

[5 PTS] Find all zeros of $f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 17x + 6$.

ANSWER:

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{23}}{2}i}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -\frac{1}{3} & 3 & -2 & 17 & 6 \\ & -1 & 1 & -6 & \\ \hline & 3 & -3 & 18 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x + \frac{1}{3})(3x^2 - 3x + 18) \\ &= 3(x + \frac{1}{3})(x^2 - x + 6) \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 24}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-23}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{23}i}{2}$$

[3 PTS] Write the quotient in standard form $\frac{3i}{(4 - 5i)^2}$.

ANSWER:

$$\frac{-120}{1681} - \frac{27}{1681}i$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{3i}{16 - 40i + 25i^2} \\ &= \frac{3i}{-9 - 40i} \cdot \frac{-9 + 40i}{-9 + 40i} \\ &= \frac{-27i + 120i^2}{81 - 1600i^2} = \frac{-120 - 27i}{1681} \end{aligned}$$

[2 PTS] List all possible rational zeros of $f(x) = 6x^5 + 9x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x + 4$.

You do NOT need to find any actual zeros.

ANSWER:

$$\boxed{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{4}{3}, \pm \frac{1}{6}}$$

$$\pm \frac{1, 2, 4}{1, 2, 3, 6}$$

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$-\frac{1}{2}$ FOR EACH
ERROR OR
MISSING #

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE ➡

[2 PTS] Check if $x = -2$ is a lower bound of the real zeros of $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 3$.

In words, give a very brief reason for your answer.

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \overline{) 2 \ 3 \ 0 \ -3} \\ \underline{-4 \ 2 \ -4} \\ 2 \ -1 \ 2 \ -7 \end{array}$$

ANSWER:

$\frac{1}{2}$ YES
(YES or NO)

REASON:

$\frac{1}{2}$ SIGNS
ALTERNATE

[2 PTS] Simplify i^{75} and write in standard form.

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ 4 \overline{) 75} \\ \underline{4} \\ 35 \\ \underline{32} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$i^{75} = i^3 = -i$$

ANSWER:

$$\underline{-i}$$

[4 PTS] Find a polynomial function with real coefficients that has 2 and $5+i$ as zeros.

ANSWER:

$$\underline{x^3 - 12x^2 + 46x - 52}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x-2)(x-(5+i))(x-(5-i)) \\ &= (x-2)((x-5)-i)((x-5)+i) \\ &= (x-2)((x-5)^2 - i^2) \\ &= (x-2)(x^2 - 10x + 25 + 1) \\ &= (x-2)(x^2 - 10x + 26) \text{ (2)} \\ &= x^3 - 10x^2 + 26x \\ &\quad - 2x^2 + 20x - 52 \\ &= x^3 - 12x^2 + 46x - 52 \end{aligned}$$

[2 PTS] Use Descartes' Rule of Signs to determine the possible numbers of positive and negative zeros of $f(x) = x^5 - x^4 + 4x^3 + 15x^2 + 58x - 40$.

ANSWER:

positive zeros: $\underline{3 \text{ or } 1}$
negative zeros: $\underline{2 \text{ or } 0}$

$$f(-x) = -x^5 - x^4 - 4x^3 + 15x^2 - 58x - 40$$