

1. Solve the equation  $x^2 + 4x - 21 = 0$  in two different ways:

**part a** (10 pts) Factoring

$$(x+7)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x \in \{-7, 3\}$$

**part b** (10 pts) Completing the square

$$x^2 + 4x = 21$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 2^2 = 21 + 4$$

$$(x+2)^2 = 25$$

$$\sqrt{(x+2)^2} = \sqrt{25}$$

$$|x+2| = 5$$

$$x+2 = \pm 5$$

$$x = -2 \pm 5 \begin{matrix} \nearrow 3 \\ \searrow -7 \end{matrix}$$

$$x \in \{-7, 3\}$$

2. Solve the absolute value inequality. Give your answer in set-builder *and* interval notation:

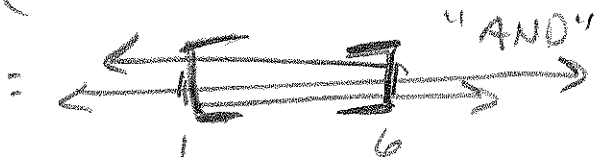
**part a** (10 pts)  $|2x - 7| \leq 5$

$$2x - 7 \leq 5 \text{ and } 2x - 7 \geq -5$$

$$2x \leq 12$$

$$2x \geq 2$$

$$\{x \mid x \leq 6 \text{ and } x \geq 1\}$$



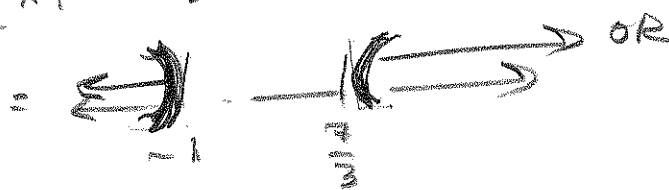
$$= [1, 6]$$

**part b** (10 pts)  $|3x - 2| > 5$

$$3x - 2 > 5 \text{ OR } 3x - 2 < -5$$

$$3x > 7 \text{ OR } 3x < -3$$

$$\{x \mid x > \frac{7}{3} \text{ OR } x < -1\}$$



$$= (-\infty, -1) \cup (\frac{7}{3}, \infty)$$

**part c** (5 pts)  $|7x + 2| \geq -4$

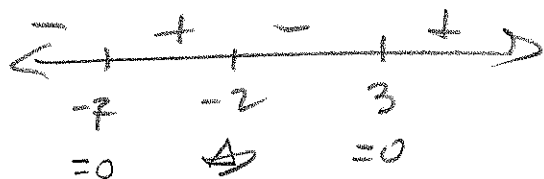
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**part d** (5 pts)  $|2x - 7| < -4$

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3. (10 pts) What is the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + 4x - 21}{x + 2}}$  ?

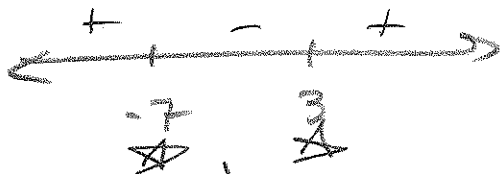
$$\frac{(x+7)(x-3)}{x+2} \geq 0$$



$$[-7, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$$

4. (10 pts) What is the domain of  $\log_5(x^2 + 4x - 21)$  ?

$$(x+7)(x-3) > 0$$



$$(-\infty, -7) \cup (3, \infty)$$

5. (10 pts) Form a polynomial (in factored form) that will have *real* coefficients after expanding (which you shouldn't bother to do!) that has the following zeros and respective multiplicities. What is its degree?

$x = 3$ , multiplicity = 2;  
 $x = -5$ , multiplicity = 1; and,  
 $x = 3 + 2i$ , multiplicity = 1.

$$(x-3)^2(x+5)(x-(3+2i))(x-(3-2i))$$

$$\text{Degree} = 5$$

6. Let  $f(x) = 4x^4 - 16x^3 - 31x^2 + 94x - 195$ .

**part a** (10 pts) Use synthetic division to determine if  $x + 3$  is a factor of  $f$ .

Interpret the your work by filling in the *quotient* and *remainder* in the statement  $4x^4 - 16x^3 - 31x^2 + 94x - 195 = (x + 3) \cdot \text{quotient} + \text{remainder}$ .

Hopefully, your remainder is zero. It's how you get it and how you interpret it that matter to me.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -3 & 4 & -16 & -31 & 94 & -195 \\ & & -12 & 84 & -159 & 195 \\ \hline & 4 & -28 & 53 & -65 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x+3)(4x^3 - 28x^2 + 53x - 65) + 0$$

**part b** (10 pts) Show that  $x = 5$  is a root of  $f$  by dividing your *quotient* in **part a** by  $x - 5$ . The quotient from **part a** is the so-called *depressed polynomial*, of degree 3. This question, in itself, ought to give you a very clear idea of what your conclusion ought to have been in part a.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 5 & 4 & -28 & 53 & -65 \\ & & 20 & -40 & 65 \\ \hline & 4 & -8 & 13 & 0 \end{array}$$

**part c** (10 pts) Compute the discriminant of  $4x^2 - 8x + 13$ . Then find the two nonreal roots of  $4x^2 - 8x + 13$ , by any method (short of copying from someone else). This question *should* give you a very good idea of how things went for you, above.

$a=4$   
 $b=-8$   
 $c=13$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-8)^2 - 4(4)(13)$$

$$= 64 - 208$$

$$= -144$$

$$\sqrt{-144} = 12i$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{8 \pm 12i}{2(4)} = \frac{4(2 \pm 3i)}{8}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm 3i}{2} = x$$

**part d** (10 pts) Write  $f$  as the product of linear factors. You can still earn the **part d** points without any of **a**, **b**, or **c** by *making up* plausible answers and incorporating them into the answer to this question. It should have 2 real and 2 nonreal zeros represented by the factors.

$$4(x+3)(x-5)\left(x - \left(\frac{2+3i}{2}\right)\right)\left(x - \left(\frac{2-3i}{2}\right)\right)$$

7. (10 pts) Determine  $a$ ,  $r$  and  $n$  for the finite geometric series  $3+6+12+\dots+1536$

Use  $a$ ,  $r$ , and  $n$  to determine the sum by the formula  $\sum_{k=1}^n a \cdot r^{k-1} = a \left( \frac{1-r^n}{1-r} \right)$ .

$$\boxed{a=3, r=2} \quad n = ?$$

$$ar^{n-1} = 3 \cdot 2^9 = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

$$9 = n - 1$$

$$\boxed{10 = n}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{10} 3 \left( \frac{1-2^{10}}{1-2} \right) = 3 \left( \frac{-1023}{-1} \right) = \boxed{3069}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{)1536} \\ \underline{2760} \\ 2 \overline{)3069} \\ \underline{2192} \\ 2 \overline{)468} \\ \underline{248} \\ 2 \overline{)248} \\ \underline{212} \\ 2 \overline{)36} \\ \underline{3} \end{array}$$

8. (10 pts) Use Pascal's Triangle (Binomial Theorem) to expand the binomial power  $(x-2)^6$ .

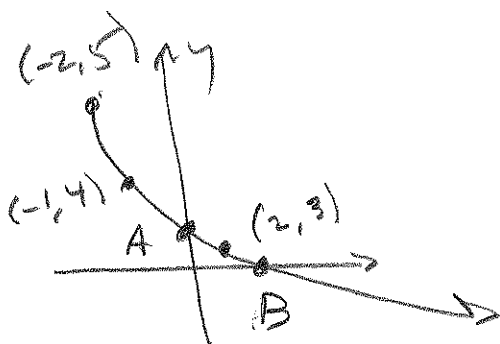
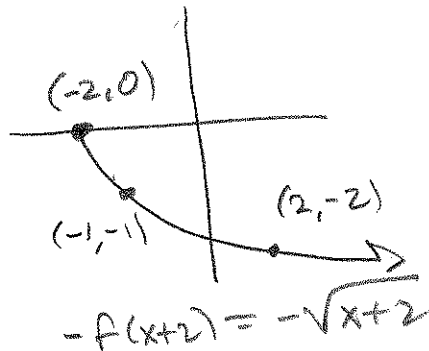
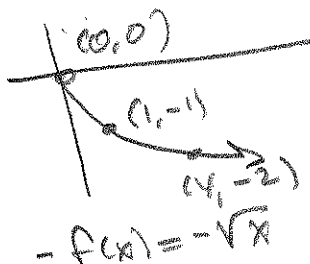
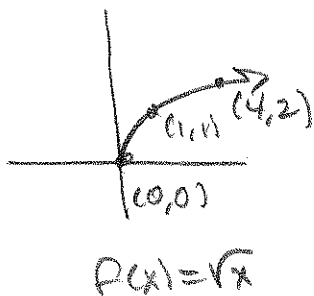
Expanding without using a recognizable version of this technique will earn at most 2 points.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ & & 1 & 5 & 10 & 10 & 5 & 1 \\ & 1 & 6 & 15 & 20 & 15 & 6 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$x^6 + 6x^5(-2) + 15x^4(-2)^2 + 20x^3(-2)^3 + 15x^2(-2)^4 + 6x(-2)^5 + x^0(-2)^6$$

$$= x^6 - 12x^5 + 60x^4 - 160x^3 + 240x^2 - 192x + 64$$

9. (10 pts) Graph  $g(x) = -\sqrt{x+2} + 5$  using the techniques of shifting and reflecting. Start with the graph of the basic function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and show all stages. In the final graph, indicate (label as ordered pairs) the  $x$ - and  $y$ - intercepts.



$$A = g(0) = -\sqrt{2} + 5$$

$$\approx 3.585786438$$

$$A = (0, 5 - \sqrt{2})$$

$$\approx (0, 3.585786438)$$

B:

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

$$-\sqrt{x+2} = -5$$

$$\sqrt{x+2} = 5$$

$$(\sqrt{x+2})^2 = 5^2$$

$$x+2 = 25$$

$$x = 23$$

$$(23, 0) = B$$

10. (15 pts) Solve the equation  $A_0 e^{5300k} = \frac{1}{2} A_0$  for the decay rate,  $k$ .

$$e^{5300k} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\ln(e^{5300k}) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$5300k = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$k = \frac{\ln(1/2)}{5300} = \boxed{-\frac{\ln 2}{5300} = k}$$

11. (10 pts) Suppose the half-life of Carbon-14 is 5300 years. (It isn't, but just suppose...). How old is a sample of wood from a fire pit if only 30% of the original amount of Carbon-14 remains?

$$A_0 e^{kt} = .35 A_0$$

$$e^{kt} = .35$$

$$\ln(e^{kt}) = \ln(.35)$$

$$kt = \ln(.35)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(.35)}{k} = \frac{\ln(.35)}{-\frac{\ln 2}{5300}} = -\frac{5300 \ln(.35)}{\ln 2}$$

$$\approx 8027.237813$$

$$\approx \boxed{8,027 \text{ years old}}$$

12. (15 pts) Solve the system of linear equations:

$$3x + 2y = 6$$

$$x - 3y = 12$$

$$x = 3y + 12$$

$$3(3y + 12) + 2y = 6$$

$$9y + 36 + 2y = 6$$

$$11y = -30$$

$$\boxed{y = -\frac{30}{11}}$$

$$x = 3\left(-\frac{30}{11}\right) + 12$$

$$= \frac{-90}{11} + \frac{132}{11} = \boxed{\frac{42}{11} = x}$$

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{42}{11}, -\frac{30}{11}\right)$$

$$= (3.81, -2.72)$$

## BONUS

1) The population of a bee colony in 2008 is 800 bees. The population of that colony grows to 900 in 2012. The population is a function of time in the exponential model  $P(t) = P_0 e^{kt}$  where  $t = 0$  represents the year 2008.

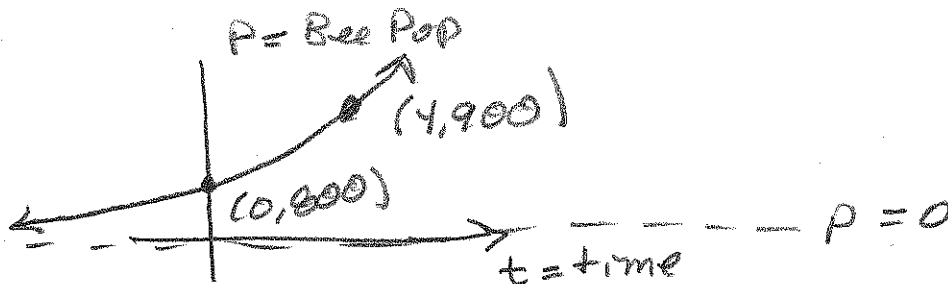
a) Define the variables given this information and identify the two ordered pairs to use as points.

Let  $t = \text{time, in years after 2008}$   
 $P = \text{population, as function of } t$ .  
 We are given  $(0, 800)$  and  $(4, 900)$   
 $2008 - 2008 = 0 \rightarrow$   $2012 - 2008 = 4 \rightarrow$

b) Graphing

i) Label the axes appropriately for the context of the problem.

ii) Graph (plot) the 2 points. (Just the two points, in correct (relative) position. We will finish the graph later.)



c) Pop is 900 when  $t = 4$ .

i) Find the rate of growth. Show your work. Round to 4 decimal places.

ii) Find the equation of the exponential function which models the situation.

$$800e^{4k} = 900$$

$$e^{4k} = \frac{9}{8}$$

$$4k = \ln\left(\frac{9}{8}\right)$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4} \ln\left(\frac{9}{8}\right) \approx 0.0294$$

$$= k \quad (i)$$

$$P(t) = 800e^{0.0294t}$$

(ii)

- d) Graph the equation of the curve on the same graph as the two points in part b. (I'd rather you just did the graph of the thing (correct *shape*) and then stuck the two points on it in relatively correct position.)

DONE

- e) Use your equation (with  $k$  rounded to 4 places) to find the estimated population in 2017.

Show your work.

$$2017 - 2008 = 9$$

$$P(9) = 800e^{0.0294(9)} \approx 1032.958904 \approx$$

1033 Bees!

- f) Use the equation to calculate in what year the population will reach 1000 if the growth continues at this same rate. Show your work.

$$P(t) \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 1000$$

$$800e^{0.0294t} = 1000$$

$$e^{0.0294t} = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$0.0294t = \ln(5/4)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(5/4)}{0.0294} \approx 7.589916711$$

It'll happen during year 7, although 7.6 rounds up to 8!

- g) What would be the effect to the population if the rate had the opposite sign? Use complete sentences in your explanation.

It would be exponential decay!

Pop. would be SHRINKING.

- h) List two real-life factors which may affect the population such that this model would not prove valid. Use complete sentences.

Climate, destruction of habitats, planting more flowers - All these things can take us out of our nice, tightly-constructed box!