

Chapter 5 Practice Test

Simplify the expression.

1. $(a^2b^2)^5 = a^{10}b^{10}$

2. $(-2a^2b^3c^4)^4 = (-2)^4 a^8 b^{12} c^{16} = 16a^8b^{12}c^{16}$

Be sure to apply the power of 4 to the (-2)

3. Use synthetic substitution to evaluate $f(s) = 6s^3 - 6s^2 - 2s + 2$ when $s = 2$.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}
 2 & 6 & -6 & -2 & 2 \\
 & \downarrow & 12 & 12 & 20 \\
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 & 6 & 6 & 10 & 22
 \end{array}$$

* Watch for "missing degrees"

Find the sum or difference.

4. $(8h^3 - 8h + 8) - (7h^3 + 7h + 1) = 8h^3 - 8h + 8 - 7h^3 - 7h - 1 = h^3 - 15h + 7$

be sure to distribute this minus sign

5. $(9a^5 - 9a^4 + 1) + (6a^5 - 6a + 7) = 9a^5 - 9a^4 + 1 + 6a^5 - 6a + 7 = 15a^5 - 9a^4 - 6a + 8$

Find the product.

6. $(k-3)(k^2+k+2) = k^3 + k^2 + 2k - 3k^2 - 3k - 6 = k^3 - 2k^2 - k - 6$

↑ Distribute the "k"
↑ Distribute the "-3"

Factor the polynomial completely.

7. $2b^3 - 4b^2 + 10b = 2b(b^2 - 2b + 5)$

Common monomial factor

Find the real-number solutions of the equation.

8. $v^3 - 2v^2 = 0$ $v^2(v-2) = 0$ $v^2 = 0$ $v-2 = 0$

Common monomial factor

Zero product property

$v=0$ $v=2$

Given polynomial $f(x)$ and a factor of $f(x)$, factor $f(x)$ completely.

9. $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$ given that $(x+2)$ is a factor.

if $(x+2)$ is a factor, then -2 is a zero

(put outside on synthetic division)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 4 & 1 & -6 \\ & \downarrow & -2 & -4 & 6 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \end{array}$$

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

factor this general trinomial

10. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 34x - 21$ given that $(x-1)$ is a factor.

$\hookrightarrow 1$ is a zero; put outside on synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 2 & -15 & 34 & -21 \\ & \downarrow & 2 & -13 & 21 \\ \hline & 2 & -13 & 21 & 0 \end{array}$$

$f(x) = (x-1)(2x^2 - 13x + 21) = (x-1)(2x-7)(x-3)$

Factor this general trinomial.

Given polynomial function f and a zero of f , find the other zeros.

11. $f(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 + 5x - 14$ given that -2 is one of the zeros.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 8 & 5 & -14 \\ & \downarrow & -2 & -12 & 14 \\ \hline & 1 & 6 & -7 & 0 \end{array}$$

$(x^2 + 6x - 7) = (x+7)(x-1) = 0$ $x+7=0$ $x-1=0$
 $x=-7$ $x=1$

The zeros are: $-2, -7, 1$

List the possible rational zeros of the function using the rational zeros theorem.

12. $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 11x - 6$

constant term (p) = -6 : Factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$

lead coefficient (q) = 2 : Factors: $\pm 1, \pm 2$

Find all real zeros of the function.

Possible Rational Zeros: $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6}{\pm 1, \pm 2}$

Final List
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 $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6,$
 $\pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}$

13. $p(x) = 2x^3 + 20x^2 + 62x + 60$

Not a zero
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 $1 \mid \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 20 & 62 & 60 \\ & 2 & 22 & 84 \\ \hline 2 & 22 & 84 & 144 \end{array}$

Not a zero
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 $-1 \mid \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 20 & 62 & 60 \\ & -2 & -18 & -44 \\ \hline 2 & 18 & 44 & 16 \end{array}$

Not a zero
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 $2 \mid \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 20 & 62 & 60 \\ & 4 & 48 & 220 \\ \hline 2 & 24 & 110 & 282 \end{array}$

is a zero
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 $-2 \mid \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 20 & 62 & 60 \\ & -4 & -32 & -60 \\ \hline 2 & 16 & 30 & 0 \end{array}$

$p(x) = (x+2)(2x^2+16x+30)$
 $= (x+2) \cdot 2 \cdot (x^2+8x+15)$
 $= 2(x+2)(x+3)(x+5)$
 $x+2=0 \quad x+3=0 \quad x+5=0$
 $x=-2 \quad x=-3 \quad x=-5$

14. $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x^2 - 11x - 6$

$(x+1)$ is a factor
 $-1 \mid \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & -3 & -11 & -6 \\ & -1 & -2 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 & 0 \end{array}$

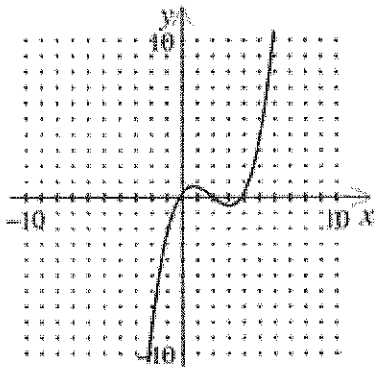
-1 is a repeated solution
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 $-1 \mid \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & -5 & -6 & 0 \\ & -1 & -1 & 6 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -6 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$

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

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

$x+1=0 \quad x+1=0 \quad x+3=0 \quad x-2=0$
 $x=-1 \quad x=-1 \quad x=-3 \quad x=2$

15. Use the graph to approximate the real zeros of the function. Round to the nearest integer.



a. 0, 2, 4

b. -4, -2, 0

c. 2, -4, -2, 0

d. 2

the curve intersects the x-axis at these points.