

PRECALCULUS I/MATH 126 (2188)

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1. (6 POINTS) The point at which a company's profits equal zero is called the company's **break-even point**. Let R represent a company's revenue, let C represent the company's costs, and let x represent the number of units produced and sold each day.

$$R(x) = 16x \text{ and } C(x) = 2.25x + 12,000$$

- a. Find the firm's break-even point.

Break even when $R(x) = C(x)$
 $16x = 2.25x + 12000$
 $13.75x = 12000$
 $x \approx 872.73$
 $= 873$

The company will break even once they've produced and sold 873 units.

- b. Find the number of units the company must sell to earn a profit.

Profit when $R(x) > C(x)$
 $16x > 2.25x + 12000$
 $13.75x > 12000$
 $x > 872$

The company must sell more than 872 units to make a profit.

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

- a. (2 POINTS) Determine, without graphing, whether the given polynomial function has a maximum value or minimum value. Explain.

f has a minimum value because the leading coefficient is $5 > 0$, which means the parabola opens upward.

- b. (4 POINTS) Find the minimum value or maximum value without using your graphing calculator. Do not use your graphing calculator and show all work.

Vertex:

$$h = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{2}{2(5)} = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$k = f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) = f\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) = 5\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + 2\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) - 1 = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{5} - \frac{5}{5} = -\frac{8}{5}$$

The minimum value is $-\frac{8}{5}$. It is found at $\left(-\frac{1}{5}, -\frac{8}{5}\right)$.

3. (8 POINTS) Solve the following inequality. Do not use your graphing calculator and show all work.

$$\frac{2x+7}{x-10} \geq 1$$

Step 1: Get zero on one side and find the related function

$$\frac{2x+7}{x-10} \geq 1 \rightarrow \frac{2x+7}{x-10} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{2x+7}{x-10} - 1 \frac{(x-10)}{(x-10)}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2x+7-x+10}{x-10}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x+17}{x-10}$$

Step 2: Find Critical numbers

$$0 = \frac{x+17}{x-10}$$

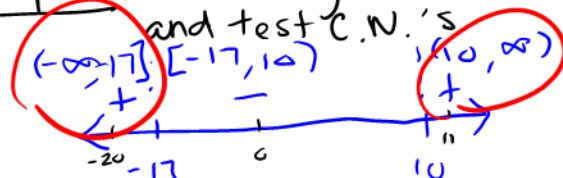
$$0 = x+17$$

$$x = -17$$

So $c_1 = -17$.

Also, f has a V.A. at $x-10=0$
 $x=10$
 $c_2 = 10$

Step 3: Make a sign chart



$$f(-20) = \frac{-20+17}{-20-10} = \frac{-3}{-30} \rightarrow \text{positive}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{0+17}{0-10} = -\frac{17}{10} \rightarrow \text{negative}$$

$$f(11) = \frac{11+17}{11-10} = \frac{28}{1} \rightarrow \text{positive}$$

Step 4: Conclusion

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -17] \cup (10, \infty)}$$

4. (15 POINTS) Consider the quadratic function (4 POINTS) Solve $f(x) = -(x+3)^2 + 6$.

a. (4 POINTS) Find the zeros of f .

$$0 = -(x+3)^2 + 6$$

$$\sqrt{(x+3)^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$x+3 = \pm\sqrt{6}$$

$$x = -3 \pm \sqrt{6}$$

$$(-3-\sqrt{6}, -3+\sqrt{6})$$

$$\text{Approx: } (-5.4, -0.6)$$

b. (2 POINTS) Find the y-intercept.

$$f(0) = -(0+3)^2 + 6$$

$$f(0) = -3$$

$$(0, -3)$$

c. (4 POINTS) Find the vertex.

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

$$f(x) = -[x-(-3)]^2 + 6$$

$$\text{Vertex: } (-3, 6)$$

d. (2 POINTS) What is the axis of symmetry?

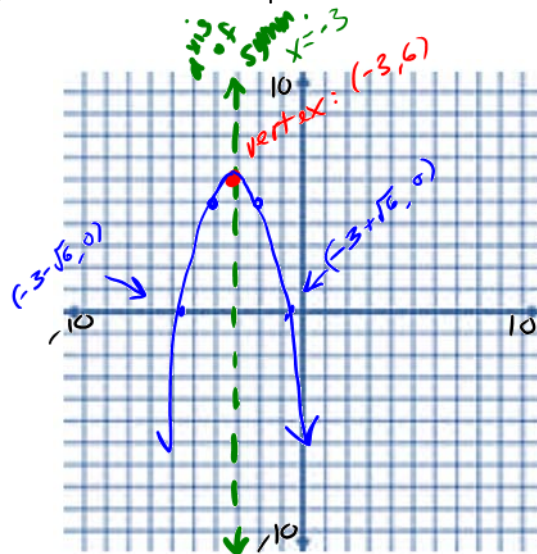
$$x = h \rightarrow x = -3$$

e. (3 POINTS) Sketch the graph of f **by hand** using the information from parts a-d. Be sure to label your graph.

$$f(-2) = f(-4) \text{ by symmetry}$$

$$f(-2) = [(-2)+3]^2 + 6$$

$$f(-2) = 5 = f(-4)$$



5. (13 POINTS) Consider The function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4}$.

a. (3 POINTS) If possible, simplify f .

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4}$$

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

$$f(x) = \frac{x-4}{x-2}, x \neq -2$$

b. (4 POINTS) What is the domain of f ? Please describe how any domain restrictions appear on the graph of f .

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

Restrictions:

At $x = -2$, there's a hole

At $x = 2$, there a vertical asymptote



c. (2 POINTS) Find the vertical asymptote(s) of f . If there are no vertical asymptotes, write "none".

$$x - 2 = 0 \rightarrow x = 2$$

d. (2 POINTS) Find the horizontal asymptote(s) of f . If there are no horizontal asymptotes, write "none".

$$\begin{array}{r} (x-2) \overline{) x-4} \\ \underline{-(x-2)} \\ -2 \end{array}$$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, the remainder $\rightarrow 0$
So $y = 1$ is the HA.

e. (2 POINTS) Find the oblique (slant) asymptote of f . If there is no oblique asymptote, write "none".

NONE

6. (10 POINTS) Form a polynomial $f(x)$ with real coefficients having the given degree and zero.

Degree 4; zeros: $\sqrt{5}$, $2i$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{5}, x = \pm 2i$$

$$x - \sqrt{5} = 0, x + \sqrt{5} = 0, x - 2i = 0, x + 2i = 0$$

$0 = a(x - \sqrt{5})(x + \sqrt{5})(x - 2i)(x + 2i)$, where a is a constant.

$$f(x) = 1(x - \sqrt{5})(x + \sqrt{5})(x - 2i)(x + 2i), \text{ let } a = 1$$

$$f(x) = [x^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2][x^2 - (2i)^2]$$

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 5)(x^2 - 4i^2)$$

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 5)[x^2 - 4(-1)]$$

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

$$f(x) = x^4 - x^2 - 20$$

7. (12 POINTS) Consider the function $f(x) = 2x^4 - 5x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 3$.

a. (2 POINTS) Use the rational zeros theorem to list the potential rational zeros of the polynomial function.

poss. for p: $\pm 1, \pm 3$

poss. for q: $\pm 1, \pm 2$

possibilities for $\frac{p}{q}$: $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 3}{\pm 1, \pm 2}$

possible rational zeros: $\pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 3$

b. (10 POINTS) Find the real zeros of f without using your graphing calculator.

try $c = 1$:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 2 & -5 & -1 & -5 & -3 \\ & & 2 & -3 & -4 & -9 \\ \hline & 2 & -3 & -4 & -9 & -12 \end{array} \text{nope!}$$

try $c = -1$:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -1 & 2 & -5 & -1 & -5 & -3 \\ & & -2 & 7 & 6 & -1 \\ \hline & 2 & -7 & 6 & 1 & -4 \end{array} \text{nope!}$$

try $c = -3$:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -3 & 2 & -5 & -1 & -5 & -3 \\ & & -6 & 33 & & \\ \hline & 2 & -11 & & & \end{array}$$

try $c = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} \frac{1}{2} & 2 & -5 & -1 & -5 & -3 \\ & & 1 & 2 & -\frac{3}{2} & \\ \hline & 2 & -4 & -3 & & \end{array}$$

try $c = -\frac{1}{2}$:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & -5 & -1 & -5 & -3 \\ & & -1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \\ \hline & 2 & -6 & 2 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \text{yay!!!}$$

So $c = \frac{1}{2}$ gives us:

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

$$f(x) = (x - \frac{1}{2})(2x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 6)$$

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

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

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

$$2x - 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x - 3 = 0 \rightarrow x = 3$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{-1} \text{ imaginary}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, 3 \right\}$$

8. (30 POINTS) Consider the polynomial function $f(x) = (2x-3)^3(x-1)^2$

a. (2 POINTS) Determine the end behavior of the graph of the function:

The graph of f behaves like $y = x^3$ for large values of $|x|$.

b. (4 POINTS) Find the x-intercept(s), if any. Do not use your graphing calculator and show all work.

$$\begin{aligned} (2x-3)^3 &= 0 & \text{or} & & (x-1)^2 &= 0 \\ 2x-3 &= 0 & & & x-1 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{3}{2} & & & x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{3}{2}, 1 \right\}$$

c. (2 POINTS) Find the y-intercept, if any.

$$f(0) = (2(0)-3)^3(0-1)^2 = -27(1) = -27$$

d. (9 POINTS) Determine the zeros of the function and their multiplicity. Use this information to determine whether the graph crosses or touches the x-axis.

i. The zero(s) of f are $\frac{3}{2}$ and 1.

ii. f has a zero of multiplicity 3, at $x = \frac{3}{2}$ so the graph of f crosses the x-axis at $x = \frac{3}{2}$.

iii. f has a zero of multiplicity 2, at $x = 1$ so the graph of f touches the x-axis at $x = 1$.

e. (3 POINTS) Use your graphing calculator to approximate the turning point(s) of the graph. Round the coordinates to 2 decimal places.

$$(1, 0) \text{ and } (1.20, -0.01)$$

f. (2 POINTS) Find the domain of the function. You may use either interval or set-builder notation.

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, \infty) \text{ or } \{x \mid x \text{ is a real number}\}$$

g. (2 POINTS) Find the range of the function. You may use either interval or set-builder notation.

$$\text{Range: } (-\infty, \infty) \text{ or } \{y \mid y \text{ is a real number}\}$$

(6 POINTS) Use the graph to determine where the function is increasing or decreasing. Give your results in interval notation.

i. On which interval(s) is the function increasing? Round the coordinates to 2 decimal places.

$$(-\infty, 1) \cup (1.20, \infty) \text{ or } \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, x < 1 \text{ or } x > 1.20\}$$

ii. On which interval(s) is the function decreasing? Round the coordinates to 2 decimal places.

$$(1, 1.20) \text{ or } \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, 1 < x < 1.20\}$$

