

1. If  $f(x)$  is a linear function  $f(2) = 1$  and  $f(4) = -2$ , then  $f(x) =$

- a)  $f(x) = -\frac{3}{2}x + 4$     b)  $f(x) = \frac{3}{2}x - 2$     c)  $f(x) = -\frac{3}{2}x + 2$   
d)  $f(x) = \frac{3}{2}x - 4$     e)  $f(x) = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{7}{3}$
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2. Give the approximate location of a relative maximum point for the function  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 3x$ .

- a)  $(-1.357, 5.779)$     b)  $(0.2457, -0.3908)$     c)  $(-1.357, 5.713)$   
d)  $(0.2457, -0.3216)$     e)  $(-1.357, -0.3908)$
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3. Find the polynomial of degree 3 whose zeros are  $(-3, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{3}{2}, 0)$  and  $(2, 0)$  and goes through  $(1, -2)$ .

- a)  $g(x) = (x+3)(2x-3)(x-2)$     b)  $g(x) = -2(x+3)(2x-3)(x-2)$   
c)  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x+3)(2x-3)(x-2)$     d)  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x+3)(2x-3)(x-2)$   
e)  $g(x) = 2(x+3)(2x-3)(x-2)$

$$y = a(x+3)(2x-3)(x-2)$$

$$-2 = a(4)(-1)(-1)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} = a$$

4. Find an equation for the line perpendicular to  $y = -2x + 3$  that contains the point  $(-7, 0)$ .

- ~~a)~~  $y = -2x - 7$       b)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 7$       ~~c)~~  $y = -2x - 14$   $y = \frac{1}{2}x + b$   
 $0 = \frac{-7}{2} + b$   
 d)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{7}{2}$       e)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{7}{2}$
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5. Given this sign pattern  $\frac{y}{x} \leftarrow \begin{array}{cccc} - & 0 & - & 0 & + & 0 & - \\ & -5 & & 0 & & 7 & \end{array} \rightarrow$ , which of the following might be the equation of  $y = f(x)$ ?

- ~~a)~~  $f(x) = x(x+5)(x-7)$   
~~b)~~  $f(x) = x(x+5)^2(x-7)$   
~~c)~~  $f(x) = x(x+5)(7-x)$   
 d)  $f(x) = x^3(x+5)^2(7-x)$   
 e)  $f(x) = -x^3(x+5)^2(7-x)$
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6. Find the remainder when  $y = 48x^3 - 72x^2 + 45$  is divided by  $4x - 3$ .

- a) 0      b) 27      c) -27      d) 18      e) -18

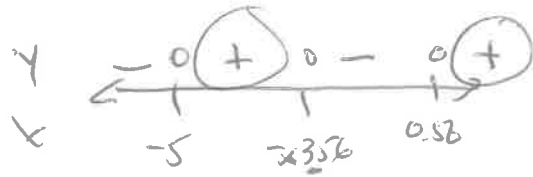
$$\begin{array}{r} 3/4 \quad 48 \quad -72 \quad 0 \quad 2.25 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \quad -27 \quad -20.25 \\ \hline 48 \quad -36 \quad -27 \quad -18 \end{array}$$

7. Solve  $(x^2 + 3x - 2)(x + 5) \geq 0$ .

a)  $[-5, -3.56]$     b)  $[0.56, \infty)$     c)  $[-3.56, 0.56]$

d)  $[-5, -3.56] \cup [0.56, \infty)$     e) None of these



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 PreCalc Basics Test  
**Round to 3 decimal places.**  
**Show all work.**

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1. Use your graphing calculator to find **and sketch** a complete graph of  $f(x) = 8x^4 - 4x^3 - 20x^2 - 5x + 4$ . State the window used, find the zeros, and the extreme points.

Window:  $x \in [-4.7, 4.7]$   $y \in [-30, 0]$

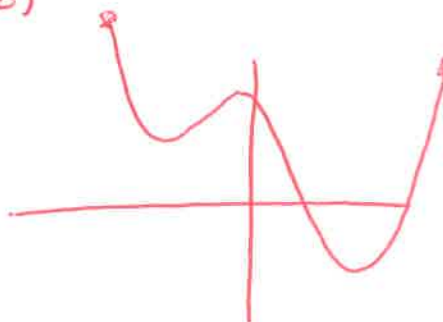
Zeros:  $(6.337, 0)$   $(1.909, 0)$

Extreme Points:

$(-0.863, 4.28)$

$(1.370, -22.491)$

$(-0.132, 4.323)$



2. Find the zeros of  $y = 21x^4 + 47x^3 - 59x^2 - 27x + 18$  by calculator and prove it by synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \overline{) 21 \quad 47 \quad -59 \quad -27 \quad 18} \\ \underline{-63 \quad 48 \quad 33 \quad -18} \\ 21 \quad -16 \quad -11 \quad 6 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \overline{) 21 \quad -16 \quad -11 \quad 6} \\ \underline{21 \quad 5 \quad -6} \\ 21 \quad 5 \quad -6 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x+3)(x-1)(3x+2)(7x-3)$$

$$\left(-\frac{3}{7}, 0\right) (1, 0) \left(-\frac{2}{3}, 0\right) \left(\frac{3}{7}, 0\right)$$

3. Use synthetic division to find  $f(-1/5)$  if  $f(x) = 10x^3 - 5x + 3$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1/5 & 10 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ & & -2 & 2/5 & .92 \\ \hline & 10 & -2 & -4.4 & 3.92 \end{array}$$

$$f(-1/5) = 3.92$$

4. Find an inequality that has this sign pattern and solution:

$$y \begin{array}{cccccc} + & 0 & + & 0 & - & 0 & + \\ \leftarrow & -1 & & 5/3 & & 7 & \rightarrow \end{array} \text{ and } x \in (-\infty, 1), (-1, 5/3), \text{ or } (7, \infty)$$

$$(x+1)^2(3x-5)(x-7) \geq 0$$

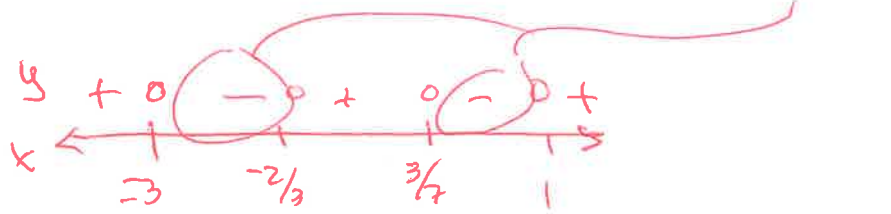
5. Show the sign patterns for  $y = x^3(x-5)^4(x+1)^2$

$$y \begin{array}{cccccc} + & 0 & - & 0 & + & 0 & + \\ \leftarrow & -1 & & 0 & & 5 & \rightarrow \end{array}$$

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

$$y \begin{array}{cccccc} - & 0 & + & 0 & + & 0 & - \\ \leftarrow & -5 & & -1 & & 2 & \rightarrow \end{array}$$

6. Show the sign pattern and solve  $21x^4 + 47x^3 - 59x^2 - 27x + 18 < 0$ . (Note: This is the polynomial from #2 above)



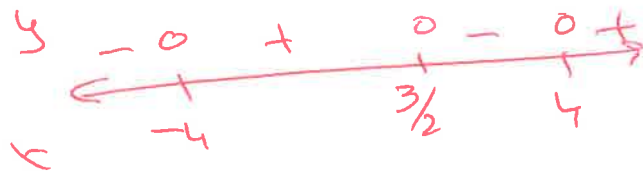
$$x \in (-3, -2/3) \cup (3/7, 1)$$

7. Show the sign pattern and solve  $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 32x + 48 \geq 0$

$$x^2(2x-3) - 16(2x-3)$$

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$$(x-4)(x+4)(2x-3)$$



$$x \in [-4, 3/2] \cup [4, \infty)$$