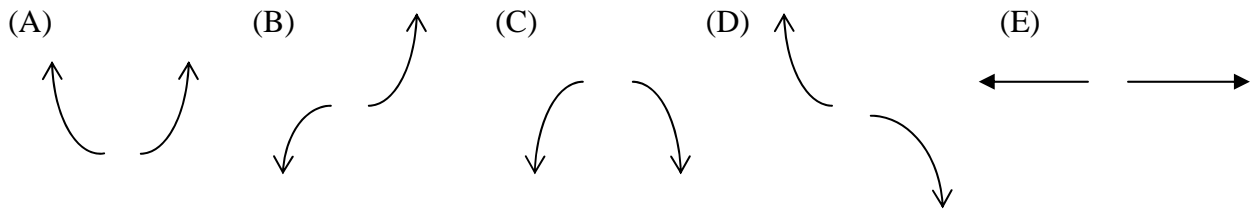


There are 8 problems on this exam. Carefully read and follow all directions. In order to receive credit show all necessary work. No credit will be given for an answer I cannot find or cannot read. All answers should be exact—decimal approximations are not acceptable.

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



A  $f(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 10x^2 - 8x + 8$

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

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

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

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

zeros:  $-2, \frac{2}{3}, \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -2 & 3 & 4 & -10 & -8 & 8 \\ & & -6 & 4 & 12 & -8 \\ \hline & 3 & -2 & -6 & 4 & 0 \\ & & 2 & 0 & -4 & \\ \hline & 3 & 0 & -6 & 0 & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 - 6 &= 0 \\ x^2 &= 2 \\ x &= \pm\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

3. The imaginary number  $5i$  is a zero of  $x^4 - 6x^3 + 35x^2 - 150x + 250$ . Determine the other three zeros of this polynomial. Show all necessary work. (10 points)

Zeros:  $5i, -5i, 3+i, 3-i$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 5i & 1 & -6 & 35 & -150 & 250 \\ & & 5i & -30i-25 & 50i+150 & -250 \\ \hline -5i & 1 & -6+5i & 10-30i & 50i & \underline{0} \\ & & -5i & 30i & -50i & \\ \hline & 1 & -6 & 10 & \underline{0} & \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$$

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

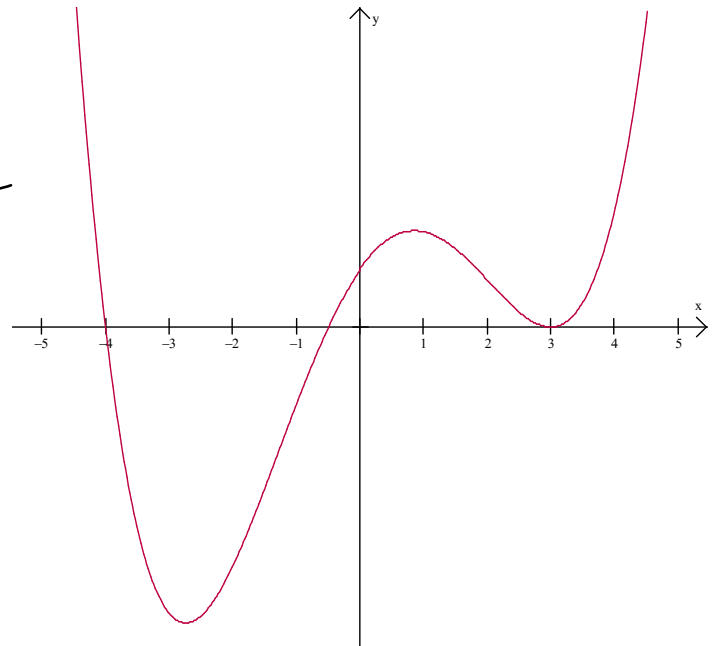
$$(x-3)^2 = -1$$

$$x-3 = \pm\sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = 3+i, 3-i$$

4. Determine a polynomial function in factored form whose graph will look like the graph shown below. (5 points)

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



5. Consider the polynomial  $h(x) = 2x^5 + x^4 - 58x^3 - 161x^2 - 102x - 18$ .

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

+ + - - - - (1)

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

$$-2x^5 + x^4 + 58x^3 - 161x^2 + 102x - 18$$

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

- + + - + - 4 or 2 or 0

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

Factors of -18 =  $\pm 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18$  1,  $\frac{1}{2}, 2, 3, \frac{3}{2}, 6, 9, \frac{9}{2}, 18$  and their negatives

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

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

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

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrrr} -3 & 2 & 1 & -58 & -161 & -102 & -18 \\ & & -6 & 15 & 129 & 96 & 18 \\ \hline -3 & 2 & -5 & -43 & -32 & -6 & 0 \\ & & -6 & 33 & 30 & 6 & \\ \hline -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & -11 & -10 & -2 & 0 \\ & & -1 & 6 & 2 & \\ \hline & 2 & -12 & -4 & 0 & & \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 - 12x - 4 &= 0 & (x-3)^2 &= 11 \\ x^2 - 6x - 2 &= 0 & x-3 &= \pm\sqrt{11} \\ (x-3)^2 - 11 &= 0 & x &= 3+\sqrt{11}, 3-\sqrt{11} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$2(x+3)^2(x+\frac{1}{2})(x-3-\sqrt{11})(x-3+\sqrt{11})$$

6. Consider the quadratic function  $f(x) = 7x^2 + 28x - 3$ . 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

(-2, -3) as its vertex. This vertex is a minimum. This  
maximum/minimum

quadratic when expressed in shifted form is  $f(x) = \underline{7(x+2)^2 - 3}$

The x-intercepts on the graph of  $y = f(x)$  are located at ( $-2 + \sqrt{31/7}$ , 0)

and ( $-2 - \sqrt{31/7}$ , 0). The y-intercept on the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is located at

(0, -3). The axis of symmetry for this parabola is  $x = -2$ .

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

$f(x)$  is  $[-3, \infty)$ .

7. A polynomial with integer coefficients has a constant term of 12 and a leading coefficient of 14. If this polynomial has a rational zero between 0 and 1, list the possibilities for this zero. (4 points)

$$\frac{\text{factors of } 12}{\text{factors of } 14} = \frac{\pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12}{\pm 1, 2, 7, 14}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{14}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{3}{14}, \frac{4}{7}, \frac{6}{7}$$

8. Use synthetic division to determine if  $x = 4$  is a zero of the polynomial  $x^3 - 14x - 8$ . Show all work and circle the correct response. (4 points)

4 is a zero OR 4 is not a zero

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