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UNIT 1: EQUATIONS**Polynomial, Rational, Radical & Absolute Value****1.1 Review of Factoring Techniques**

Factor each of the following completely:

1. Common Factor

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & -4x^3 + 16x^2 \\ & = -4x^2(x-4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & 2x^2(2x+1) - 6x(2x+1) \\ & = \underbrace{2x(2x+1)}_{\text{GCF}}(x-3) \end{aligned}$$

or let $a = 2x+1$
 $2x^2a - 6xa$
 $= 2xa(x-3)$
 $= 2x(2x+1)(x-3)$

2. Trinomial Factoring

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & x^2 - x - 20 \\ & = (x-5)(x+4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & x^4 + 6x^2 + 9 \\ & = (x^2+3)(x^2+3) \\ & = (x^2+3)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } & 6a^2 - 4ab - 2b^2 \\ & = 2(3a^2 - 2ab - b^2) \\ & = 2(3a+b)(a-b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } & -8x^2 + 22x - 12 \\ & = -2(4x^2 - 11x + 6) \\ & = -2(4x-3)(x-2) \end{aligned}$$

3. Difference of Squares

$$\text{Recall: } a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & 25x^2 - 16y^2z^6 \\ & = (5x - 4yz^3)(5x + 4yz^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & 81 - x^4 \\ & = (9 - x^2)(9 + x^2) \\ & = (3 - x)(3 + x)(9 + x^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } & 36(x-2)^2 - 25(x+1)^2 \\ & = [6(x-2) - 5(x+1)][6(x-2) + 5(x+1)] \\ & = (6x-12-5x-5)(6x-12+5x+5) \\ & = (x-17)(11x-7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } & -w^4 + 13w^2 - 36 \\ & = -(w^4 - 13w^2 + 36) \\ & = -(w^2 - 9)(w^2 - 4) \\ & = -(w-3)(w+3)(w-2)(w+2) \end{aligned}$$

4. Factor by Grouping

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & \underline{ax+bx} - \underline{ay-by} \\ & = x(a+b) - y(a+b) \\ & = (a+b)(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & \underline{4x^3+8x^2} - \underline{x-2} \\ & = 4x^2(x+2) - (x+2) \\ & = (x+2)(4x^2-1) \\ & = (x+2)(2x-1)(2x+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } & a^2 - b^2 + 9 - 6a \\ & = \underline{a^2 - 6a + 9} - \underline{b^2} \\ & = (a-3)^2 - b^2 \\ & = [(a-3) - b][(a-3) + b] \\ & = (a-3-b)(a-3+b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } & 16x^2 - \underline{4y^2+12y-9} \\ & = 16x^2 - (4y^2 - 12y + 9) \\ & = 16x^2 - (2y-3)^2 \\ & = [4x - (2y-3)][4x + (2y-3)] \\ & = (4x - 2y + 3)(4x + 2y - 3) \end{aligned}$$

Date: _____ **1.2 Solving Linear Inequalities & Quadratic Equations**

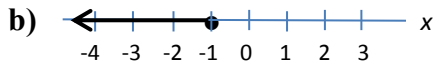
Solving Linear Inequalities

1. Interpret each graphed solution using **i) set notation** and **ii) interval notation**.



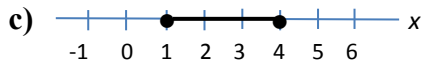
i) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 3\}$

ii) $x \in (3, +\infty)$



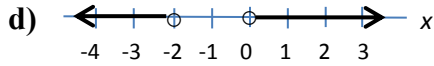
i) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq -1\}$

ii) $x \in (-\infty, -1]$



i) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 1 \leq x \leq 4\}$

ii) $x \in [1, 4]$



i) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < -2, x > 0\}$

ii) $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup x \in (0, +\infty)$

2. Solve each of the following inequalities and **graph** on a number line.

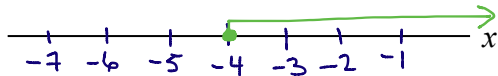
a) $2x - 3 \leq 6(x + 2) + 1$

$2x - 3 \leq 6x + 12 + 1$

$2x - 3 \leq 6x + 13$

$-4x \leq 16$

$x \geq -4$

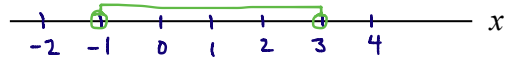


b) $-3 < 2x - 1 < 5$

+1) $-3 + 1 < 2x < 5 + 1$

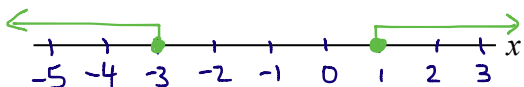
÷2) $-2 < 2x < 6$

$-1 < x < 3$



c) $1 - \frac{x}{2} \geq \frac{5}{2}$ or $1 - \frac{x}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$

•2) $2 - x \geq 5$ (union) $2 - x \leq 1$
 $-x \geq 3$ $-x \leq -1$
 $x \leq -3$ $x \geq 1$

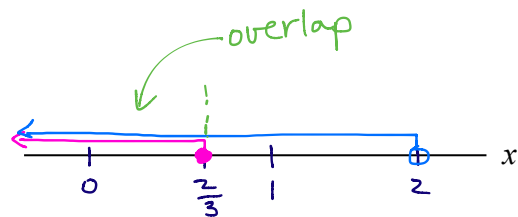


d) $x - 2 < 0$ and $-(x - 2) \geq 2x$

$x < 2$ (intersection) $-x + 2 \geq 2x$

$2 \geq 3x$

$\frac{2}{3} \geq x$



Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring Recall: A quadratic equation is of the form

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 .$$

3. Solve by factoring.

a) $-2x^2 - 6x + 20 = 0$
 $-2(x^2 + 3x - 10) = 0$
 $-2(x+5)(x-2) = 0$
 $\therefore x = -5$ or $x = 2$

b) $25 = 20t - 4t^2$
 $4t^2 - 20t + 25 = 0$
 $(2t-5)(2t-5) = 0$
 $\therefore t = \frac{5}{2}$ or $t = \frac{5}{2}$

c) $\frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x}{6} = 0$
 $\frac{2}{1} \left(\frac{x^2}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{1} \left(\frac{x}{6} \right) = 6(0)$
 $2x^2 - x = 0$
 $x(2x-1) = 0$
 $\therefore x = 0$ or $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Solving Quadratic Equations Using the Quadratic Formula



If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$.

A **complex number** is of the form $a + bi$, where a and b are real numbers and i is the imaginary unit.

In Complex Numbers $i = \sqrt{-1}$ & $i^2 = -1$

so $\sqrt{-25} = \sqrt{25} \sqrt{-1} = 5i$ and $\sqrt{-72} = \sqrt{36} \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{2} = 6i\sqrt{2}$

4. Solve using the quadratic formula, $y \in C$. Answer in simplified radical form if appropriate.

a) $2y - 5 = y^2$
 $y^2 - 2y + 5 = 0$
 $a=1, b=-2, c=5$
 $y = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(5)}}{2(1)}$
 $y = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2}$
 $y = \frac{2 \pm 4i}{2}$
 $y = \frac{2(1 \pm 2i)}{2}$
 $\therefore y = 1 - 2i$ or $y = 1 + 2i$

b) $6(t-1) = 11 - 3(t-2)^2$
 $6(t-1) = 11 - 3(t-2)(t-2)$
 $6t - 6 = 11 - 3(t^2 - 4t + 4)$
 $6t - 6 = 11 - 3t^2 + 12t - 12$
 $3t^2 - 6t - 5 = 0$
 $a=3, b=-6, c=-5$
 $t = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(3)(-5)}}{2(3)}$
 $t = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{96}}{6}$
 $t = \frac{6 \pm 4\sqrt{6}}{6} \div 2$
 $t = \frac{3 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{3}$
 $\therefore t = \frac{3 - 2\sqrt{6}}{3}$ or $t = \frac{3 + 2\sqrt{6}}{3}$

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1.3 Division of Polynomials**Long Division and the Division Statement**

Ex. 1. For each of the following, perform long division and write the **division statement**, where $\text{dividend} = \text{divisor} \times \text{quotient} + \text{remainder}$ or $f(x) = d(x)q(x) + r(x)$.

a) Divide 579 by 8

$$\begin{array}{r} 72 \\ 8 \overline{) 579} \\ \underline{-56} \\ 19 \\ \underline{-16} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore 579 = 8 \times 72 + 3$$

b) Divide $x^2 - 7x - 10$ by $x - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 4 \\ x - 3 \overline{) x^2 - 7x - 10} \\ \underline{-(x^2 - 3x)} \\ -4x - 10 \\ \underline{-4x + 12} \\ -22 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 7x - 10 = (x - 3)(x - 4) - 22$$

Ex. 2. Divide and express each answer using a **division statement**, where $f(x) = d(x)q(x) + r(x)$.

Factor fully if the remainder is 0.

a) $(6x^3 - 29x^2 + 43x - 20) \div (2x - 5)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 7x + 4 \\ 2x - 5 \overline{) 6x^3 - 29x^2 + 43x - 20} \\ \underline{6x^3 - 15x^2} \\ -14x^2 + 43x \\ \underline{-14x^2 + 35x} \\ 8x - 20 \\ \underline{8x - 20} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 6x^3 - 29x^2 + 43x - 20 &= (2x - 5)(3x^2 - 7x + 4) \\ &= (2x - 5)(3x - 4)(x - 1) \end{aligned}$$

b) $(-9x - 3 + 6x^3 - 4x^2) \div (2x^2 - 3)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 2 \\ 2x^2 + 0x - 3 \overline{) 6x^3 - 4x^2 - 9x - 3} \\ \underline{6x^3 + 0x^2 - 9x} \\ -4x^2 + 0x - 3 \\ \underline{-4x^2 + 0x + 6} \\ -9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 6x^3 - 4x^2 - 9x - 3 \\ = (2x^2 - 3)(3x - 2) - 9 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 3. The volume, V , in cm^3 , of a rectangular box is given by $V = x^3 + 7x^2 + 14x + 8$.

If the height, h , in cm , is given by $x + 1$, determine expressions for the other dimensions.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 6x + 8 \\ x + 1 \overline{) x^3 + 7x^2 + 14x + 8} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ 6x^2 + 14x \\ \underline{6x^2 + 6x} \\ 8x + 8 \\ \underline{8x + 8} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore l \cdot w &= x^2 + 6x + 8 \\ &= (x + 4)(x + 2) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the other dimensions are $(x + 2)\text{cm}$ and $(x + 4)\text{cm}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V &= lwh \\ \therefore l \cdot w &= \frac{V}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 4. For $f(x) = (2x+1)(x^2 - 5x + 1) - 8$,

a) the linear divisor, $d(x) = 2x+1$

b) the quotient, $q(x) = x^2 - 5x + 1$

c) the remainder, $r(x) = -8$

d) the polynomial function (dividend)

$$f(x) = (2x+1)(x^2 - 5x + 1) - 8$$

$$= 2x^3 - 10x^2 + 2x + x^2 - 5x + 1 - 8$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 - 3x - 7$$

Long Division and Mixed Rational Form

Ex. 5. For each of the following, perform long division and write in **mixed rational form**, where

$$\frac{\text{dividend}}{\text{divisor}} = \text{quotient} + \frac{\text{remainder}}{\text{divisor}}$$

or $\frac{f(x)}{d(x)} = q(x) + \frac{r(x)}{d(x)}$.

a) $\frac{827}{12}$

b) $\frac{9x^2 + 6x - 10}{3x + 1}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 68 \\ 12 \overline{) 827} \\ \underline{-72} \\ 107 \\ \underline{-96} \\ 11 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 1 \\ 3x + 1 \overline{) 9x^2 + 6x - 10} \\ \underline{9x^2 + 3x} \\ 3x - 10 \\ \underline{3x + 1} \\ -11 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{827}{12} = 68 + \frac{11}{12}$$

$$\therefore \frac{9x^2 + 6x - 10}{3x + 1} = (3x + 1) - \frac{11}{3x + 1}$$

Ex. 6. Divide and express each answer in **mixed rational form**, where $\frac{f(x)}{d(x)} = q(x) + \frac{r(x)}{d(x)}$.

a) $\frac{x^3}{x-1}$

b) $\frac{(3x+4)(x-3)}{2-x} = \frac{3x^2 - 5x - 12}{-x + 2}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x + 1 \\ x - 1 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 0} \\ \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\ x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{x^2 - x} \\ x + 0 \\ \underline{x - 1} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x - 1 \\ -x + 2 \overline{) 3x^2 - 5x - 12} \\ \underline{3x^2 - 6x} \\ x - 12 \\ \underline{x - 2} \\ -10 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^3}{x-1} = (x^2 + x + 1) + \frac{1}{x-1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x^2 - 5x - 12}{2-x} = (-3x - 1) - \frac{10}{2-x}$$

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1.4 The Remainder Theorem**Recall Long Division with Polynomials**

When a function $f(x)$ is divided by a divisor $d(x)$, producing a quotient $q(x)$ and a remainder $r(x)$, then $f(x) = d(x)q(x) + r(x)$, where the degree of $r(x)$ is less than the degree of $d(x)$.

1. a. For the function $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 9$, use long division to divide $(x^3 + x^2 - 9)$ by $(x - 2)$.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 3x + 6 \\ x-2 \overline{) x^3 + x^2 + 0x - 9} \\ \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \\ 3x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{3x^2 - 6x} \\ 6x - 9 \\ \underline{6x - 12} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

- b. What is the remainder? 3
- c. What is the value of $f(2)$?

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= (2)^3 + (2)^2 - 9 \\ &= 8 + 4 - 9 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

2. a. For the function $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1$, use long division to divide $(x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1)$ by $(x + 1)$.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 4 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ 2x^2 - 2x \\ \underline{2x^2 + 2x} \\ -4x + 1 \\ \underline{-4x - 4} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

- b. What is the remainder? 5
- c. What is the value of $f(-1)$?

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 1 \\ &= -1 + 3 + 2 + 1 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Based on these examples, complete the following statement:

When $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - 2)$, then the remainder $r = f(2)$.

When $f(x)$ is divided by $(x + 1)$, then the remainder $r = f(-1)$.

When $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - a)$, then the remainder $r = f(a)$.

When $f(x)$ is divided by $(2x - 1)$, then the remainder $r = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

When $f(x)$ is divided by $(5x + 2)$, then the remainder $r = f\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)$.

Remainder Theorem: i) When a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $x - a$, the remainder is $f(a)$.

ii) When a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $ax - b$, the remainder is $f\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$.

Ex. 1. Without using long division, determine the remainder when $2x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x - 6$ is divided by $x + 2$. Let $f(x) = 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x - 6$; $r = f(-2)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= 2(-2)^3 - 4(-2)^2 + 3(-2) - 6 \\ &= -16 - 16 - 6 - 6 \\ &= -44 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the remainder is -44 .

Ex. 2. Find the remainder when $2x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 3$ is divided by $3x - 2$.

Use the **Remainder Theorem**. Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 3$; $r = f(\frac{2}{3})$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\frac{2}{3}) &= 2(\frac{2}{3})^3 + 3(\frac{2}{3})^2 - \frac{2}{3} - 3 \\ &= \frac{16}{27} + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{16}{27} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{1}$$

$$= \frac{16}{27} + \frac{18}{27} - \frac{81}{27}$$

\therefore the remainder is $-\frac{47}{27}$

Ex. 3. When $x^3 - kx^2 + 17x + 6$ is divided by $x - 3$, the remainder is 12. Find the value of k .

Let $f(x) = x^3 - kx^2 + 17x + 6$; $f(3) = 12$

$$(3)^3 - k(3)^2 + 17(3) + 6 = 12$$

$$27 - 9k + 51 + 6 = 12$$

$$-9k + 84 = 12$$

$$-9k = -72$$

$$\therefore k = 8$$

Ex. 4. When the polynomial $f(x) = 3x^3 + cx^2 + dx - 7$ is divided by $x - 2$, the remainder is -3 .

When $f(x)$ is divided by $x + 1$, the remainder is -18 . What are the values of c and d ?

① $f(2) = -3$

$$3(2)^3 + c(2)^2 + d(2) - 7 = -3$$

$$24 + 4c + 2d - 7 = -3$$

$$4c + 2d = -20$$

$$\div 2) \quad \boxed{2c + d = -10}$$

② $f(-1) = -18$

$$3(-1)^2 + c(-1)^2 + d(-1) - 7 = -18$$

$$-3 + c - d - 7 = -18$$

$$\boxed{c - d = -8}$$

③ Solve:

$$2c + d = -10$$

$$c - d = -8$$

$$\text{Add: } 3c = -18$$

$$\boxed{c = -6}$$

Sub $c = -6$ into ②:

$$(-6) - d = -8$$

$$-6 + 8 = d$$

$$\boxed{d = 2}$$

\therefore the values of c & d are -6 and 2 , respectively.

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THE FACTOR THEOREM: $(x-a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ if and only if $f(a) = 0$

ie. If $(x-a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(a) = 0$

If $f(a) = 0$ then ^{or} $(x-a)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Note: If the leading coefficient of the polynomial is 1 then a is a factor of the constant term.

Ex. 1. a) If $(x-2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, then $f(2) = 0$

b) If $f(-1) = 0$, then a factor of $f(x)$ is $x+1$

Ex. 2. Is $(x+3)$ a factor of $x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 9$?

Let $f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 9$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-3) &= (-3)^3 + 5(-3)^2 + 2(-3) - 9 \\ &= -27 + 45 - 6 - 9 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(-3) \neq 0$, the remainder is not 0

$\therefore x+3$ is not a factor.

Ex. 3. Determine the value(s) of k so that $(x-4)$ is a factor of $x^3 - k^2x^2 - 16x + 4k$.

Let $f(x) = x^3 - k^2x^2 - 16x + 4k$;

$\therefore x-4$ is a factor

$\therefore f(4) = 0$

$f(4) = 0$

$(4)^3 - k^2(4)^2 - 16(4) + 4k = 0$

$-16k^2 + 4k = 0$

$-4k(k-4) = 0$

$\therefore k = 0$ or $k = 4$.

Ex. 4. Completely factor the following polynomials.

a) $x^3 + 3x^2 - 13x - 15$

$= (x+1)(x^2 + 2x - 15)$

$= (x+1)(x+5)(x-3)$

Let $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 13x - 15$

Test values: $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15$

x	$f(x)$
1	$\neq 0$
-1	0

$\therefore f(-1) = 0$

$\therefore x+1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 15 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 + 3x^2 - 13x - 15} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ 2x^2 - 13x \\ \underline{2x^2 + 2x} \\ -15x - 15 \\ \underline{-15x - 15} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

b) $x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12$ *Grouping!*
 $= x^2(x-3) - 4(x-3)$
 $= (x-3)(x^2 - 4)$
 $= (x-3)(x-2)(x+2)$

c) $x^3 - 27$
 $= (x-3)(x^2 + 3x + 9)$

↑ does not factor.

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 27$
 Test values: $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 9, \pm 27$

x	$f(x)$
3	0

$\therefore f(3) = 0$

$\therefore x-3$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 3x - 9 \\ x-3 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 27} \\ \underline{x^3 - 3x^2} \\ 3x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{3x^2 - 9x} \\ -9x - 27 \\ \underline{-9x - 27} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Factoring the Sum and Difference of Cubes:

$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$ <p style="text-align: center;">&</p> $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
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Ex. 5. Factor the following using the formulas for factoring the sum and difference of cubes.

a) $x^3 - 27 = (x)^3 - (3)^3$
or $= [(x) - (3)][(x)^2 + (x)(3) + (3)^2]$
 $= (x-3)(x^2 + 3x + 9)$

b) $16x^3 + 250y^3 = 2(8x^3 + 125y^3)$
 $= 2[(2x)^3 + (5y)^3]$
 $= 2[(2x) + (5y)][(2x)^2 - (2x)(5y) + (5y)^2]$
 $= 2(2x+5y)(4x^2 - 10xy + 25y^2)$

c) $x^6 - 64 = (x^3 - 8)(x^3 + 8)$ *always difference of squares first
 $= (x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)(x+2)(x^2 - 2x + 4)$

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1.6 The Extended Factor Theorem**Factoring the Sum and Difference of Cubes**

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

Ex. 1. Completely factor each of the following.

a) $125x^4 - 216xy^6$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x(125x^3 - 216y^6) \\ &= x[(5x)^3 - (6y^2)^3] \\ &= x(5x - 6y^2)(25x^2 + 30xy^2 + 36y^4) \end{aligned}$$

b) $(2x+1)^3 + (x-4)^3$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [(2x+1) + (x-4)] [(2x+1)^2 - (2x+1)(x-4) + (x-4)^2] \\ &= (2x+1 + x-4) [(2x+1)(2x+1) - (2x+1)(x-4) + (x-4)(x-4)] \\ &= (3x-3) [(4x^2+4x-1) - (2x^2-7x-4) + (x^2-8x+16)] \\ &= 3(x-1)(3x^2+3x+21) \\ &= 9(x-1)(x^2+x+7) \end{aligned}$$

* Recall:
 $(x+y)^2 = (x+y)(x+y)$

c) $\frac{1}{27}x^9 - 64$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3\right)^3 - (4)^3 \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4\right] \left[\left(\frac{1}{3}x^3\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3\right)(4) + (4)^2\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4\right) \left(\frac{1}{9}x^6 + \frac{4}{3}x^3 + 16\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } 8x^6 + 15x^3 - 2 &= (x^3 + 2)(8x^3 - 1) \\ &= (x^3 + 2)(2x - 1)(4x^2 + 2x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

THE EXTENDED FACTOR THEOREM:

$(ax-b)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ if and only if $f\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$

ie. If $(ax-b)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$

or

If $f\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$ then $(ax-b)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

- b is a factor of the constant term of $f(x)$
- a is a factor of the leading coefficient of $f(x)$

Ex. 2. Write the binomial factor that corresponds to the polynomial $f(x)$ if:

a) $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$

b) $f\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) = 0$

$\therefore 2x-1$ is a factor

$\therefore 5x+2$ is a factor

Ex. 3. If $2x^3 - kx^2 - 4x + 6$ is divisible by $2x - 3$, what is the value of k .

Let $f(x) = 2x^3 - kx^2 - 4x + 6$; $f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$

$$2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 - k\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 6 = 0$$

$$\frac{27}{4} - \frac{9}{4}k - 6 + 6 = 0$$

$$\frac{27}{4} = \frac{9}{4}k$$

$$\therefore k = 3$$

Ex. 4. Completely factor each of the following.

a) $2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 3$

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

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

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

Test values: $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2}$

x	$f(x)$
1	$\neq 0$
-1	$\neq 0$
3	$\neq 0$
-3	$\neq 0$
$\frac{1}{2}$	0

$\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$

$\therefore 2x-1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 2x - 3 \\
 2x-1 \overline{) 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 3} \\
 \underline{2x^3 - x^2} \\
 -4x^2 - 4x \\
 \underline{-4x^2 + 2x} \\
 -6x + 3 \\
 \underline{-6x + 3} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } & 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 6x + 1 \\
 & = (2x+1)(4x^2 + 4x + 1) \\
 & = (2x+1)(2x+1)(2x+1) \\
 & = (2x+1)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } f(x) & = 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 6x + 1 \\
 \text{Test Values: } & \pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{4}, \pm \frac{1}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

x	$f(x)$
-1	$\neq 0$
1	$\neq 0$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\neq 0$
$-\frac{1}{2}$	0

$\therefore f(-\frac{1}{2}) = 0$
 $\therefore 2x+1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4x^2 + 4x + 1 \\
 2x+1 \overline{) 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 6x + 1} \\
 \underline{8x^3 + 4x^2} \\
 8x^2 + 6x \\
 \underline{8x^2 + 4x} \\
 2x + 1 \\
 \underline{2x + 1} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } & 9x^4 + 6x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x - 2 \\
 & = (3x+1)(3x^3 + x^2 + x - 2) \\
 & = (3x+1)(3x-2)(x^2 + x + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } f(x) & = 9x^4 + 6x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x - 2 \\
 \text{Test Values: } & \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{1}{9}, \pm \frac{2}{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

x	$f(x)$
$-\frac{1}{3}$	0

$\therefore f(-\frac{1}{3}) = 0$
 $\therefore 3x+1$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x^3 + x^2 + x - 2 \\
 3x+1 \overline{) 9x^4 + 6x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x - 2} \\
 \underline{9x^4 + 3x^3} \\
 3x^3 + 4x^2 \\
 \underline{3x^3 + x^2} \\
 3x^2 - 5x \\
 \underline{3x^2 + x} \\
 -6x - 2 \\
 \underline{-6x - 2} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 + x - 2$$

$$\text{Test Values: } \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}$$

x	$g(x)$
$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\neq 0$
$\frac{2}{3}$	0

$\therefore g(\frac{2}{3}) = 0$
 $\therefore 3x-2$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + x + 1 \\
 3x-2 \overline{) 3x^3 + x^2 + x - 2} \\
 \underline{3x^3 - 2x^2} \\
 3x^2 + x \\
 \underline{3x^2 - 2x} \\
 3x - 2 \\
 \underline{3x - 2} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

HW. Exercise 1.6

Unit 1 Part I Test covers Days 1 to 6

HW. Part I Review 1.1 to 1.6

