

Q5
§2.3

$$f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

f has horizontal tangents @ $(2, 0)$ & $(-2, 6)$
Find a, b, c, d

$$f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

$$f'(2) = 12a + 4b + c = 0$$

$$f'(-2) = 12a - 4b + c = 0$$

$$f(2) = 8a + 4b + 2c + d = 0$$

$$f(-2) = -8a + 4b - 2c + d = 6$$

4 equations
4 unknowns

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 12 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 12 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 4 & -2 & 1 & -6 \end{array} \right]$$

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... 0 1 0 2.25 1
... 0 0 1 -3 11
Ans: Frac
... 1 0 0 0 -3/16
... 0 1 0 0 0
... 0 0 1 0 9/4
... 0 0 0 1 -3 11

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$$a = -\frac{3}{16}$$

$$b = 0$$

$$c = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$d = -3$$

$$f(x) = -\frac{3}{16}x^3 + \frac{9}{4}x - 3$$

$$f(2) = -\frac{3}{16}(2^3) + \frac{9}{4}(2) - 3$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{2} - 3 = \frac{6}{2} - 3 = 0$$

$$f(-2) = -\frac{3}{16}(-2)^3 + \frac{9}{4}(-2) - 3$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{2} - 3 = -3 - 3 = -6$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{9}{16}x^2 + \frac{9}{4}$$

$$f'(2) = -\frac{9}{16} \cdot 4 + \frac{9}{4} = 0$$

$$f'(-2) = -\frac{9}{16} \cdot 4 + \frac{9}{4} = 0$$

Sweet. Now
do it for $(2, 6)$,
fool. Idiot.

$$f(x) = x^{1000}$$
$$f'(x) = 1000x^{999}$$

$f'(1) = 1000$

So $x-1$ is a factor.

$$\text{So } x^{1000} - 1 = (x-1)(x^{999} + x^{998} + x^{997} + \dots + x^1 + 1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^{999} + x^{998} + \dots + 1x^0) = 1000$$

$$x^6 - 1 = (x-1)(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$$