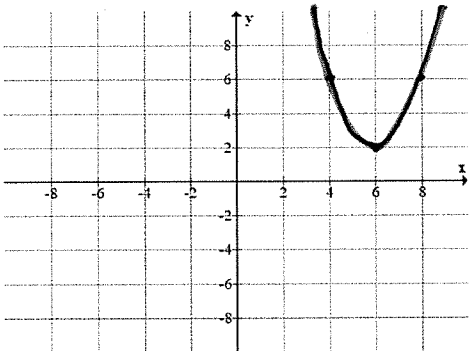


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Problem 1: (10pts) Factor $f(x) = x^2 - 12x + 38$ over \mathbb{R} if possible, find the vertex of the parabola $y = f(x)$, and graph $y = f(x)$ carefully in the plot provided:



$$f(x) = (x-6)^2 + 2$$

thus $(6, 2)$ is vertex

$$f(8) = (8-6)^2 + 2 = 4 + 2 = 6$$

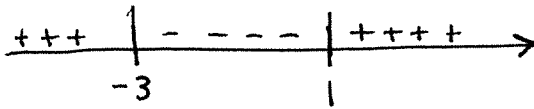
$$f(4) = f(8) = 6$$

$$f(2) = (2-6)^2 + 2 = 18 = f(10)$$

$$f(x) = (x-6)^2 + 2 = \underbrace{(x-6+i\sqrt{2})(x-6-i\sqrt{2})}_{\text{not possible using only real #'s.}} \quad (\text{cannot factor over } \mathbb{R})$$

Problem 2: (15pts) Solve $\frac{1}{x^2+2x-3} > 0$ and write your answer using interval notation.

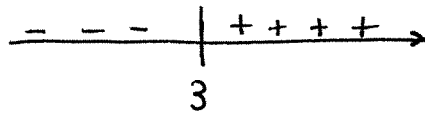
$$x^2 + 2x - 3 = (x+3)(x-1) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2+2x-3} \text{ has } x = -3, 1 \text{ as possible places where sign may flip.}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2+2x-3} > 0 \text{ for } x \in \boxed{(-\infty, -3) \cup (1, \infty)}$$

Problem 3: (15pts) Solve $\frac{x+4}{x-3} \leq 1$. Write the answer in interval notation.

$$\frac{x+4}{x-3} - 1 \leq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x+4-(x-3)}{x-3} = \frac{7}{x-3} \leq 0$$



cannot allow $x=3$ since \Rightarrow division by zero for $\frac{7}{x-3}$.

Thus $\boxed{(-\infty, 3)}$ solves $\frac{x+4}{x-3} \leq 1$.

Problem 4: (15pts) Suppose a polynomial $P(x)$ has a graph which crosses the x -axis at $x = -4$ and bounces off the x -axis at $x = 5$. Find formula of $P(x)$ given that the y -intercept is -200 .

$$P(x) = A(x+4)(x-5)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad P(0) = -200$$

$$P(0) = A \cdot 4 \cdot (-5)^2 = 100A = -200 \quad \therefore A = \frac{-200}{100} = -2.$$

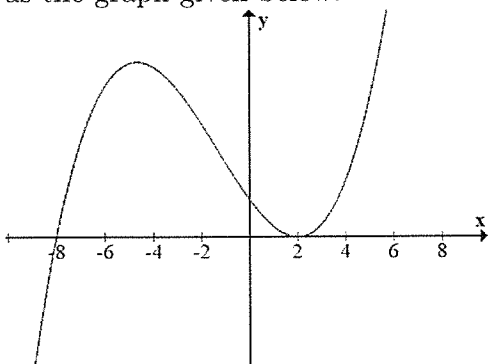
$$P(x) = -2(x+4)(x-5)^2$$

In standard form, $(x+4)(x^2-10x+25) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 25x + 4x^2 - 40x + 100$, we have,

$$P(x) = -2x^3 - 12x^2 + 30x - 200.$$

Remark: if I ask for standard form of $P(x)$ then more work is needed.

Problem 5: (15pts) Find $P(x)$ which could have a graph which shares the same shape and x -intercepts as the graph given below:



$$P(x) = (x+8)(x-2)^2$$

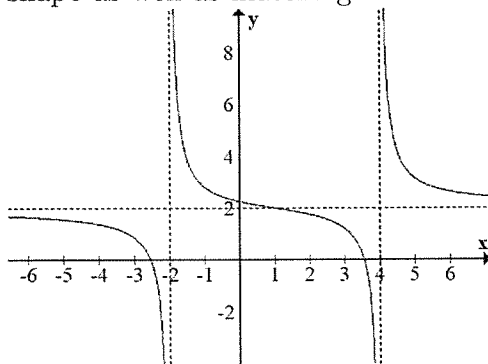
will do nicely, notice

$$P(x) \approx x^3 \quad \text{for } |x| \gg 0$$

as matches given graph, and

$$P(x) \text{ has } \underbrace{P(-8)=0}_{\text{crosser}} \text{ and } \underbrace{P(2)=0}_{\text{with bounce}}.$$

Problem 6: (10pts) Find a rational function $f(x)$ which could have a graph which shares the same shape as well as matching horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the graph given below:



$$VA: x = -2 \quad \& \quad x = 4$$

$$H.A.: y = 2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2(x-3.5)(x+2.5)}{(x+2)(x-4)}$$

(I'll award partial credit even if x -intercepts are way off.)

Problem 7: (15pts) Let $P(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x$. Show that 2 is a zero of $P(x)$ and factor $P(x)$ completely over \mathbb{R} .

$$P(2) = 2^4 + 2(2)^3 - 5(2)^2 - 6(2) = 16 + 16 - 20 - 12 = 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-2 \overline{) x^4 + 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x} \\ \underline{-(x^4 - 2x^3)} \\ 4x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x \\ \underline{-(4x^3 - 8x^2)} \\ 3x^2 - 6x \\ \underline{-(3x^2 - 6x)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= (x-2)(x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x) \\ &= x(x-2)(x^2 + 4x + 3) \\ &= \boxed{x(x-2)(x+1)(x+3)} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 8: (15pts) Factor $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 18x - 90$ completely over \mathbb{R} . Hint: $f(1+3i) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(1+3i) = 0 &\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 + 9 \text{ factors } f(x) \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 10 \text{ factors } f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x + 10 \overline{) x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 18x - 90} \\ \underline{-(x^4 - 2x^3 + 10x^2)} \\ -9x^2 + 18x - 90 \\ \underline{-(-9x^2 + 18x - 90)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x^2 - 2x + 10)(x^2 - 9) \\ &= \boxed{(x-3)(x+3)(x^2 - 2x + 10)} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 9: (15pts) It is known that $P(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 7x + 15$ has real zeros which are integers. Factor $P(x)$ completely. *Hint: use the Rational Roots Theorem*

$15 = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \Rightarrow \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15$ possible roots.

$$P(1) = 1 - 7 + 7 + 15 = 16 \neq 0$$

$$P(-1) = -1 - 7 - 7 + 15 = -15 + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow (x+1) \text{ is factor of } P(x).$$

$$P(3) = 27 - 7(9) + 7(3) + 15 = 27 - 63 + 21 + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-3) \text{ factors } P(x).$$

$$P(5) = 125 - 7(25) + 7(5) + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-5) \text{ is factor of } P(x)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{P(x) = (x+1)(x-3)(x-5)}$$

Check on work: $1(-3)(-5) = 15.$

Problem 10: (20pts) Factor the following polynomials completely over the complex numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a.) } x^4 - 6x^3 + 11x^2 &= x^2(x^2 - 6x + 11) \\ &= x^2((x-3)^2 + 2) \quad \leftarrow \text{completed square.} \\ &= \boxed{x^2(x-3-i\sqrt{2})(x-3+i\sqrt{2})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b.) } x^4 - 8x^2 - 7 &= (x^2 - 7)(x^2 + 1) \quad \leftarrow \text{my intended problem.} \\ (x^2 - 4)^2 - 16 - 7 &= (x^2 - 4)^2 - 23 \\ &= (x^2 - 4 + \sqrt{23})(x^2 - 4 - \sqrt{23}) \quad \leftarrow \text{Oops! ... Sorry!} \\ &= (x - i\sqrt{\sqrt{23} - 4})(x + i\sqrt{\sqrt{23} - 4})(x - \sqrt{4 + \sqrt{23}})(x + \sqrt{4 + \sqrt{23}}) \quad \leftarrow \text{Should have given } x^4 - 6x^2 - 7. \\ &\quad \leftarrow \text{worth bonus if you got it.} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 11: (10pts) Consider the rational function $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{16x - x^3}$. Find all vertical or horizontal asymptotes, as well as any holes in the graph. Graph the function carefully with each feature clearly labeled.

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{x(16-x^2)} = \frac{2x^2}{x(4-x)(4+x)} = \frac{2x}{\underbrace{(4-x)(4+x)}_{\text{factored}}}$$

$$f(2) = \frac{2(2)}{16-4} = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f(-2) = \frac{-4}{12} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{2(3)}{16-9} = \frac{6}{7}$$

$$f(-6) = \frac{-12}{16-36} = \frac{-12}{-20} = \frac{6}{10}$$

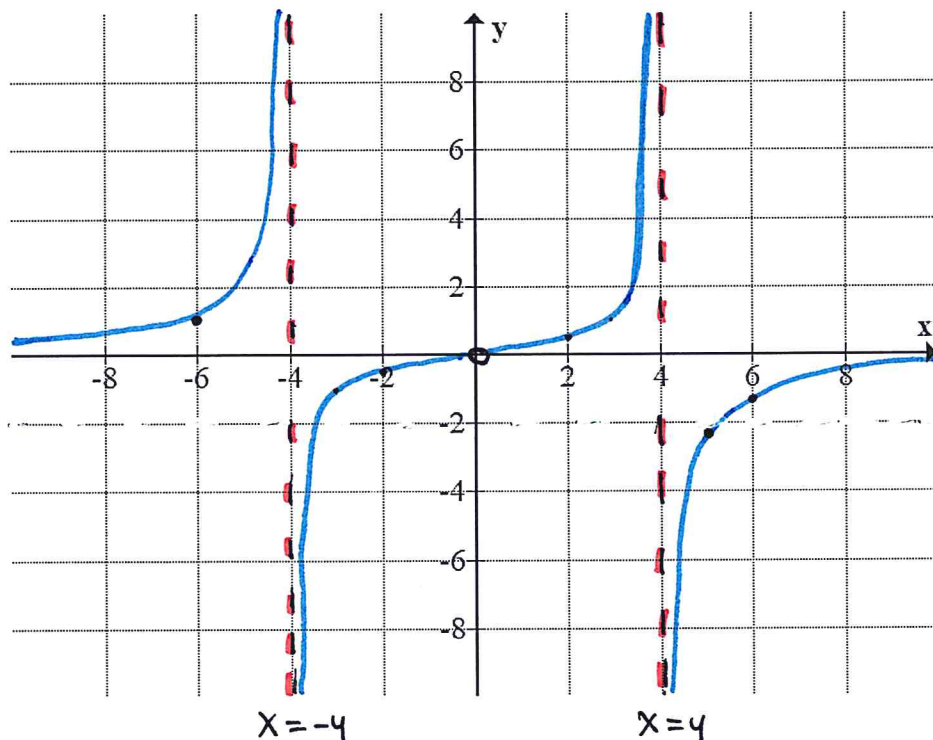
$$f(6) = \frac{12}{-20} = -0.6$$

$$f(5) = \frac{10}{16-25} = \frac{10}{-9}$$

- hole at $(0, 0)$
- V.A. $x = \pm 4$
- H.A. $y = -2$
- H.A. $y = 0$

degree numerator = 2.

degree denominator = 3.



Problem 12: (5pts) Write the range of function in the previous problem in interval notation.

all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ except $y = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{range}(f(x)) = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)}$