

### March 6

\* **56.** Find the g.c.d. of each of the following pairs of polynomials.

(a)  $3x^4 + 8x^2 - 3$  and  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 6$ .

(b)  $x^4 - 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x - 3$  and  $x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 1$ .

\* **57.** Let  $p$  be a monic polynomial over the field  $F$  and let  $h$  be the g.c.d. of the polynomials  $f$  and  $g$  in  $F[x]$ . Find the g.c.d. of the polynomials  $pf$  and  $pg$ .

\* **58.** Use the Lagrange interpolation formula to find a polynomial  $f$  with real coefficients and degree no more than 3 such that  $f(-1) = -6$ ,  $f(0) = 2$ ,  $f(1) = -2$ , and  $f(2) = 6$ .

**Recall:** The binomial coefficients are  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$  where  $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (n-1) \cdot n$  and  $0!$  is defined to be  $0! = 1$ .

The Binomial Theorem is  $(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$

\*\* **59.** Let  $F$  be a field and let  $f$  be in  $F^\infty$ , that is,  $f$  is a formal power series with coefficients in  $F$ . In analogy with evaluating polynomials at scalars from  $F$ , for  $f$  in  $F^\infty$  and  $a$  in  $F$ , define  $f(a)$  in  $F^\infty$  by:

$$\text{For } f = (f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots) \quad \text{let } f(a) = (f_0, f_1 a, f_2 a^2, f_3 a^3, f_4 a^4, \dots)$$

For  $F$  a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$ , we define the function  $\exp$  for  $a$  in  $F$ , to be  $\exp(a)$  is the formal power series

$$\exp(1) = (1, 1, (2!)^{-1}, (3!)^{-1}, \dots) \quad \text{and} \quad \exp(a) = (1, a, a^2/2!, a^3/3!, a^4/4!, \dots)$$

Using the definition of products in  $F^\infty$  and the binomial theorem, prove that, for  $a$  and  $b$  in  $F$ ,

$$\exp(a)\exp(b) = \exp(a + b)$$