

Definition of polynomial

Synthetic Division

Remainder Theorem

- If  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - a$ , the remainder is  $P(a)$
- If  $P(x) \div (x - a) = 0$ , then  $x - a$  is a factor of the polynomial

Graphing **Odd** Degree Polynomials – have 1 to  $n$  zeros (x-intercepts)

- Positive lead term – start in Quadrant III and end in Quadrant I
- Negative lead term – start in Quadrant II and end in Quadrant IV

Graphing **Even** Degree Polynomials – have 0 to  $n$  zeros (x-intercepts)

- Positive lead term – start in Quadrant II and end in Quadrant I
- Negative lead term – start in Quadrant III and end in Quadrant IV

Factoring – GCF, difference of squares, factoring trinomials, synthetic division

Sketching graphs

- Find x-intercepts (let  $y = 0$ ). If necessary, factor. Look at factors and their multiplicity to decide on the behaviour of the graph at each zero.
- y-intercept (constant term...or let  $x = 0$ )
- Look at leading term (degree and coefficient) and decide on **end behaviour**
- Be able to state intervals where the function is positive and where it is negative

Sketching graphs using transformations

- $y = a(b(x-h))^n + k$ . Use mapping notation to sketch the transformed graph.

Word Problems