

# Integrated Alg2 PreCalc Unit 05: Polynomial Functions

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## Unit Introduction

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## Standards

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MA.F-BF.A.1	Write a function that describes a relationship between two quantities.
MA.F-IF.C	Analyze functions using different representations
MA.N-CN.C.7	Solve quadratic equations with real coefficients that have complex solutions.
MA.N-CN.C.8	Extend polynomial identities to the complex numbers.
MA.N-CN.C.9	Know the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra; show that it is true for quadratic polynomials.
MA.A-APR.A.1	Understand that polynomials form a system analogous to the integers, namely, they are closed under the operations of addition, subtraction, and multiplication; add, subtract, and multiply polynomials.
MA.A-APR.B.2	Know and apply the Remainder Theorem: For a polynomial $p(x)$ and a number $a$ , the remainder on division by $x - a$ is $p(a)$ , so $p(a) = 0$ if and only if $(x - a)$ is a factor of $p(x)$ .
MA.A-APR.B.3	Identify zeros of polynomials when suitable factorizations are available, and use the zeros to construct a rough graph of the function defined by the polynomial.
MA.A-APR.D.6	Rewrite simple rational expressions in different forms; write $a(x)/b(x)$ in the form $q(x) + r(x)/b(x)$ , where $a(x)$ , $b(x)$ , $q(x)$ , and $r(x)$ are polynomials with the degree of $r(x)$ less than the degree of $b(x)$ , using inspection, long division, or, for the more complicated examples, a computer algebra system.
MA.A-REI.D.11	Explain why the $x$ -coordinates of the points where the graphs of the equations $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ intersect are the solutions of the equation $f(x) = g(x)$ ; find the solutions approximately, e.g., using technology to graph the functions, make tables of values, or find successive approximations. Include cases where $f(x)$ and/or $g(x)$ are linear, polynomial, rational, absolute value, exponential, and logarithmic functions.
MA.A-SSE.A.1	Interpret expressions that represent a quantity in terms of its context.
MA.A-SSE.A.2	Use the structure of an expression to identify ways to rewrite it. For example, see $x^4 - y^4$ as $(x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2$ , thus recognizing it as a difference of squares that can be factored as $(x^2 - y^2)(x^2 + y^2)$ .
MA.A-SSE.A.1a	Interpret parts of an expression, such as terms, factors, and coefficients.

## Essential Questions

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- For a polynomial equation, how are factors and roots related?
- For a polynomial function, how are factors, zeros, and x-intercepts related?

- What does the degree of a polynomial tell you about its related polynomial function?

## Content

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- Dividing Polynomials
- Fundamental Theorem of Algebra
- Polynomial Functions
- Polynomials, Linear Factors, and Zeros
- Solving Polynomial Equations

## Skills

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- Checking factors
- Classifying Polynomials
- Comparing models
- Constructing a quartic function
- Describing End behavior of polynomials
- Evaluating a polynomial
- Expanding a binomial
- Find all the zeros of a polynomial
- Finding a rational root
- Finding multiplicity
- Finding real roots
- Finding zeros
- Finding zeros of a cubic function
- Graphing cubic functions
- Identify max and mins
- Modeling a problem situation
- Solving polynomial equations
- Transforming a cubic functions
- Using a polynomial function to model data
- Using a rational root theorem
- Using differences to determine degree
- Using pascal's triangle
- Using polynomial long and synthetic division
- Using the conjugate root theorem
- Using the fundamental theorem of algebra
- Writing a polynomial function from it's zeros
- Writing a polynomial in factored form

