

For problems 1 and 2, find the sum and product of the roots.

1)  $4x^5 + 7x^4 - 8x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$       1) sum:  $-\frac{7}{4}$       product:  $\frac{5}{4}$

2)  $3x^6 - 8x^5 + 3x^4 + 2x^3 - 11x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$       2) sum:  $\frac{8}{3}$       product:  $\frac{10}{3}$

3) Find a polynomial function  $p(x)$  of minimal degree with integral coefficients with a root to  $p(x)=0$  of

$4+5i$  and  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . (Expand and simplify).  
 $4-5i$

$(2x+1)(x^2-8x+41)$

Sum = 8

product =  $16-25i^2$   
 $= 16+25$   
 $= 41$

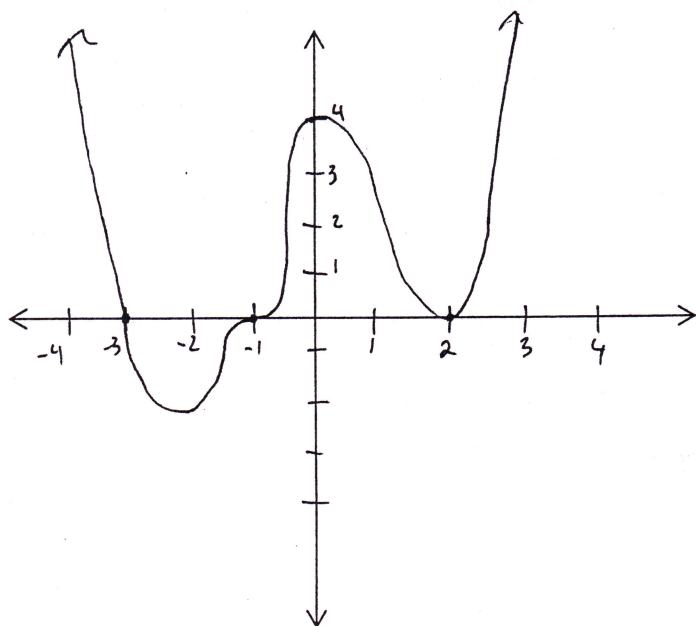
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^3 - 16x^2 + 82x \\ + x^2 - 8x + 41 \\ \hline 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 74x + 41 \end{array}$$

$(x^2-8x+41)$

$2x^3 - 15x^2 + 74x + 41 = 0$

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4) Find a polynomial function  $p(x)$  of minimal degree with integral coefficients whose graph is shown.



point:  $(0, 4)$

roots:  $-3, -1, 2$   
 single      triple      double

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

$4 = a(0+3)(0+1)^3(0-2)^2$

$4 = a(3)(1)(4)$

$4 = 12a$

$a = \frac{1}{3}$

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

+	-
3	1
1	

5) For polynomial:  $p(x) = 2x^4 - 17x^3 + 39x^2 - 12x - 18$   
 $p(x) = 2x^4 + 17x^3 + 39x^2 + 12x - 18$

a. List (in table form) the possible positive real, negative real, and imaginary root combinations to  $p(x) = 0$ . (Be sure to show appropriate work) (Hint: Descartes' Rule of Signs)

Total	pos	neg	imag
4	3	1	0
4	1	1	2

b. List all of the possible rational roots to  $p(x) = 0$ .  $\frac{f}{f_2}$

$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 18, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{9}{2}$

c. Show that -1 is a lower bound of the roots to  $p(x) = 0$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \overline{) 2 \quad -17 \quad 39 \quad -12 \quad -18} \\ \underline{2 \quad -19 \quad 58 \quad -70 \quad 52} \end{array}$$

← alternating signs

d. Show that 9 is an upper bound of the roots to  $p(x) = 0$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \overline{) 2 \quad -17 \quad 39 \quad -12 \quad -18} \\ \underline{2 \quad 1 \quad 48 \quad 470 \quad 3780} \end{array}$$

← all positives

e. Show that there is a real root between 1 and 2 for  $p(x) = 0$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \overline{) 2 \quad -17 \quad 39 \quad -12 \quad -18} \\ \underline{2 \quad -15 \quad 24 \quad 12 \quad -6} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 2 \quad -17 \quad 39 \quad -12 \quad -18} \\ \underline{2 \quad -13 \quad 13 \quad 14 \quad 10} \end{array}$$

1 | -6  
2 | 10 > sign change  
(location principle)

f. Show that  $x - 3$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 2 \quad -17 \quad 39 \quad -12 \quad -18} \\ \underline{2 \quad -11 \quad 6 \quad 6 \quad 0} \end{array}$$

g. Use the above concepts to help solve  $2x^4 - 17x^3 + 39x^2 - 12x - 18 = 0$

	2	-17	39	-12	-18
-1	2	-19	58	-70	52 > sign change
0	2	-17	39	-12	-18
1	2	-15	24	12	-6 > sign change
2	2	-13	13	14	10
3	2	-11	6	6	0 (⊙)

$$(x-3)(2x^3 - 11x^2 + 6x + 6)$$

$$(x-3)(x + \frac{1}{2})(2x^2 - 12x + 12) = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x + \frac{1}{2})(2)(x^2 - 6x + 6) = 0$$

$$(x-3)(2x+1)(x^2 - 6x + 6) = 0$$

↓

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(6)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -\frac{1}{2} \overline{) 2 \quad -11 \quad 6 \quad 6} \\ \underline{2 \quad -1 \quad 6 \quad -6} \\ \underline{2 \quad -12 \quad 12 \quad 0} \end{array}$$

$$x = 3, -\frac{1}{2}, 3 \pm \sqrt{3}$$