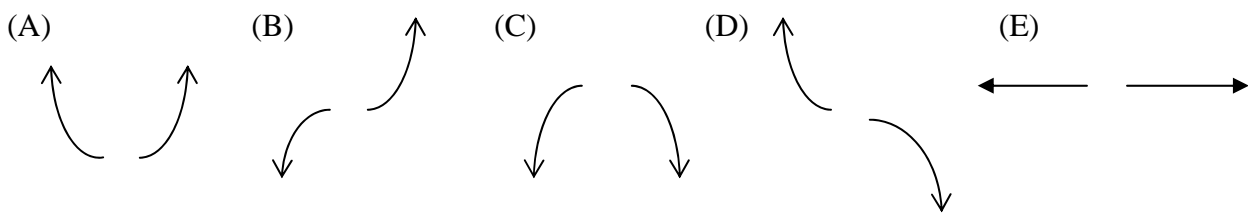


There are 8 problems on this exam. Carefully read and follow all directions. In order to receive credit show all necessary work. No credit will be given for an answer I cannot find or cannot read. All answers should be exact—decimal approximations are not acceptable.

1. Indicate which of the following best illustrates the left/right behavior of each of the following polynomial functions. (3 points each)



C $f(x) = -2x^4 - 9x^3 + 19x^2 + 63x - 35$

B $g(x) = 4x^5 + 5x^4 - 6x^3 + 3x + 10$

A $h(x) = (2x - 1)^2(x + 4)^3(x - 5)$

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

2. Find all zeros of the function $f(x)$ from problem 1. Show all necessary synthetic division. (10 points)

zeros: $-5, \frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{7}, -\sqrt{7}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -5 & -2 & -9 & 19 & 63 & -35 \\ & & 10 & -5 & -70 & 35 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} \frac{1}{2} & -2 & 1 & 14 & -7 & 0 \\ & & -1 & 0 & 7 & \\ \hline & -2 & 0 & 14 & 0 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$-2x^2 + 14 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 7$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{7}$$

5. Consider the polynomial $h(x) = 3x^5 - 23x^4 + 49x^3 - 17x^2 - 24x - 4$.

(a) According to Descartes' rule of signs how many positive real zeros can $h(x)$ have? (3 points)

+ - + - - - 3 or 1

(b) Determine $h(-x)$. (3 points)

$$-3x^5 - 23x^4 - 49x^3 - 17x^2 + 24x - 4$$

(c) According to Descartes' rule of signs how many negative real zeros can $h(x)$ have? (3 points)

- - - - + - 2 or 0

(d) List the possible rational zeros of this polynomial. (4 points)

$\frac{\text{factors of } -4}{\text{factors of } 3} = \frac{\pm 1, 2, 4}{\pm 1, 3}$ $1, \frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{2}{3}, 4, \frac{4}{3}$ and their negatives

(e) In an appropriate window graph $h(x)$ and determine three rational zeros of $h(x)$ counting multiplicities. (3 points)

$2, 2, -\frac{1}{3}$

(f) Use synthetic division to "divide out" the three rational zeros found in part (e). (6 pts)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrrrr} 2 & 3 & -23 & 49 & -17 & -24 & -4 & \\ & & 6 & -34 & 30 & 26 & 4 & \\ \hline & 3 & -17 & 15 & 13 & 2 & 0 & \\ 2 & & 6 & -22 & -14 & -2 & & \\ \hline & 3 & -11 & -7 & -1 & 0 & & \\ -\frac{1}{3} & & -1 & 4 & 1 & & & \\ \hline & 3 & -12 & -3 & 0 & & & \end{array}$$

(g) Determine the other two zeros of this polynomial. (6 points)

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 - 12x - 3 &= 0 & (x-2)^2 &= 5 \\ x^2 - 4x - 1 &= 0 & x-2 &= \pm\sqrt{5} \\ (x-2)^2 - 5 &= 0 & x &= 2+\sqrt{5}, 2-\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

(i) Determine the complete factorization of this polynomial. (5 points)

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

6. Consider the quadratic function $f(x) = 2x^2 + 20x - 15$. Complete the following statements. Show all work in the space at the bottom of the page. (2 points per blank)

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is a parabola that opens up and has the point
up/down

(-5, -65) as its vertex. This vertex is a minimum. This
maximum/minimum

quadratic when expressed in shifted form is $f(x) = \underline{2(x+5)^2 - 65}$.

The x-intercepts on the graph of $y = f(x)$ are located at ($-5 + \sqrt{\frac{65}{2}}$, 0)

and ($-5 - \sqrt{\frac{65}{2}}$, 0). The y-intercept on the graph of $y = f(x)$ is located at

(0, -15). The axis of symmetry for this parabola is $x = -5$.

The domain of the function $f(x)$ is ($-\infty, \infty$) and the range of the function

$f(x)$ is [-65, ∞).

7. A polynomial with integer coefficients has a constant term of 10 and a leading coefficient of 12. If this polynomial has a rational zero between 0 and 1, list the possibilities for this zero. (4 points)

$$\frac{\text{factors of } 10}{\text{factors of } 12} = \frac{\pm 1, 2, 5, 10}{\pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{12}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{5}{12}$$

8. Use synthetic division to determine if $x = 4$ is a zero of the polynomial $x^3 - 2x - 8$. Show all work and circle the correct response. (4 points)

4 is a zero OR 4 is not a zero

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 4 & 1 & 0 & -2 & -8 \\ & & 4 & 16 & 56 \\ \hline & 1 & 4 & 14 & 48 \end{array}$$