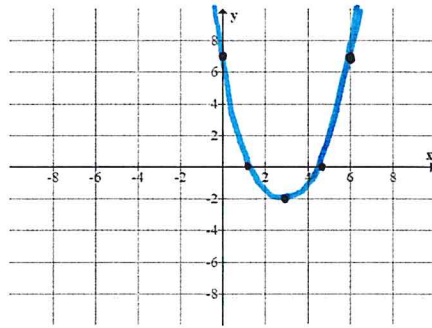


No phones. You are allowed a calculator and a sheet of notes front and back. 45 minutes to take this Quiz. At least 25pts to earn here. Thanks!

**Problem 1:** (4pts) Calculate the discriminant for each  $f(x)$  given below and factor  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  if possible. In addition, graph  $y = f(x)$  carefully in the plot provided:

$$(a.) f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 7 = (x-3)^2 - 2 = (x-3-\sqrt{2})(x-3+\sqrt{2})$$



vertex at  $(3, -2)$

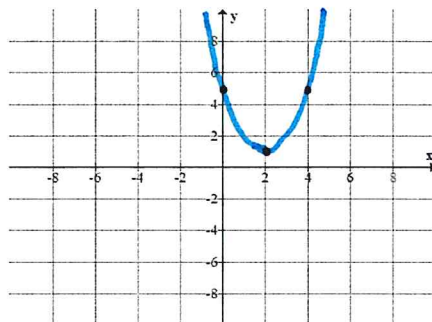
X-intercepts at  $3 \pm \sqrt{2} \approx 4.4$  &  $1.6$

Y-intercept at 7

$$b^2 - 4ac = 36 - 28 = 8 > 0$$

make sense, we factored it.

$$(b.) f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5 = (x-2)^2 + 1$$



$$b^2 - 4ac = 16 - 20 = -4 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  cannot factor over  $\mathbb{R}$

vertex at  $(2, 1)$

Y-intercept at  $(0, 5)$

$$f(6) = 4^2 + 1 = 17 \text{ (off graph)}$$

**Problem 2:** (2pts) Suppose a polynomial  $P(x)$  has a graph which crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $x = 3$  and bounces off the  $x$ -axis at  $x = -2$ . Find formula of  $P(x)$  given that the  $y$ -intercept is 10.

$$P(x) = A(x-3)(x+2)^2 \quad \& \quad P(0) = 10$$

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

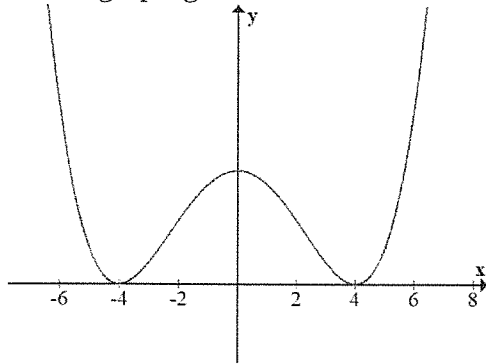
$$= A(x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x - 3x^2 - 12x - 12)$$

$$= A(x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 12) \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(0) = -12A = 10$$

$$P(x) = -\frac{5}{6}(x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 12)$$

$$\therefore A = -\frac{10}{12} = -\frac{5}{6}$$

Problem 3: (2pts) Find  $P(x)$  which could have a graph which shares the same shape and  $x$ -intercepts as the graph given below:

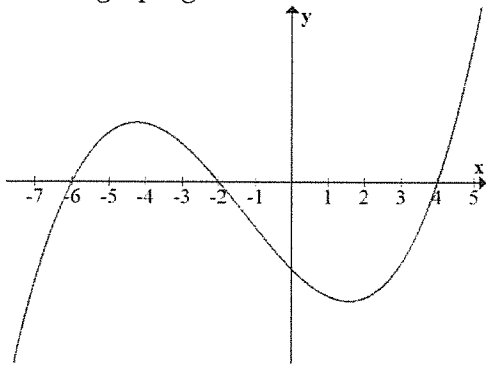


bounce at  $x = -4 \Rightarrow (x+4)^2$  factor  
 bounce at  $x = 4 \Rightarrow (x-4)^2$  factor

$$P(x) = (x+4)^2(x-4)^2$$

(note  $P(x) \approx x^4$  for  $|x| \gg 0$   
 matches the given graph)

Problem 4: (2pts) Find  $P(x)$  which could have a graph which shares the same shape and  $x$ -intercepts as the graph given below:



$$P(x) = (x+6)(x+2)(x-4)$$

•  $P(x) \approx x^3$  for  $|x| \gg 0$   
 and this matches global picture for given graph.

Problem 5: (2pts) Let  $P(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4$ . Show that  $-1$  is a zero of  $P(x)$  and find all the other zeros of  $P(x)$ . *Hint: factoring by grouping is a good idea here*

$$P(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 4(-1) - 4 = -1 + 1 + 4 - 4 = 0.$$

$$P(x) = x^2(x+1) - 4(x+1) = (x^2 - 4)(x+1)$$

thus,  $P(x) = (x-2)(x+2)(x+1) \longrightarrow$

Zeros of  $P(x)$  include  $2, -2$  and  $-1$

Problem 6: (3pts) Factor  $f(x) = x^4 + 7x^3 + 7x^2 + 7x + 6$  completely over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hint:  $f(i) = 0$ .

$$f(i) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 1 \text{ factors } f(x).$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + 1 \overline{) x^4 + 7x^3 + 7x^2 + 7x + 6} \\
 \underline{-(x^4 + x^2)} \phantom{+ 6} \\
 7x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 6 \\
 \underline{-(7x^3 + 7x)} \\
 6x^2 + 6 \\
 \underline{6x^2 + 6} \\
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 0
 \end{array}
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 = \boxed{(x^2 + 1)(x + 1)(x + 6)}$$

Problem 7: (1pts) If  $R(x) = 3x^5 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 2$  then use the Rational Roots Theorem (aka the Rational Zeros Theorem) to list all possible rational zeros for  $R(x)$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{factors of } -2 \\
 \hline
 \text{factor of } 3
 \end{array}
 : \frac{\pm 1}{1}, \frac{\pm 2}{1}, \frac{\pm 1}{3}, \frac{\pm 2}{3}$$

$$\boxed{1, -1, 2, -2, 1/3, -1/3, 2/3, -2/3}$$

Problem 8: (2pts) It is known that  $P(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x + 10$  has real zeros which are integers. Factor  $P(x)$  completely. Hint: use the Rational Roots Theorem

$$10 = 1 \cdot 10 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 1 \Rightarrow \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10 \text{ possible zeros.}$$

$$P(1) = 1 - 4 - 7 + 10 = 0 \quad \therefore (x - 1) \text{ factors } P(x)$$

$$P(-1) = -1 - 4 + 7 + 10 \neq 0$$

$$P(2) = 8 - 16 - 14 + 10 \neq 0$$

$$P(-2) = -8 - 16 + 14 + 10 = 0 \quad \therefore (x + 2) \text{ factors } P(x)$$

$$P(5) = 125 - 4(25) - 35 + 10 = 0 \quad \therefore (x - 5) \text{ factors } P(x)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{P(x) = (x - 1)(x + 2)(x - 5)}$$

Problem 9: (2pts) Factor the following polynomials completely over the complex numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a.) } x^4 - 4x^3 + 5x^2 &= x^2 (x^2 - 4x + 5) \\
 &= x^2 ((x-2)^2 + 1) \\
 &= \boxed{x^2 (x-2+i)(x-2-i)}
 \end{aligned}$$

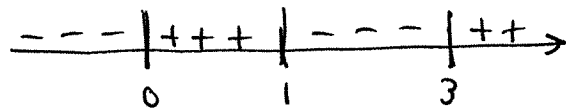
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b.) } x^4 - 5x^2 - 6 &= (x^2 - 6)(x^2 + 1) \\
 &= \boxed{(x - \sqrt{6})(x + \sqrt{6})(x - i)(x + i)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Key Facts:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x - \alpha)^2 + \beta^2 &= (x - \alpha + i\beta)(x - \alpha - i\beta) \\
 (x - \alpha)^2 - \beta^2 &= (x - \alpha + \beta)(x - \alpha - \beta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 10: (2pts) Solve  $x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x \geq 0$ . Write the answer in interval notation.

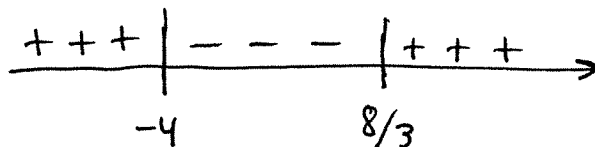
$$x(x^2 - 4x + 3) = x(x-1)(x-3) \geq 0$$



$$\Rightarrow \boxed{[0, 1] \cup [3, \infty)}$$

Problem 11: (2pts) Solve  $\frac{x+4}{3x-8} \leq 0$ . Write the answer in interval notation.

$x = -4$  makes numerator zero  
 $x = 8/3$  makes denominator zero
 } places expression can change sign.



Note, cannot include  $x = 8/3$  because  $\neq$  by zero,

$$\boxed{[-4, 8/3)}$$

Problem 12: (5pts) Consider the rational function  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 8x}{x^2 + 2x - 24}$ . Find all vertical or horizontal asymptotes, as well as any holes in the graph. Graph the function carefully with each feature clearly labeled.

$y = 2$  is the H.A. as  $f(x) = \frac{2 - 8/x}{1 + 2/x - 24/x^2} \rightarrow \frac{2 - 0}{1 + 0 - 0}$   
 as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

Then consider,

$$f(x) = \frac{2x(x-4)}{(x+6)(x-4)} = \frac{2x}{\underbrace{x+6}_{\text{reduced}(x)}} \text{ for } x \neq 4, -6.$$

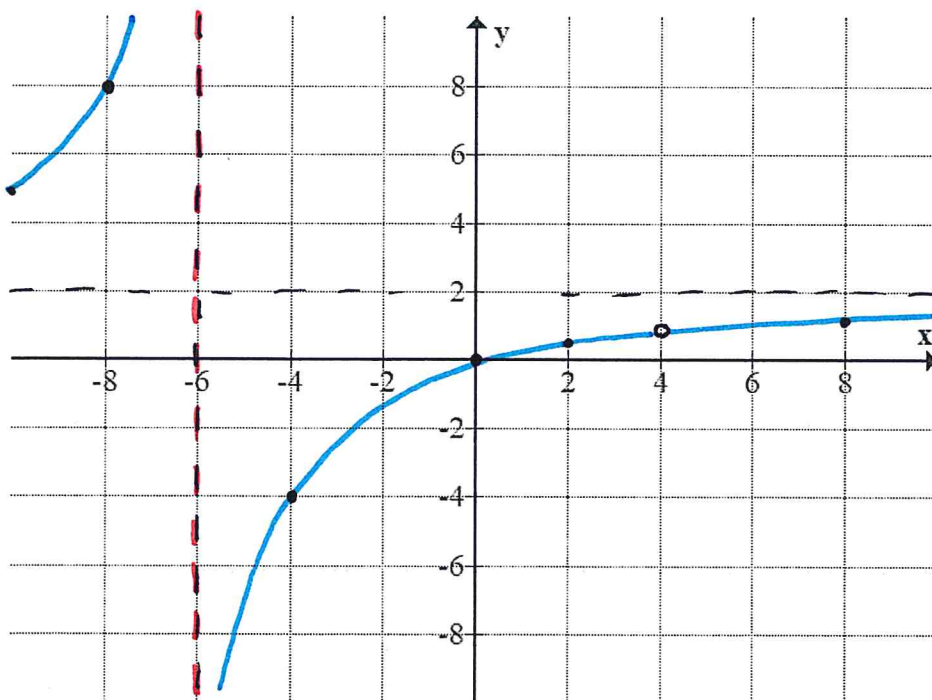
Hole in graph at  $(4, \text{red}(4)) = (4, \frac{2(4)}{4+6}) = (4, 0.8)$

V.A. at  $x = -6$  and  $x$ -intercept at  $x = 0$ .

$$f(-8) = \frac{-16}{-2} = 8, \quad f(-4) = \frac{-8}{2} = -4, \quad f(8) = \frac{16}{14} \approx 1.14$$

$$f(-10) = \frac{-20}{-4} = 5$$

$$f(11) = \frac{2}{7} \approx 0.29$$



$x = -6$  (V.A.)

$y = 2$  (H.A.)

Problem 13: (1pts) Write the range of function in the previous problem in interval notation.

$$\text{range}(f(x)) = \boxed{(-\infty, 0.8) \cup (0.8, 2) \cup (2, \infty)} = \{x \mid x \neq 0.8, 2\}$$