

Polynomial Practice Problems

Write each polynomial function in standard form. Then determine the end behavior of each.

1. $n = 4m^2 - m + 7m^4$
 $n = 7m^4 + 4m^2 - m$
 As $m \rightarrow -\infty, n \rightarrow \infty$
 As $m \rightarrow \infty, n \rightarrow \infty$

2. $f(t) = 4t + 3t^3 + 2t - 7 = 3t^3 + 6t - 7$
 As $t \rightarrow -\infty, f(t) \rightarrow -\infty$
 As $t \rightarrow \infty, f(t) \rightarrow \infty$

3. $f(r) = 5r + 7 + 2r^2 = 2r^2 + 5r + 7$
 As $r \rightarrow -\infty, f(r) \rightarrow \infty$
 As $r \rightarrow \infty, f(r) \rightarrow \infty$

Divide using long division for #s 4 and 5:

4. $\frac{x^4 - 23x^3 + 49x + 4}{x^2 + x - 2}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 24x + 26 \\ x^2 + x - 2 \overline{) x^4 - 23x^3 + 0x^2 + 49x + 4} \\ \underline{-(x^2 + x - 2x^2)} \\ -24x^3 + 2x^2 + 49x + 4 \\ \underline{-(-24x^3 - 24x^2 + 48x)} \\ 26x^2 + x + 4 \\ \underline{-(26x^2 + 26x - 52)} \\ -25x + 56 \end{array}$$

5. $(2x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x + 1) \div (x^2 + 3)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 6 \\ x^2 + 3 \overline{) 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x + 1} \\ \underline{-(2x^3 + 0x^2 + 6x)} \\ -6x^2 - 2x + 1 \\ \underline{-(-6x^2 + 0x - 18)} \\ -2x + 19 \end{array}$$

 $= 2x - 6 + \frac{-2x + 19}{x^2 + 3}$

Divide using synthetic division for #s 6 and 7:

6. $(2x^3 - 3x^2 - 18x - 8) \div (x - 4)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 4 & 2 & -3 & -18 & -8 \\ & \downarrow & 8 & 20 & 8 \\ \hline & 2 & 5 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$$

 $2x^2 + 5x + 2$

7. $(6x^3 - x^2 + 8) \div (x + 2)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 6 & -1 & 0 & 8 \\ & \downarrow & -12 & 26 & -52 \\ \hline & 6 & -13 & 26 & -44 \end{array}$$

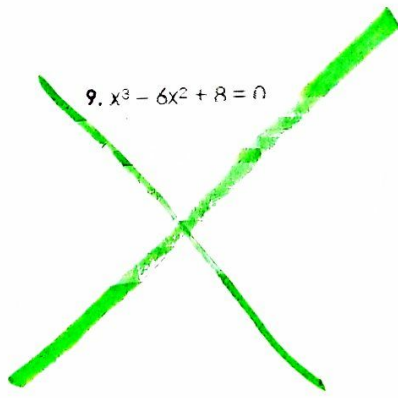
 $6x^2 - 13x + 26 + \frac{-44}{x+2}$

Find all solutions of each equation.

8. $x^4 + 14x^2 - 32 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} -32 \mid 14 \\ 16 \mid -2 \end{array}$$

 $x^4 + 16x^2 - 2x^2 - 32 = 0$
 $x^2(x^2 + 16) - 2(x^2 + 16) = 0$
 $(x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 16) = 0$
 $x^2 - 2 = 0 \quad x^2 + 16 = 0$
 $x^2 = 2 \quad x^2 = -16$
 $x = \pm\sqrt{2} \quad x = \pm 4i$
 $x = \{ \pm\sqrt{2}, \pm 4i \}$



9. $x^3 - 6x^2 + 8 = 0$

10. $6x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x = 0$
 $x - int @ x = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \mid 6 \quad -2 \quad 4 \quad 0 \\ \downarrow 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ \hline 6 \quad -2 \quad 4 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

 $6x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$
 $x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(6)(4)}}{2(6)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-92}}{12}$
 $x = \frac{2 \pm 2i\sqrt{23}}{12} = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{23}}{6}$
 $x = \{ 0, \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{23}}{6} \}$

11. $x^4 - 5x^3 - 8x + 40 = 0$
 $x - int @ x = 2, 5$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \mid 1 \quad -5 \quad 0 \quad -8 \quad 40 \\ \downarrow 2 \quad -6 \quad -12 \quad -40 \\ \hline 1 \quad -3 \quad -6 \quad -20 \quad 0 \\ 5 \mid 1 \quad -3 \quad -6 \quad -20 \quad 0 \\ \downarrow 5 \quad 10 \quad 20 \\ \hline 1 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

 $x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$
 $x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(4)}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2}$
 $x = \frac{-2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{2} = -1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$
 $x = \{ 2, 5, -1 \pm i\sqrt{3} \}$

12. $x^3 + 125 = 0$
 $(x+5)(x^2 - 5x + 25) = 0$
 $x+5=0 \quad x^2 - 5x + 25 = 0$
 $x = -5 \quad x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4(1)(25)}}{2}$
 $x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{-75}}{2} = \frac{5 \pm 5i\sqrt{3}}{2}$
 $x = \{ -5, \frac{5 \pm 5i\sqrt{3}}{2} \}$

13. $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$
 $x^2(x-3) + 4(x-3) = 0$
 $(x^2+4)(x-3) = 0$
 $x^2+4=0 \quad x-3=0$
 $x^2=-4 \quad x=3$
 $x = \pm 2i$
 $x = \{ 3, \pm 2i \}$

14. $3x^4 + 11x^3 + 14x^2 + 7x + 1 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \mid 3 \quad 11 \quad 14 \quad 7 \quad 1 \\ \downarrow -3 \quad -8 \quad -6 \quad -1 \\ \hline -1 \mid 3 \quad 8 \quad 6 \quad 1 \quad 0 \\ \downarrow -3 \quad -5 \quad -1 \\ \hline 3 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

 $3x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0$
 $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4(3)(1)}}{2(3)} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{13}}{6}$
 $x = \{ -1, \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{13}}{6} \}$

15. $3x^4 - x^3 - 22x^2 + 24x = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \mid 3 \quad -1 \quad -22 \quad 24 \quad 0 \\ \downarrow -9 \quad 30 \quad -24 \quad 0 \\ \hline 0 \mid 3 \quad -10 \quad 8 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ \downarrow 3 \quad -10 \quad 8 \quad 0 \\ \hline 0 \mid 3 \quad -10 \quad 8 \quad 0 \\ \downarrow 3 \quad -4 \quad 8 \\ \hline 0 \mid 3 \quad -4 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

 $3x - 4 = 0 \rightarrow 3x = 4 \rightarrow x = 4/3$
 $x = \{ 3, 0, 2, 4/3 \}$

16. $45x^3 + 93x^2 - 12 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \mid 45 \quad 93 \quad 0 \quad -12 \\ \downarrow -90 \quad -6 \quad 12 \\ \hline 45 \quad 3 \quad -6 \quad 0 \\ 45x^2 + 3x - 6 = 0 \div 3 \\ 15x^2 + x - 2 = 0 \\ 15x^2 + 10x - 5x - 2 = 0 \\ 3x(5x+2) - 1(5x+2) = 0 \\ (3x-1)(5x+2) = 0 \end{array}$$

 $x = \{ -2, 1/3, -2/3 \}$

17. What is $P(-4)$ given that $P(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1$? Show using **Synthetic Division**.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -4 & 2 & -3 & 5 & 0 & -1 \\ & \downarrow & -8 & 44 & -196 & 784 \\ \hline & 2 & -11 & 49 & -196 & 783 \end{array}$$

$$P(-4) = 783$$

18. Write the equation of a polynomial function that has zeros at:

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

-3 and $2-i$, $2+i$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} x & x^2 & -2x & 1 \\ -2 & & -2x & 4 \\ -i & & -ix & 2i & 1 \end{array}$$

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

-3-i and $2+3i$

$$(x-2)(x-3-i)(x-3+i) = (x-2)(x^2-6x+10)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} x & x^2 & -3x & 1 \\ -3 & & -3x & 9 \\ -i & & -ix & 3i & 1 \end{array}$$

$$y = (x-2)(x^2-6x+10)$$

-2i and 3 and a double root at 4

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

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} x & x^2 & 2ix \\ -2i & & -2ix & 4 \end{array}$$

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

19. The remainder when dividing $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + k$ by $(x+1)$ is 2. What is the remainder when dividing the same polynomial by $(x-2)$?

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & k \\ & \downarrow & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 2 & k-2 \end{array}$$

$$k-2=2 \rightarrow k=4$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ & \downarrow & 2 & 8 & 22 \\ \hline & 1 & 4 & 11 & 26 \end{array}$$

Remainder is 26

20. The volume of a box is $x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x$. What are the dimensions of the box?

$$\begin{aligned} & x(x^2+4x+4) \\ & x(x+2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The length, width, and height are x , $x+2$, and $x+2$.

Use synthetic division and the given factor to completely factor the binomial function.

21. $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$. $(x+1)(x+3)(x-2)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 \\ & \downarrow & -1 & -1 & 6 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & -6 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x^2+x-6 \rightarrow (x+3)(x-2)$$

22. $f(x) = x^3 + 9x^2 + 23x + 15$. $(x+5)(x+3)(x+1)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -5 & 1 & 9 & 23 & 15 \\ & \downarrow & -5 & -20 & -15 \\ \hline & 1 & 4 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$x^2+4x+3 \rightarrow (x+3)(x+1)$$

23. Find the polynomial given the following

- Find a polynomial function whose graph passes through the points: $(-3, -50)$, $(-2, -4)$, $(-1, 10)$, $(0, 7)$, and $(2, -23)$

Cubic: $y = 1.617924528x^3 + -5.091644205x^2 + -11.04380054x + 6.555256065$

r^2 0.9994067684

Quartic: $y = -0.25x^4 + 0.85x^3 - 4.025x^2 - 8.15x + 7$

Best Fit

r^2 |

- Find a cubic and a quartic model for each set of values. Explain why one models the data better.

- x	- -2	- -1	- 0	- 1	- 2
- y	- -65	- -14	- -4	- 2	- 90

Cubic: $y = 10.25x^3 + 5x^2 - 2.25x - 8.2$

r^2 0.9972614333

Quartic: $y = 2.041\bar{6}x^4 + 10.25x^3 - 4.041\bar{6}x^2 - 2.25x - 4$
Best fit

r^2 |

24. Factor the following

$s^3 - 64$

$(s-4)(s^2+4s+16)$

$m^3 + 216$

$(m+6)(m^2-6m+36)$

$y^3 + 125$

$(y+5)(y^2-5y+25)$

$27x^3 - y^3$

$(3x-y)(9x^2+3xy+y^2)$

$125x^3 + 8a^3$

$(5x+2a)(25x^2-10ax+4a^2)$

$1000 + 27a^3$

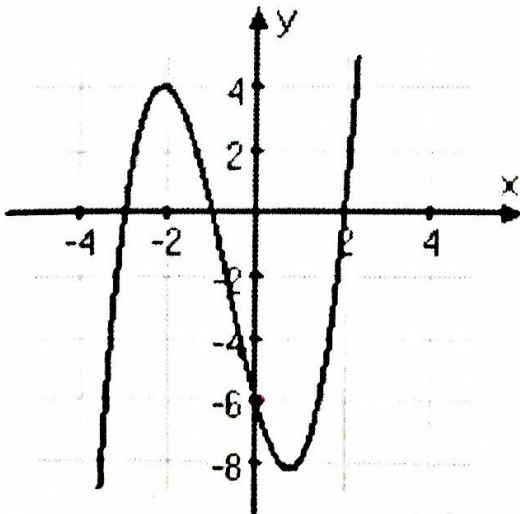
$(10+3a)(100-30a+9a^2)$

$3a^3 - 81x^3 = 3(a^3 - 27x^3)$
 $3(a-3x)(a^2+3ax+9x^2)$

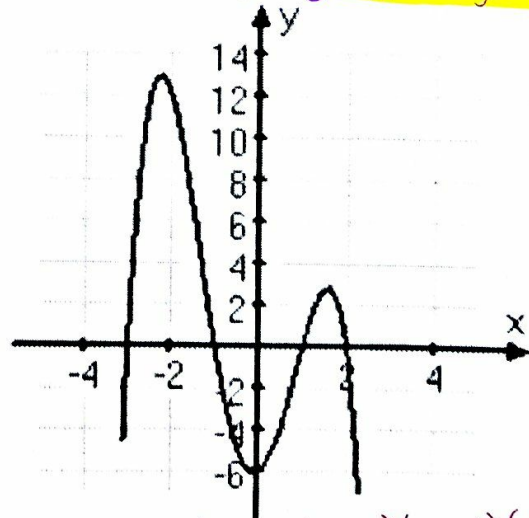
25. Write the equation given the following graphs:

$r^3 + 8b^3$
 $(r+2b)(r^2-2br+4b^2)$

$(2x-3)^3 - y^3$
 $(2x+3-y)(4x^2+12x+9+2xy+3y+y^2)$
 $(2x-y+3)(4x^2+y^2+2xy+12x+3y+9)$



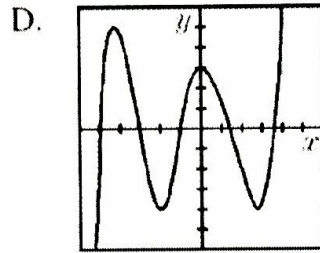
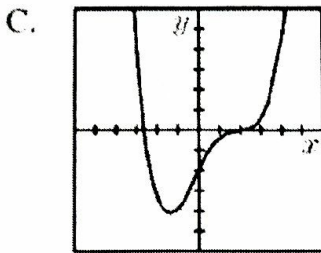
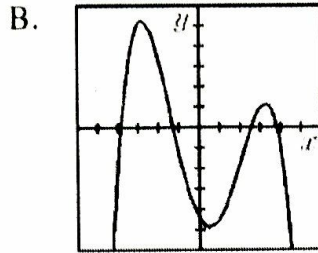
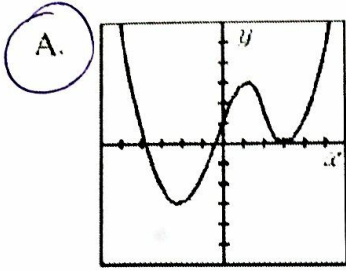
$y = a(x+3)(x+1)(x-2)$
 $-6 = a(0+3)(0+1)(0-2)$
 $-6 = -6a$
 $1 = a$
 $y = (x+3)(x+1)(x-2)$



$y = a(x+3)(x+1)(x-1)(x-2)$
 $-6 = a(0+3)(0+1)(0-1)(0-2)$
 $-6 = (3)(-1)(-2)a$
 $-6 = 6a$
 $-1 = a$
 $y = -(x+3)(x+1)(x-1)(x-2)$

26.

Which of the following graphs best illustrates the graph of $y = a(x - b)(x - c)(x - d)^2$ where $a > 0$ and $b \neq c \neq d$?



Which of the following graphs best illustrates the graph of $y = a(x - b)(x - c)(x - d)^2$ where $a < 0$ and $b \neq c \neq d$?

