

# HOMEWORK 4 ANSWERS

App. B4. Review of factoring: 2, 4, 6, 10, 16, 26, 62.

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2. a)  $1-t^4 = (1+t^2)(1-t^2) = (1+t^2)(1+t)(1-t)$  <-Ans [4] (-2 if don't factor second term)  
 b)  $x^6 + x^5 + x^4 = x^4(x^2 + x + 1)$  <-Ans [4] NP  
 c)  $u^2v^2 - 225 = (uv+15)(uv-15)$  <-Ans  
 d)  $81x^4 - x^2 = x^2(81x^2 - 1) = x^2(9x+1)(9x-1)$

4. Factor by trial and error:

- a)  $2x^2 - 7x + 4 = (2x-?)(x-?)$  Possible integer factors of 4 are [2,2] or [4,1]. None work. Irreducible over the integers. <-Ans

Possible irrational factors are:  $(2x - \frac{7+\sqrt{17}}{2})(x - \frac{7-\sqrt{17}}{4})$

- b)  $2x^2 + 7x - 4 = (2x-1)(x+4)$  <-Ans

- c)  $2x^2 + 7x + 4 = (2x+?)(x+?)$  Irreducible over the integers <-Ans

Possible irrational factors are:  $(2x + \frac{7+\sqrt{17}}{2})(x + \frac{7-\sqrt{17}}{4})$

- d)  $-2x^2 - 7x + 4 = (-1)(2x^2 + 7x - 4) = -(2x-1)(x+4)$  or  $(1-2x)(x+4)$  <-Ans

6. Factor by grouping.

- a)  $x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x - 6 = x^3(x-2) + 3(x-2) = (x-2)(x^3+3)$  <-Ans

- b)  $a^2x + bx - a^2z - bz = x(a^2+b) - z(a^2+b) = (a^2+b)(x-z)$  <-Ans

Note: If a pair starts with a negative term, always factor out a negative.

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10. a)  $x^4 - x^2 = x^2(x^2 - 1) = x^2(x+1)(x-1)$  <-Ans [4] (-2 if don't factor second term)  
 b)  $3x^4 - 48x^2 = 3x^2(x^2 - 16) = 3x^2(x+4)(x-4)$  <-Ans [4] (-2 if don't factor second term)  
 c)  $3(x+h)^4 - 48(x+h)^2 = 3(x+h)^2((x+h)^2 - 16) = 3(x+h)^2(x+h+4)(x+h-4)$  <-Ans [4].

(-2 if don't factor second term)

$$14 \text{ a) } x^2 - x + 6$$

$$\Delta = B^2 - 4AC$$

$$A=1$$

$$B=-1$$

$$C=6$$

$$\Delta = (-1)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 6$$

$$= 1 - 24$$

$$= -23$$

$$\Delta < 0$$

so this polynomial is irreducible (cannot be factored).

$$b) \quad x^2 + x - 6$$

try and error

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 3 \\ \times \\ 1 \quad -2 \end{array}$$

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

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$$(a) \quad x^3 + x^2 + x$$

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

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$$(b) \quad x^3 + 2x^2 + x$$

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

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

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(-2 if don't factor second term)

$$\begin{aligned}
 24. (a) \quad & 3(x+5)^3 + 2(x+5)^2 \\
 &= (x+5)^2 [3(x+5) + 2] \\
 &= (x+5)^2 [3x+15+2] \\
 &= (x+5)^2 (3x+17)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad & a(x+5)^3 + b(x+5)^2 \\
 &= (x+5)^2 [a(x+5) + b] \\
 &= (x+5)^2 [ax+5a+b]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$30 \quad x^2 + 6x$$

Irreducible, cannot be factored.

Complete the square

$$2. \quad x^2 + 2x$$

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

Vertex  $(-1, -1)$

$$2/ \quad -x^2 + 3x$$

$$= -[x^2 - 3x]$$

$$= -\left[x^2 - 3x + \frac{9}{4} - \frac{9}{4}\right]$$

$$= -\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{9}{4}$$

vertex  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$

(13)  $2x^2 - 2x + 1$   
 [15]  $= 2(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{2})$

$= 2(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2})$

$= 2[(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{1}{4}] = 2 \cdot (x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{1}{2}$

[10] (-4/algebra error)

vertex  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  [5]

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

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

$= -3(x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{36} - \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{3})$

$= -3[(x - \frac{1}{6})^2 + \frac{11}{36}]$

$= -3(x - \frac{1}{6})^2 - \frac{11}{12}$

vertex  $(\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{11}{12})$

[15] (5)  $hx^2 + 9x$

$= h(x^2 + \frac{9}{h}x)$

$= h[x^2 + 2x \cdot \frac{9}{2h} + (\frac{9}{2h})^2 - (\frac{9}{2h})^2]$

$= h \cdot (x + \frac{9}{2h})^2 - h \frac{9^2}{4h^2}$

$= h(x + \frac{9}{2h})^2 - \frac{9^2}{4h}$

vertex  $(-\frac{9}{2h}, -\frac{9^2}{4h})$

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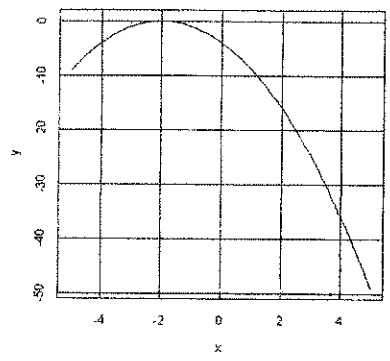
6. Function :  $y = -(x+2)^2$  *y discriminant  $\Delta = 0$*

(ii) y-intercept first:  $y = -(0+2)^2 = -4$  <-Ans  
 x-intercept(s):  $0 = -(x+2)^2 \Rightarrow x = -2$  <-Ans

(iii) It is in vertex form: The vertex is  $(-2, 0)$  <-Ans

Note: After completing the square to get  $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$ , the vertex is known to be  $(h, k)$ .

(iv) Graph below. Confirms our analysis.



8. Function :  $y = 2(x+2)^2 + 4 = 2(x^2 + 4x + 4) + 4 = 2x^2 + 8x + 12$  *(i) discriminant  $\Delta = 8^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 12 = 64 - 96 = -32$*

(ii) y-intercept first:  $y = 2(0+2)^2 + 4 = 12$  <-Ans

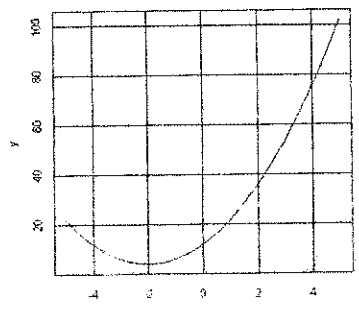
x-intercept(s):  $0 = 2(x+2)^2 + 4 \Rightarrow 0 = 2x^2 + 8x + 8 + 4 \Rightarrow 0 = 2x^2 + 8x + 12 \Rightarrow 0 = x^2 + 4x + 6$

Compute discriminant:  $4^2 - 4(1)(6) = -8 < 0$   
 No real x intercepts <-Ans

(iii) It is in vertex form: The vertex is  $(-2, 4)$  <-Ans

Note: After completing the square to get  $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$ , the vertex is known to be  $(h, k)$ .

(iv) Graph below. Confirms our analysis.



10. Function :  $y = x^2 + 6x - 1$  *(i) discriminant  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1) = 36 + 4 = 40$*

(ii) y-intercept first:  $y = 0^2 + 6(0) - 1 = -1$  <-Ans

x-intercept(s): Use quadratic formula (see next page)

} [1] for y-intercept  
 [2] for each x-intercept  
 (see next page)

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[5] (ii)

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{40}}{2} = -3 \pm \sqrt{10} \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

[5] (iii) It is not in vertex form. We need to complete the square

$$y = x^2 + 6x - 1 = (x^2 + 6x + 9) - 9 - 1 = (x+3)^2 - 10$$

The vertex is  $(-3, -10) \leftarrow \text{Ans}$

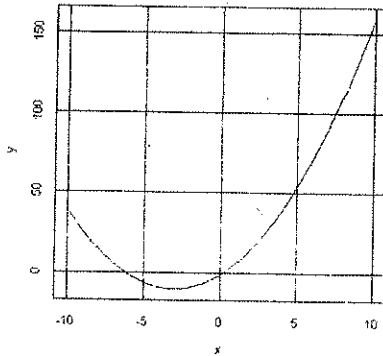
[3] for complete square

[2] for vertex of

[2] for  $xv = -\frac{b}{2a}$

[3] for  $yv$

[5] (iv) Graph below. Confirms our analysis.



Make sure

axes are labeled

x-int are in right place

y-int is in right place

vertex is in right place.

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12. Function :  $F(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$

(i) y-intercept first:  $y = 0^2 - 3(0) + 4 = 4 \leftarrow \text{Ans}$

x-intercept(s): Use discriminant:  $(-3)^2 - 4(1)(4) = 9 - 16 = -7$   
No real x intercepts  $\leftarrow \text{Ans}$

(ii) discriminant  $\Delta = (-3)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 4 = 9 - 16 = -7$

[3] for y-intercept  
[2] for saying "no x-intercept"

(iii) It is not in vertex form. We need to complete the square

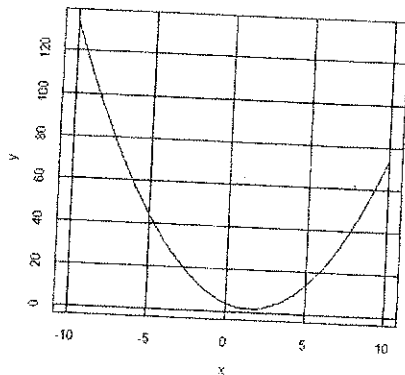
$$F(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4 = (x^2 - 3x + 9/4) - 9/4 + 4 = (x - 3/2)^2 + 7/4$$

The vertex is  $(3/2, 7/4) \leftarrow \text{Ans}$

[3] for correct complete square  
[2] for vertex.

(iv) Graph below. Confirms our analysis.

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Make sure axes are labeled,  
y-intercept is in right place  
x-intercept are " " " (i.e none)  
vertex is in right place.

OR if they use  $xv = -\frac{b}{2a}$ , [3] for this and [3] for  $yv$ .

16. Function :  $y = 2x^2 + 3x - 2$

(i) y-intercept first:  $y = 2(0)^2 + 3(0) - 2 = -2 \leftarrow \text{Ans}$

x-intercept(s): Use quadratic formula

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(2)(-2)}}{4} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{25}}{4} = \frac{-3 \pm 5}{4} = -2 \text{ or } 1/2$$

x intercepts are  $\{-2, 1/2\} \leftarrow \text{Ans}$

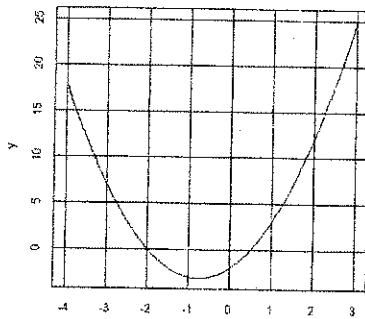
Note: Factoring could have been used here.

(ii) It is not in vertex form. We need to complete the square

$$y = 2x^2 + 3x - 2 = 2(x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + 9/16) - 18/16 - 2 = 2(x + 3/4)^2 - 50/16$$

The vertex is  $(-3/4, -50/16) \leftarrow \text{Ans}$

(iv) Graph below. Confirms our analysis.



18. Function :  $y = -3x^2 + 12x$  (i) discriminant:  $\Delta = 12^2 - 4(-3)(0) = 144$

(ii) y-intercept first:  $y = -3(0)^2 + 12(0) = 0$  <-Ans

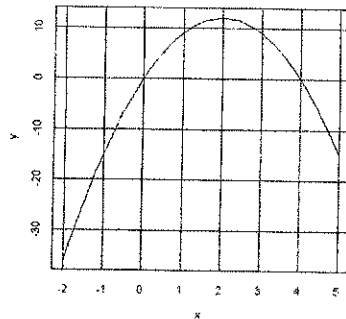
x-intercept(s): Use factoring:  $0 = -3x(x - 4)$   
x intercepts are  $\{0, 4\}$  <-Ans

(iii) It is not in vertex form. We need to complete the square

$$y = -3x^2 + 12x = -3(x^2 - 4x + 4) + 12 = -3(x - 2)^2 + 12$$

The vertex is  $(2, 12)$  <-Ans

(iv) Graph below. Confirms our analysis.



20. Function :  $s = -(1/4)t^2 + t - 1$  (i) discriminant  $\Delta = 1^2 - 4(-1/4)(-1) = 0$

(ii) y-intercept first:  $s = -(1/4)(0)^2 + (0) - 1 = -1$  <-Ans

x-intercept(s): Use quadratic formula:

$$t = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(-1/4)(-1)}}{2(-1/4)} = \frac{-1}{-(1/2)} = 2$$

'x' intercept is 2 <-Ans

Note: Factoring could be used here.

(iii) It is not in vertex form. We need to complete the square

$$s = -(1/4)t^2 + t - 1 = -(1/4)(t^2 - 4t + 4) + 1 - 1 = -(1/4)(t - 2)^2$$

The vertex is  $(2, 0)$  <-Ans

(iv) Graph below. Confirms our analysis.

