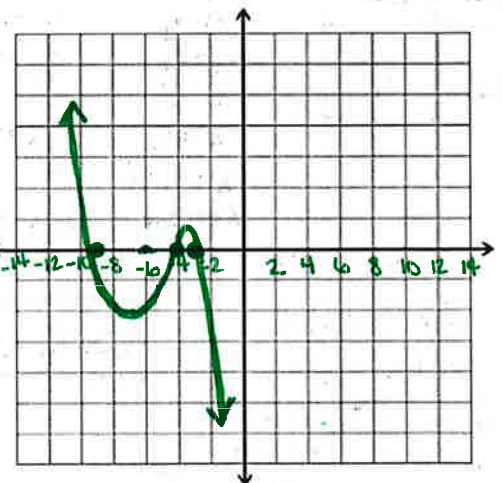
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$$h(x) = -(x^2 + 12x + 27)(x+4)$$

$h(x) = -(x+3)(x+9)(x+4)$

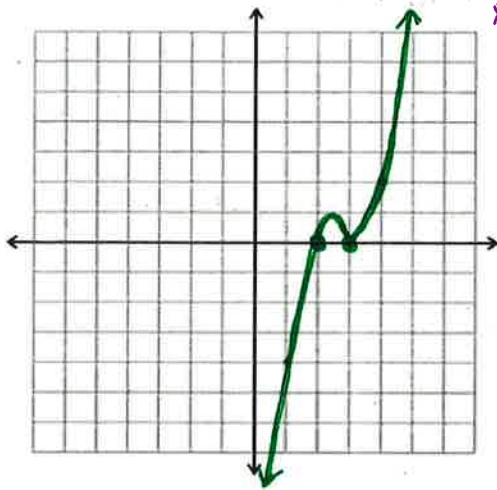
	$x$	9
$x$	$x^2$	$9x$
3	$3x$	27

Mult:  $27x^2$   
Add:  $12x$



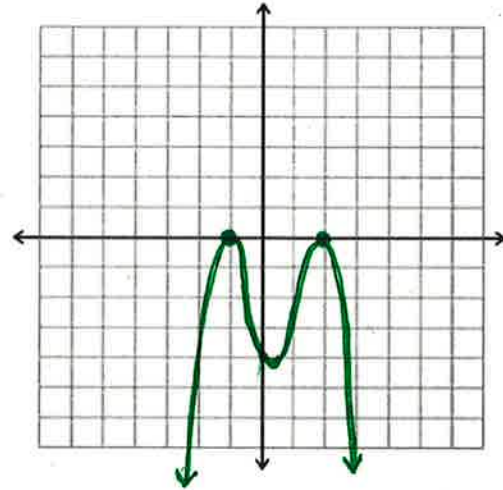
7. Graph the following polynomials. Be sure to consider multiplicity (repeating x-intercepts) (NON-CALC)

a.  $f(x) = (x - 2)(x - 3)^2$



x-int:  $(2, 0), (3, 0)^*$   
 odd degree (3)  
 +

b.  $g(x) = -(x + 1)^2(x - 2)^2$



x-int:  $(-1, 0)^*, (2, 0)^*$   
 even degree (4)  
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8. Sketch the end behavior of the following polynomial functions. (NON-CALC)

a.  $x^5 - x^7$  degree: 7 (odd)

$\Rightarrow -x^7 + 5$  sign: -



b.  $2x - 5 + x + 2 - x^3$  degree: 3 (odd)

$\Rightarrow -x^3 + 3x - 3$



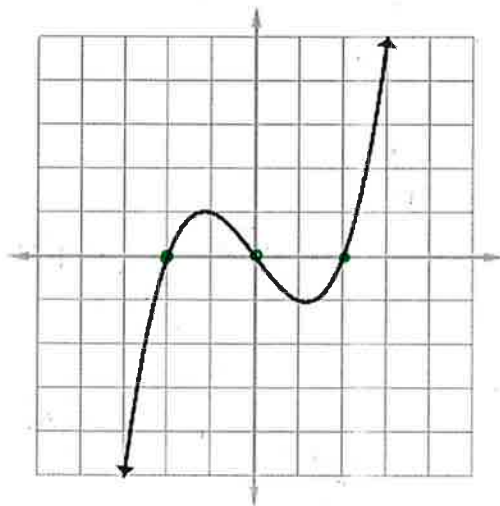
c.  $x^4 - 7 + x$  degree: 4 (even)

sign: -  $\Rightarrow x^4 + x - 7$  sign: +



9. Given the following graphs, determine the information below. (NON-CALC)

a.



End Behavior:  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

$x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign: +

Degree of Function: odd  
3 (2 turns)

x-intercepts:  $(-2, 0), (0, 0), (2, 0)$  Factors:  $x(x+2)(x-2)$

Equation in Factored Form:  $f(x) = x(x+2)(x-2)$   
 or  $f(x) = x(x^2 - 4)$

Y-intercept:  $(0, 0)$

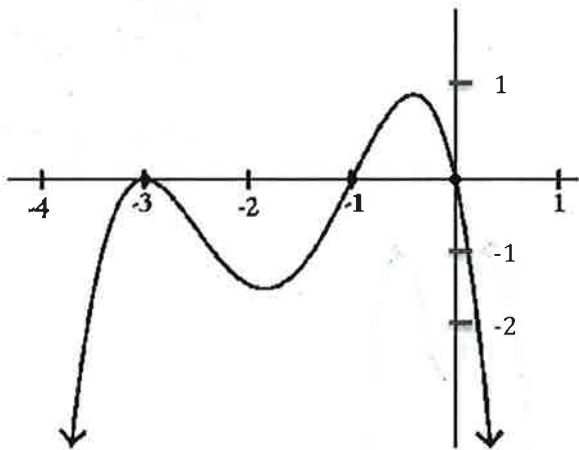
Relative Minimum(s):  $(1, -1)$

Relative Maximum(s):  $(-1, 1)$

Increasing Intervals:  $(-\infty, -1)$   $(1, \infty)$

Decreasing Intervals:  $(-1, 1)$

b. (NON-CALC)



End Behavior:  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$   
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign:  $-$

Degree of Function: even (4)  
 $\rightarrow 3$  turns

X-intercepts:  $(-3, 0)^*$ ,  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0)$

Factors:  $x(x+3)(x+1)$

Equation in Factored Form:  
 $f(x) = -x(x+3)^2(x+1)$

Y-intercept:  $(0, 0)$

Relative Minimum(s):  
 $(-1.8, -1.5)$

Relative Maximum(s):  
 $(-3, 0)$ ,  $(-0.4, 1)$

Increasing Intervals:  
 $(-\infty, -3)$   $(-1.8, -0.4)$

Decreasing Intervals:  
 $(-3, -1.8)$   $(-0.4, \infty)$

10. Given the following functions, solve for their inverses and then verify the results graphically.

a.  $h(x) = 3(x - 1)$

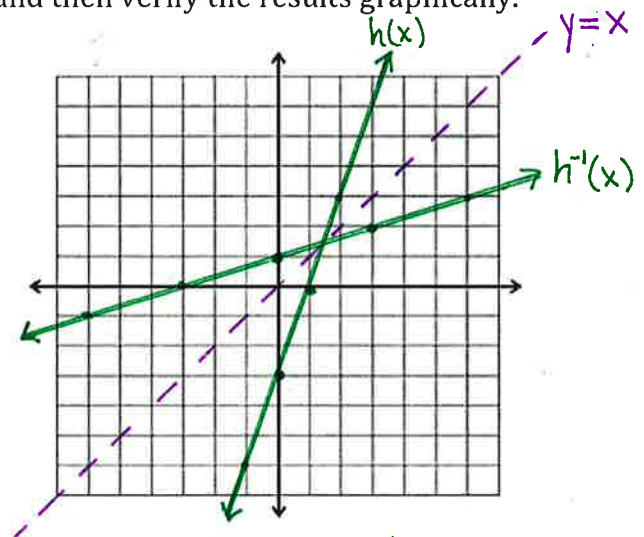
$y = 3(x - 1)$

$x = 3(y - 1)$

$\frac{x}{3} = y - 1$

$\frac{x}{3} + 1 = y$

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



b.  $h(x) = \frac{1}{5}(x + 6)$

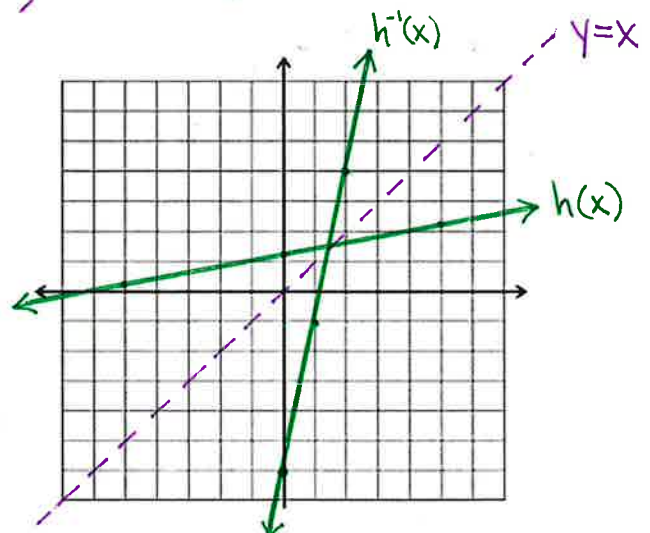
$y = \frac{1}{5}(x + 6)$

$5 \cdot x = \frac{1}{5}(y + 6) \cdot 5$

$5x = y + 6$

$5x - 6 = y$

$h^{-1}(x) = 5x - 6$





11. Graph each of the polynomial below.

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

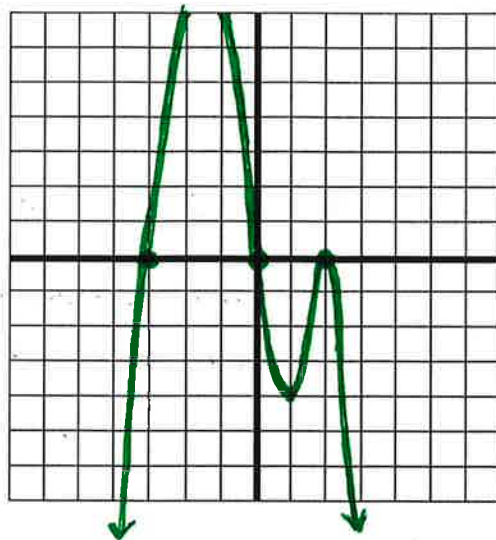
Classify (by degree):

Degree: 4 (Even) / Odd; LC: - + / -

End Behavior:  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

$x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Maximum number of turns: 3



x-intercepts: (0,0), (2,0), (-3,0) y-intercept: (0,0)

Verify that each of your x-intercepts are correct using the Factor/ Remainder theorems:

$$-x \rightarrow x=0$$

$$(x-2) \rightarrow x=2$$

$$(x+3) \rightarrow x=-3$$

$$-(0)(0-2)^2(0+3)$$

$$-(2)(2-2)^2(2+3)$$

$$-(-3)(-3-2)^2(-3+3)$$

$$= 0(2)^2(3)$$

$$= -2(0)^2(5)$$

$$= 3(-5)^2(0)$$

$$= 0(4)(3)$$

$$= -2(0)(5)$$

$$= 3(25)(0)$$

$$= 0 \checkmark$$

$$= 0 \checkmark$$

$$= 0 \checkmark$$

Create an XY table with all intercepts included

X	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
Y	-144	0	32	18	0	-4	0	-18	-112	-360

12. Graph the polynomial below. *Hint: factor first.*

$$f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 16x + 12$$

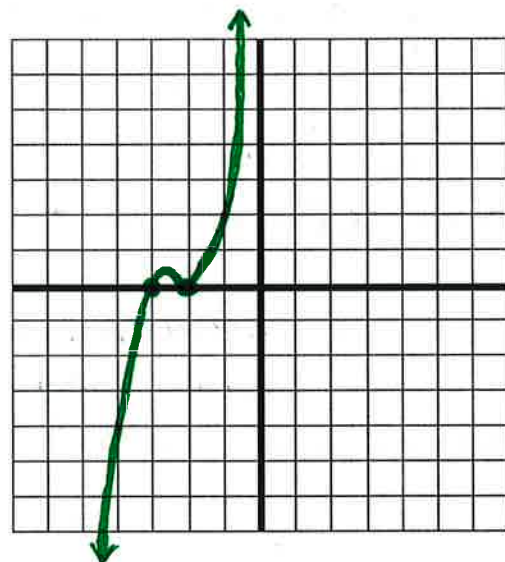
Classify (by degree & term):

Degree: 3 Even / (Odd) LC: + +/-

End Behavior:  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

$x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Maximum number of turns: 2



Use Polynomial Division to FACTOR COMPLETELY if  $x = -3$ .

	$x^2$	$4x$	$4$
$x$	$x^3$	$4x^2$	$4x$
$3$	$3x^2$	$12x$	$12$

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

	$x$	$2$	
$x$	$x^2$	$2x$	Mult: $4x^2$
$2$	$2x$	$4$	Add: $4x$

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

x-intercepts:  $(-3, 0), (-2, 0)$

y-intercept:  $(0, 12)$

Verify that each of your x-intercepts are correct using the Factor/ Remainder theorems:

$$(x+3) \rightarrow x = -3$$

$$(x+2) \rightarrow x = -2$$

$$(-3)^3 + 7(-3)^2 + 16(-3) + 12$$

$$(-2)^3 + 7(-2)^2 + 16(-2) + 12$$

$$= -27 + 7(9) - 48 + 12$$

$$= -8 + 7(4) - 32 + 12$$

$$= -27 + 63 - 48 + 12$$

$$= -8 + 28 - 32 + 12$$

$$= 0 \checkmark$$

$$= 0 \checkmark$$