

Show work for all problems; use the back of the sheet if necessary.

1. **(3 points)** Using long division, find the quotient and remainder of the division $\frac{6x^3+2x^2-22}{x^2-5}$. Label which is which.

Here is the division:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x + 2 \\ x^2 - 5 \overline{) 6x^3 + 2x^2 - 22} \\ \underline{- 6x^3 + 30x} \\ 2x^2 + 30x - 22 \\ \underline{- 2x^2 + 10} \\ 30x - 12 \end{array}$$

Note this uses a slightly different scheme than we learned, in that each row is the negation of what we use and the rows are added rather than subtracted; unfortunately the typesetting package I am using for this purpose (the L^AT_EX package `polynom.sty`, for the idly curious) doesn't allow flexibility in this particular regard.

We can now extract the quotient $6x + 2$ and the remainder $30x - 12$.

2. **(6 points)** Find all the rational zeroes of the polynomial $x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x - 4$.

The possible rational roots are ± 1 , ± 2 , and ± 4 . We can go through those quickly by synthetic division:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & -2 & -7 & -4 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & -8 & -12 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & -2 & -7 & -4 \\ \hline & 1 & -3 & -4 & 0 \end{array}$$

so we already found one zero: $(x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x - 4) = (x + 1)(x^2 - 3x - 4)$. The remaining zeroes can be found either by continuing synthetic division on $x^2 - 3x - 4$ or the quadratic formula; in either case we get the additional zeroes -1 and 4 . Thus the full collection of rational zeroes is -1 (with multiplicity 2) and 4 .

3. **(4 points)** Perform the division $\frac{5-i}{3+4i}$ and write the result in the form $a + bi$.

To divide complex numbers, we multiply both the numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator:

$$\frac{5-i}{3+4i} = \frac{(5-i)(3-4i)}{(3+4i)(3-4i)} = \frac{15-20i-3i-4}{9-12i+12i+16} = \frac{11-23i}{25} = \frac{11}{25} - \frac{23}{25}i$$

4. **(7 points)** Find the y -intercept, x -intercepts (a.k.a. zeroes), vertical asymptotes, and long-term behavior (a.k.a. nonvertical asymptotes) of the function $f(x) = \frac{2x}{(x-1)(x-4)}$. Label which is which.

The y intercept is merely $f(0) = 0$. To find zeroes and vertical asymptotes, we start by finding the zeroes of the numerator and denominator of the rational function: $2x$ is zero only when $x = 0$, and $(x-1)(x-4)$ is zero when $x = 1$ or $x = 4$. Thus, $x = 0$ is a zero (or x -intercept) of $f(x)$, and $x = 1$ and $x = 4$ are vertical asymptotes.

Finally, to explore long term behavior, we may note that for x of very large magnitude:

$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 5x + 4} \approx \frac{2x}{x^2} = \frac{2}{x} \approx 0$$

so as x gets very large or very small, $f(x)$ tends towards 0.