

SOUTH SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL

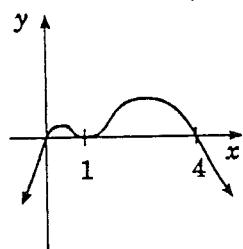
MATHEMATICS

POLYNOMIALS WORKSHEET

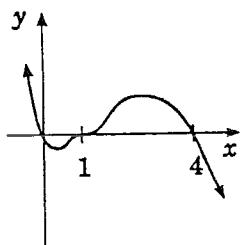
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| <p>1. For the following polynomials, find the degree, the leading term, leading coefficient and constant term:</p> <p>(a) $P(x) = 3x^4 - 7x + 2$
 (b) $P(x) = 4 - 2x^5$
 (c) $P(x) = 3x^5 - 2x^3 + 4x$
 (d) $P(x) = 7$</p> <p>2. Determine whether the following are polynomials in x:</p> <p>(a) $\frac{4}{x} - 3x + 2$
 (b) $\frac{5x^4 - x}{x}$
 (c) $\frac{3x}{4} + 2$
 (d) $4x^4 + \sqrt{x} - 2$
 (e) $(x+4)^2 - 2x + 3$</p> <p>3. Complete the following:</p> <p>(a) $4x^4 - 2x^2 + 3 +$
 $\underline{3x^4 - 5x^2 - 7}$</p> <p>(b) $3x^2 - 4x + 1 +$
 $\underline{5x^2 + 2x - 5}$</p> <p>(c) $4x^3 + 12x^2 + 3x + 7 +$
 $\underline{5x^3 + x + 3}$</p> <p>(d) $4x^5 - 21x + 2 +$
 $\underline{3x^6 + 2x - 1}$</p> <p>(e) $5x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 1 -$
 $\underline{3x^3 - x^2 - x + 5}$</p> <p>(f) $4x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 -$
 $\underline{x^4 - 5x^2 - 7}$</p> <p>(g) $4x^3 - x + 2 -$
 $\underline{3x^3 + 2x^2 - 1}$</p> <p>(h) $5x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 -$
 $\underline{3x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 2}$</p> | <p>4. Find the degree of $P(x).Q(x)$ if:</p> <p>(a) $P(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 1$ and
 $Q(x) = 4 - x + x^2$
 (b) $P(x) = 5x^4 - 2x - 1$ and
 $Q(x) = 3x - 5x^2 + x^3$</p> <p>5. Find the product of the following polynomials:</p> <p>(a) $2x^3 - 4$ and $5x^2 - x + 2$
 (b) $6x^2 - 4x$ and $x^3 + x - 1$</p> <p>6. Complete the following divisions, leaving your answer in the form:
 dividend = divisor \times quotient + remainder.</p> <p>(a) $(x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 5) \div (x - 3)$
 (b) $(-x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 1) \div (x + 2)$
 (c) $(x^5 + x^3 - x) \div (x^2 + x)$
 (d) $(x^4 - 1) \div (x^2 - 3)$</p> <p>7. If $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$ and $Q(x) = x - 1$, find</p> <p>(a) $P(x) + Q(x)$ (b) $P(x) - Q(x)$
 (c) $P(x) \cdot Q(x)$ (d) $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$</p> <p>8. Find the remainder after the following divisions:</p> <p>(a) $(x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 1) \div (x + 2)$
 (b) $(x^3 - 4x + 2) \div (x - 1)$</p> <p>9. If $x^3 + 3x^2 - 7x + k$ is divided by $(x + 2)$ the remainder is 5. Find the value of k.</p> <p>10. When $3x^4 - 2x^3 + 2k$ is divided by $(x + 1)$, the remainder is 3. Find the value of k.</p> <p>11. If $x^2 - 7x + 9$ is divided by $(x - k)$, the remainder is 3. Find the value of k.</p> <p>12. If $(x - 5)$ is a factor of $x^3 + kx - 10$, find the value of k.</p> |
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13. Show that $(x - 1)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6$, and hence solve the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.
14. Factorise $2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 3$.
15. Solve for x , the equation $x^3 + 2x^2 - 9x - 18 = 0$.
16. If $x = -3$ and $x = 1$ are roots of the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 - ax + b$, find the values of a and b , and hence find the third root of the equation.
17. Sketch the graphs of the following polynomials:
- $y = (x - 4)(x - 1)(x + 2)$
 - $y = x(x - 2)^2(4 - x)$
 - $y = (3 - x)(x + 1)^3(4 - x)$
 - $y = x^2(1 - x)^2$
 - $y = (1 + x)^3$
18. Factorise the following and then sketch their graphs, showing clearly the zeros of each function:
- $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$
 - $y = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1$
 - $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1$
 - $y = -x^3 + 12x + 16$
19. Match the polynomial function to the correct sketch:
- $y = x(x - 1)^2(4 - x)$
 - $y = x^2(x - 1)(x + 4)$
 - $y = x(x - 1)^3(4 - x)$
 - $y = x(x + 1)(4 + x)$

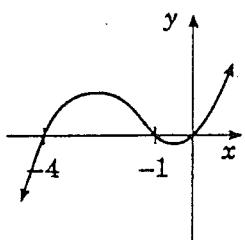
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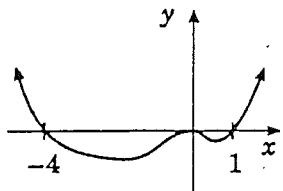
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(i)



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WORKED SOLUTIONS

1. (a) $P(x) = 3x^4 - 7x + 2$
deg: 4, lead t: $3x^4$, lead c = 3
const t: 2
- (b) $P(x) = 4 - 2x^5$
deg: 5, lead t: $-2x^5$, lead c = -2
const t: 4
- (c) $P(x) = 3x^5 - 2x^3 + 4x$
deg: 5, lead t: $3x^5$, lead c = 3
const t: 0
- (d) $P(x) = 7$
deg: 0, lead t: 7, lead c = 7
const t: 7
2. (a) $\frac{4}{x} - 3x + 2 = 4x^{-1} - 3x + 2$
 \therefore not polynomial [power of -1]
- (b) $\frac{5x^4 - x}{x} = 5x^3 - 1$
 \therefore polynomial.
- (c) $\frac{3x}{4} + 2 = \frac{3}{4}x + 2$
 \therefore polynomial.
- (d) $4x^4 + \sqrt{x} - 2 = 4x^4 + x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2$
 \therefore not polynomial [power of $\frac{1}{2}$]
- (e) $(x+4)^2 - 2x + 3$
 $= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 2x + 3$
 $= x^2 + 6x + 19$
 \therefore polynomial.
3. (a) $\frac{4x^4 - 2x^2 + 3}{3x^4 - 5x^2 - 7} +$
 $\underline{7x^4 - 7x^2 - 4}$
- (b) $\frac{3x^2 - 4x + 1}{5x^2 + 2x - 5} +$
 $\underline{8x^2 - 2x - 4}$
- (c) $\frac{4x^3 + 12x^2 + 3x + 7}{5x^3 + 0x^2 + x + 3} +$
 $\underline{9x^3 + 12x^2 + 4x + 10}$
- (d) $\frac{4x^5 - 21x + 2}{3x^5 + 2x - 1} +$
 $\underline{7x^5 - 19x + 1}$
- (e) $\frac{5x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 1}{3x^3 - x^2 - x - 5} -$
 $\underline{2x^3 + 3x^2 + 4}$
- (f) $\frac{4x^4 - 2x^2 + 1}{x^4 - 5x^2 - 7} -$
 $\underline{3x^4 + 3x^2 + 8}$

$$(g) \quad \begin{array}{r} 4x^3 + 0x^2 - x + 2 \\ 3x^3 + 2x^2 + 0x - 1 \\ \hline x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 3 \end{array}$$

$$(h) \quad \begin{array}{r} 5x^4 + 0x^3 - 2x^2 + 0x + 1 \\ 3x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 2 \\ \hline 5x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1 \end{array}$$

$$4. \quad (a) \quad P(x) \cdot Q(x)$$

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

$$= \dots + 3x^4 + \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{degree is 4}$$

[only need leading term]

$$(b) \quad P(x) \cdot Q(x)$$

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

$$= \dots + 5x^7 + \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{degree is 7.}$$

$$5. \quad (a) \quad \begin{array}{r} (2x^3 - 4)(5x^2 - x + 2) \\ = 10x^5 - 2x^4 + 4x^3 - 20x^2 + 4x - 8 \end{array}$$

$$(b) \quad \begin{array}{r} (6x^2 - 4x)(x^3 + x - 1) \\ = 6x^5 + 6x^3 - 6x^2 - 4x^4 - 4x^2 + 4x \\ = 6x^5 - 4x^4 + 6x^3 - 10x^2 + 4x \end{array}$$

$$6. \quad (a) \quad \begin{array}{r} x^2 + 7 \\ x-3 \overline{)x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 5} \\ \underline{x^3 - 3x^2} \\ 0 + 7x - 5 \\ \underline{7x - 21} \\ 16 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 5$$

$$= (x-3)(x^2 + 7) + 16$$

$$(b) \quad \begin{array}{r} -x^2 + 4x - 13 \\ x+2 \overline{)x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 1} \\ \underline{-x^3 - 2x^2} \\ 4x^2 - 5x \\ \underline{4x^2 + 8x} \\ -13x - 1 \\ \underline{-13x - 26} \\ 25 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore -x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 1$$

$$= (x+2)(-x^2 + 4x - 13) + 25$$

$$(c) \quad x^2 + x \overline{)x^5 + 0x^4 + x^3 + 0x^2 - x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^5 + x^4 \\ \underline{-x^4 + x^3} \\ -x^4 - x^3 \\ \underline{2x^3 + 0x^2} \\ 2x^3 + 2x^2 \\ \underline{-2x^2 - x} \\ -2x^2 - 2x \\ \hline x \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^5 + x^3 - x$$

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

$$(d) \quad (x^4 - 1) \div (x^2 - 3)$$

$$x^2 - 3 \overline{)x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^4 \\ \underline{-3x^2} \\ 3x^2 - 1 \\ \underline{3x^2 - 9} \\ 8 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^4 - 1 = (x^2 - 3)(x^2 + 3) + 8$$

7. $p(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$
 $q(x) = x - 1$

(a) $p(x) + q(x)$

$$\therefore x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1 +$$

$$\frac{x - 1}{x^3 + 2x^2}$$

$$\therefore p(x) + q(x) = x^3 + 2x^2$$

(b) $p(x) - q(x)$

$$\therefore x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1 -$$

$$\frac{x - 1}{x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x + 2}$$

$$\therefore p(x) - q(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x + 2$$

(c) $p(x) \cdot q(x)$

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

$$= x^4 - x^3 + 2x^3 - 2x^2 - x^2$$

$$+ x + x - 1$$

$$= x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$(d) \quad \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

$$x - 1 \overline{)x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1}$$

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

$$\therefore p(x) + q(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 2) + 3$$

8. (a) Let $P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 1$
 Dividing by $(x + 2)$, \therefore find $P(-2)$

$$\therefore P(-2) = (-2)^3 + 4(-2)^2 + (-2) - 1$$

$$= -8 + 16 - 2 - 1 = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{remainder is } 5.$$

(b) Let $P(x) = x^3 - 4x + 2$
 Dividing by $(x - 1)$, \therefore find $P(1)$

$$\therefore P(1) = 1^3 - 4(1) + 2$$

$$= 1 - 4 + 2 = -1$$

$$\therefore \text{remainder is } -1.$$

9. Let $P(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 7x + k$
 Dividing by $(x + 2)$, $\therefore P(-2) = 5$

$$\therefore P(-2) = (-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 - 7(-2) + k = 5$$

$$-8 + 12 + 14 + k = 5$$

$$18 + k = 5$$

$$k = 5 - 18$$

$$k = -13$$

$$\therefore \text{value of } k \text{ is } -13.$$

10. Let $P(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^3 - 2k$
 Dividing by $(x + 1)$, $\therefore P(-1) = 3$

$$\therefore P(-1) = 3(-1)^4 - 2(-1)^3 + 2k = 3$$

$$3 + 2 + 2k = 3$$

$$5 + 2k = 3$$

$$2k = 3 - 5$$

$$2k = -2$$

$$k = -1$$

$$\therefore \text{value of } k \text{ is } -1.$$

11. Let $P(x) = x^2 - 7x + 9$
 Dividing by $(x - k)$, $\therefore P(k) = 0$
 $\therefore P(k) = k^2 - 7k + 9 = 0$,
 that is, $k^2 - 7k + 6 = 0$
 $(k - 6)(k - 1) = 0$
 $k = 6 \text{ or } 1$
 $\therefore k \text{ is } 6 \text{ or } 1.$

12. Let $P(x) = x^3 + kx - 10$
 Dividing by $(x - 5)$, $\therefore P(5) = 0$
 $\therefore P(5) = 5^3 + 5k - 10 = 0$
 $125 + 5k - 10 = 0$
 $5k + 115 = 0$
 $5k = -115$
 $\frac{5k}{5} = -\frac{115}{5}$
 $k = -23$
 $\therefore \text{value of } k \text{ is } -23.$

13. Let $P(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6$
 If $(x - 1)$ is a factor, then $P(1) = 0$
 $\therefore P(1) = 1^3 - 2(1)^2 - 5(1) + 6$
 $= 1 - 2 - 5 + 6$
 $= 0$
 $\therefore \text{as } P(1) = 0, \text{ then } (x - 1) \text{ is a factor of } P(x).$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{as } & x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \\ \therefore & (x - 1)(x^2 - x - 6) = 0 \\ & (x - 1)(x - 3)(x + 2) = 0 \\ \therefore & x = 1, 3, -2, \\ \therefore & \text{the roots of the equation} \\ & \text{are } x = 1, 3 \text{ and } -2. \end{aligned}$$

14. Let $P(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 3$
 Now find a , where $P(a) = 0$,
 that is, try
 $P(1) = 2(1)^3 - 5(1)^2 - 4(1) + 3$
 $= 2 - 5 - 4 + 3$
 $\neq 0$

Try

$$\begin{aligned} P(-1) &= 2(-1)^3 - 5(-1)^2 - 4(-1) + 3 \\ &= -2 - 5 + 4 + 3 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

 $\therefore P(-1) = 0, \therefore (x + 1) \text{ is a factor.}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 7x + 3 \\ \hline x + 1 \overline{)2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 3} \\ 2x^3 + 2x^2 \\ \hline -7x^2 - 4x \\ -7x^2 - 7x \\ \hline 3x + 3 \\ 3x + 3 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

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

15. Let $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 9x - 18$
 Try $P(1) = 1^3 + 2(1)^2 - 9(1) - 18 \neq 0$
 $P(-1) = (-1)^3 + 2(-1)^2 - 9(-1) - 18 \neq 0$
 $P(2) = (2)^3 + 2(2)^2 - 9(2) - 18$
 $= 8 + 8 - 18 - 18 \neq 0$
 $P(-2) = (-2)^3 + 2(-2)^2 - 9(-2) - 18$
 $= -8 + 8 + 18 - 18 = 0,$

 $\therefore \text{as } P(-2) = 0, (x + 2) \text{ is a factor,}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 9 \\ \hline x + 2 \overline{x^3 + 2x^2 - 9x - 18} \\ x^3 + 2x^2 \\ \hline -9x - 18 \\ -9x - 18 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } & x^3 + 2x^2 - 9x - 18 = 0 \\ & (x + 2)(x^2 - 9) = 0 \\ & (x + 2)(x - 3)(x + 3) = 0 \\ \therefore & x = -2, 3, -3. \end{aligned}$$

16. Let $P(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - ax + b$
 As $x = -3$ is a root, $P(-3) = 0$
 $\therefore P(-3) = (-3)^3 - 2(-3)^2 - a(-3) + b$
 $= 0$
 $-27 - 18 + 3a + b = 0$
 $-45 + 3a + b = 0$
 $\therefore 3a + b = 45.$
 Also, as $x = 1$ is a root, $P(1) = 0$.
 $\therefore P(1) = (1)^3 - 2(1)^2 - a(1) + b = 0$
 $1 - 2 - a + b = 0$
 $-1 - a + b = 0$
 $\therefore a - b = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 3a + b &= 45 & (1) \\ a - b &= -1 & (2) \\ (1) + (2) \quad & \\ 4a &= 44 \\ a &= 11\end{aligned}$$

Substitute $a = 11$ in (2)

$$\begin{aligned}11 - b &= -1 \\ -b &= -1 - 11 \\ -b &= -12\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore b = 12,$$

$$\therefore a = 11, b = 12,$$

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 11x + 12.$$

Now as $x = -3, x = 1$ are roots,

$\therefore (x+3), (x-1)$ are factors,

$\therefore (x+3)(x-1)$ is also a factor,

$\therefore (x^2 + 2x - 3)$ is a factor,

$$\begin{array}{r} x-4 \\ \hline x^2 + 2x - 3 \overline{) x^3 - 2x^2 - 11x + 12 } \\ x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x \\ \hline -4x^2 - 8x + 12 \\ -4x^2 - 8x + 12 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 2x^2 - 11x + 12$$

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

$$= (x+3)(x-1)(x-4),$$

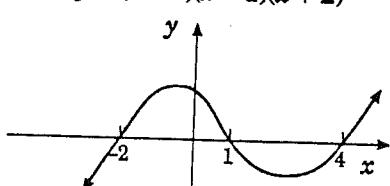
\therefore as $P(x) = 0$

$$(x+3)(x-1)(x-4) = 0,$$

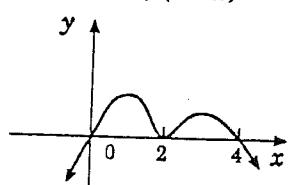
$$\therefore x = -3, 1, 4$$

\therefore the other root is $x = 4$.

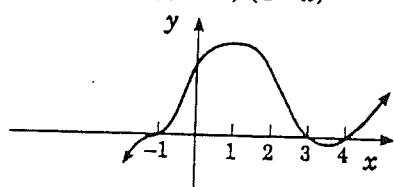
17. (a) $y = (x-4)(x-1)(x+2)$



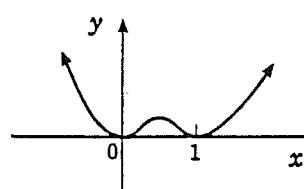
(b) $y = x(x-2)^2(4-x)$



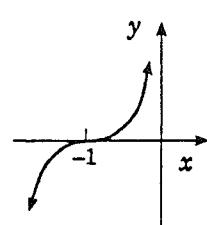
(c) $y = (3-x)(x+1)^3(4-x)$



(d) $y = x^2(1-x)^2$



(e) $y = (1+x)^3$



18. (a) $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$

$$\text{Let } y = P(x)$$

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Try } P(1) &= 1^3 - 4(1)^2 + 1 + 6 \\ &= 1 - 4 + 1 + 6 \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(-1) &= (-1)^3 - 4(-1)^2 - 1 + 6 \\ &= -1 - 4 - 1 + 6 = 0\end{aligned}$$

\therefore as $P(-1) = 0$, $x + 1$ is a factor,

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

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$$

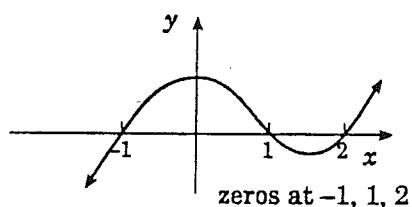
$$= (x+1)(x^2 - 5x + 6)$$

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

$$\therefore y = (x+1)(x-3)(x-2)$$

Substitute $x = 4$ in y ,
that is, $y(4) = (4+1)(4-3)(4-1)$
 $= (5)(1)(3) > 0$

\therefore above the x -axis at $x = 4$.



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

Let $y = P(x)$

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Try } P(1) &= 1^3 - 1^2 - 1 + 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore as $P(1) = 0$, $x - 1$ is a factor,

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

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore y = (x - 1)^2(x + 1)$$

Substitute $x = 2$ in y ,

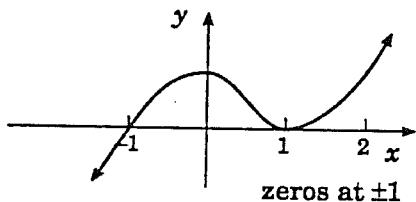
$$\text{that is, } y(2) = (2 - 1)^2(2 + 1)$$

$$= (1)^2(3) > 0,$$

\therefore above x -axis at $x = 4$,

that is, $y > 0$ when $x = 4$,

(that is, $y > 0$ for $x > 1$).



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

Let $y = P(x)$

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Try } P(1) &= 1^3 - 3(1)^2 + 3(1) - 1 \\ &= 1 - 3 + 3 - 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore as $P(1) = 0$, $(x - 1)$ is a factor,

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

$$\therefore P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1$$

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

$$= (x - 1)(x - 1)(x - 1)$$

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

$$\therefore y = (x - 1)^3$$

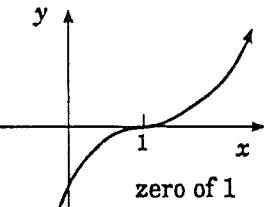
Substitute $x = 2$ in y ,
that is, $y(2) = (2 - 1)^3$
 $= 1^3 > 0$,
 \therefore above x -axis at $x = 2$,
 $\therefore y > 0$ when $x > 1$.

19. (a) (iii)

- (b) (ii)

- (c) (iv)

- (d) (i)



(d) $y = -x^3 + 12x + 16$

Let $y = P(x)$

$$\therefore P(x) = -x^3 + 12x + 16$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Try } P(1) &= -1^3 + 12(1) + 16 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(-1) = -(-1)^3 + 12(-1) + 16$$

$$\neq 0$$

$$P(2) = -2^3 + 12(2) + 16$$

$$= -8 + 24 + 16$$

$$\neq 0$$

$$P(-2) = -(-2)^3 + 12(-2) + 16$$

$$= 8 - 24 + 16$$

$$= 0,$$

\therefore as $P(-2) = 0$, $(x + 2)$ is a factor,

$$\begin{array}{r} -x^2 + 2x + 8 \\ \hline x + 2 \overline{-x^3 + 0x^2 + 12x + 16} \\ -x^3 - 2x^2 \\ \hline 2x^2 + 12x \\ 2x^2 + 4x \\ \hline 8x + 16 \\ 8x + 16 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore P(x) = -x^3 + 12x + 16$$

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

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

$$\therefore y = -(x + 2)(x + 2)(x - 4)$$

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

\therefore zeros at $-2, 4$

Substitute $x = 0$ in y ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{that is, } y(0) &= -(2)^2(-4) \\ &= -4(-4) > 0, \end{aligned}$$

\therefore below axis when $x = 0$.

