

### Part I: Applications

1. A biologist has found that the number of branches on a certain rare tree in its first few years of life can be modeled by the polynomial  $B(y) = 4y^2 + y$ . The number of leaves on each branch can be modeled by the polynomial  $L(y) = 2y^3 + 3y^2 + y$ , where  $y$  is the number of years after the tree reaches a height of 6 feet. Write a polynomial describing the total number of leaves on the tree.
2. The total number of dollars donated each year to a small charitable organization has followed the trend  $d(t) = 2t^3 + 10t^2 + 2000t + 10,000$ , where  $d$  is dollars and  $t$  is the number of years since 1990. The total number of donors each year has followed the trend  $p(t) = t^2 + 1000$ . Write an expression describing the average number of dollars per donor.
3. The voltage generated by an electrical circuit changes over time according to the polynomial  $V(t) = t^3 - 4t^2 - 25t + 100$ , where  $V$  is in volts and  $t$  is in seconds. Factor the polynomial to find the times when the voltage is equal to zero.

### Part II: Extra Practice

4. What polynomial could you add to  $3x^4 - 9x^3 + 5x^2 - x + 7$  to get a sum of  $3 + 4x^4 + 3x - x^3 + 3x^2$ ?
5. What polynomial could you subtract from  $5x^3 - 12x - x^2 + 9 - 12x^5 - 6x^4$  to give a difference of  $19 + 8x^3 - 18x - 19x^5 - 2x^2 - 8x^4$ ?

In 6 - 7, simplify.

6.  $\left(\frac{1}{3}x + 4\right)^3$

7.  $(4x - 5)(2x^5 + x^3 - 1)$

In 8 - 9, divide by using long division.

8.  $(x^3 + 12x^2 - 4) \div (x - 3)$

9.  $(12x^4 + 23x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x + 4) \div (3x - 1)$

In 10 - 11, divide by using synthetic division. Check the leading coefficient of your divisor!

10.  $(25x^3 + 30x + 40) \div (5x + 10)$

11.  $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{16}\right) \div (2x - 1)$

In 12 - 13, use synthetic substitution to evaluate the polynomial for the given value.

12.  $P(x) = 4x^2 - 9x + 2$  for  $x = 3$

13.  $P(x) = -3x^4 + 5x^3 - x + 7$  for  $x = -2$

In 14 - 17, use the Factor Theorem to verify that each linear binomial is a factor of the given polynomial. Then use synthetic division to write the polynomial as a product.

14.  $(x + 5)$ ;  $P(x) = 2x^2 + 6x - 20$

15.  $(x - 1)$ ;  $P(x) = x^4 - 6x^3 + 4x^2 + 1$

16.  $(x + 2)$ ;  $P(x) = 3x^3 + 12x^2 + 17x + 10$

17.  $(x - 8)$ ;  $P(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 - 4x^2 + 33x - 8$

In 18 - 23, factor each expression.

18.  $16x^3 - 12x^2 + 20x - 15$

19.  $3x^6 + 54x^4 + 243x^2$

20.  $x^6 - 10x^5 + 25x^4$

21.  $6x^3 + 12x^2 + 4x + 8$

22.  $250x^4 + 54x$

23.  $-3x^5 + 24x^2$