

Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept

Graphing Polynomial Functions

Things you need to know:

- 1) Degree
- 2) Leading Coefficient
- 3) End Behavior
- 4) extrema (max + min)
- 5) y - intercept
- 6) zeros and multiplicity

Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept**Finding the y - intercept**

To find the y - intercept, plug in 0 for x. Notation: (0 , y)

$$1) f(x) = -x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 3$$

$$(0, 3)$$

$$2) y = 6x^2 - 3x + 5$$

$$(0, 5)$$

Practice:

$$1) g(x) = 4x^6 + 5x^4 - 3x^2$$

$$(0, 0)$$

$$2) y = 2x + 15$$

$$(0, 15)$$

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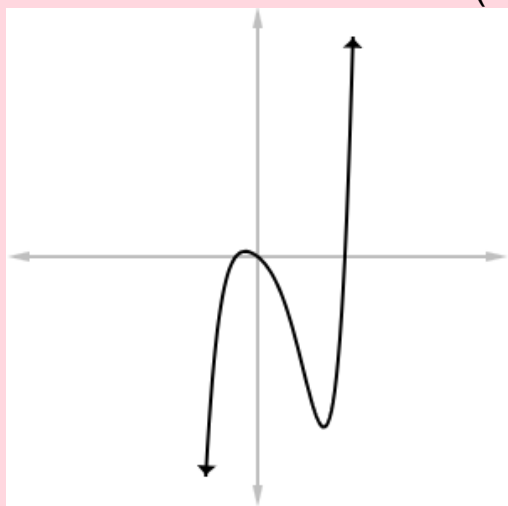
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- c) the constant term of $f(x)$ is positive F
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- b) the degree of $f(x)$ is even **F**
- c) the constant term of $f(x)$ is zero **T**
- d) $f(x)$ has a positive leading coefficient **T**

$$-3x^3 - 4x^2 \quad \text{T}$$

Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept**Roots, zeros, solutions, x-intercepts**

Roots are the numbers that make expression zero.

**Expressions have
ROOTS.**

$$(x-3)(x-5)$$

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Zeros are the numbers that make function equal to zero.

Functions have
ZEROS.

$$f(x) = (x-3)(x-5)$$

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Solution are the answers to an equation.

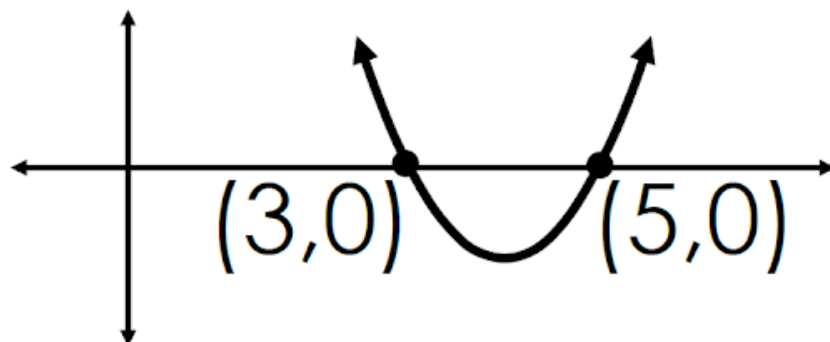
Equations have
SOLUTIONS.

$$(x - 3)(x - 5) = 0$$

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x-intercepts are the points where the graph crosses the x-axis.

Graphs have
X-INTERCEPTS.



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Big takeaway

x - intercepts are the real zeros of a function
the real solutions of an equation
the real roots of an expression

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The Fundamental theorem of Algebra

Fundamental theorem of algebra (simplified version)

- Every polynomial of degree n will have n roots counting both real and non real roots up to their multiplicity.

(We say a polynomial has degree n where n is the largest exponent of x .)

- Ex. $f(x) = x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ has 5 total zeros.
 $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has 3 total zeros

Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept

Find all the zeros of the following function.

$$f(x) = (x^2 + 16)(x - 5)(x + 9)(4x - 7)$$

Deg. 5

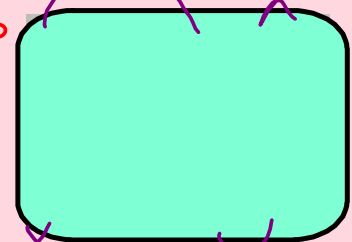
$$x^2 + 16 = 0 \quad x - 5 = 0 \quad x + 9 = 0 \quad 4x - 7 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -16 \quad x = 5 \quad x = -9 \quad x = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$x = \pm 4i$$

7

x-int.



Check on your calculator

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Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept

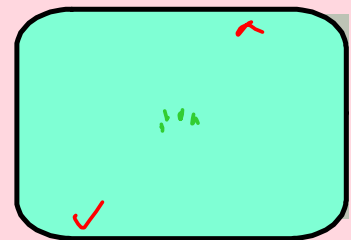
Find all the solutions of the following equation.

$$x(x - 3)(2x + 3)(x + 6)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad x = 3 \quad x = -1$$

$$x = -6 \quad x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

∩: 5



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Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept

Find all the x - intercepts of the graph of the following function. D: 5

$$f(x) = \overset{(x+1)(x+1)}{(x+1)^2} (x^2 - 9)$$

$x = -1$ $x = \pm 3$ $x = 2$
mult. 2



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Multiplicity of Zeros

Multiplicity is the number of times that a **zero** appears.

D: 3

$$f(x) = x^2(x - 3)$$

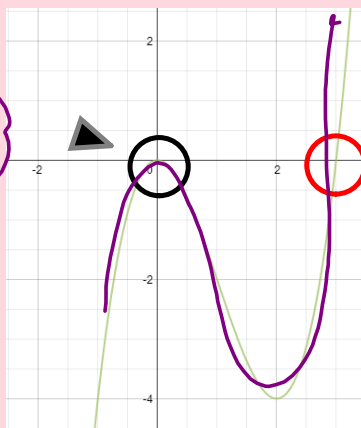
$$x^3 - 3x^2$$

Zeros:

Multiplicity:

Even multiplicity
"Bounces"

touching
point



Odd multiplicity
"Through" x-axis

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Write $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$ in factored form.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x(x^2 - 6x + 9) \\ &= x(x-3)(x-3) \\ &= x(x-3)^2\end{aligned}$$

What are the zeros and their multiplicity?

$x=0$
mult. 1
go through

$x=3$
mult. 2
bounce

y-int: (0,0)
D: 3
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Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$

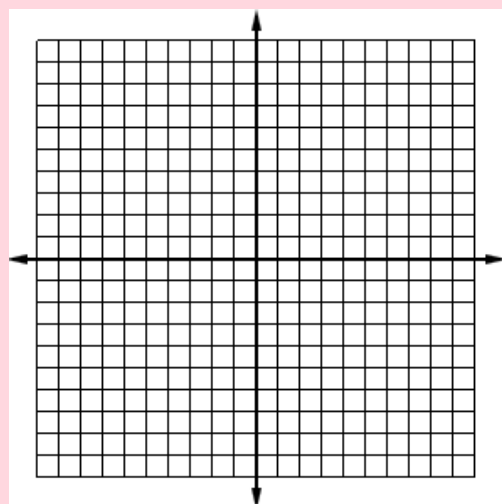
Degree:

Leading coefficient:

End Behavior:

Turning Points:

Zeros and multiplicity:



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Multiplicity of zeros. Find all the zeros and state the multiplicity. Tell whether they bounce or pass through.

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

$$D: 7$$

$$LC: + \nearrow$$

$$x = -5$$

mult: 2
bounce

$$x = \pm 2$$

mult: 1
goes through

$$x = \frac{5}{3}$$

mult: 3
goes through



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Sketch the graph of each of the following.

Examples:

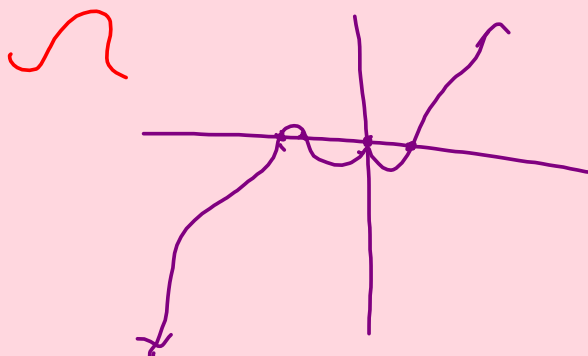
$$y = -3(x - 2)^2(3x - 2)$$

D: 3 L: -
 zeros: 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ \uparrow
 mult: 2 | \downarrow
 bounce | go through



Practice:

$$y = 5x^4(x + 3)^5(x^2 - 4)$$



$$y = 4x^3(2x + 1)^4(x^2 + 4)$$

$$y = -x^4 + 2x^2 + 35$$

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Sketch the graph of each of the following.

Examples:

$$y = x^4 + x^2 - 6$$

Practice:

$$y = -x^4 + 2x^2 + 35$$

$$y = x^6 + 2x^4 - 16x^2 - 32$$

$$y = x^6 - x^4 - 9x^2 + 9$$

Polynomials: zeros and y-intercept

A polynomial function has zeros at - 6 (multiplicity of 2) and 2 (multiplicity of 1). Write a polynomial in standard form that could represent this function.

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

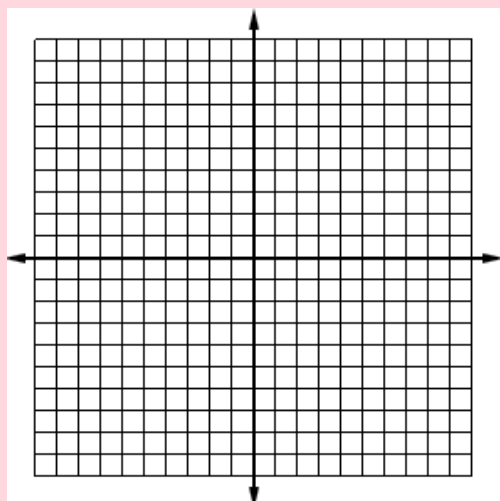
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Finding Zeros in the calculator

$$f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 27x - 18$$

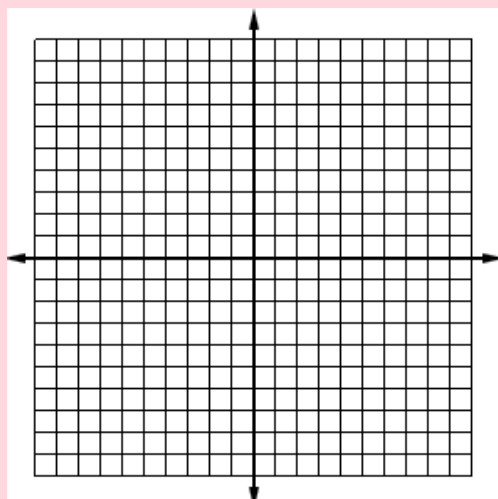
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$$f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 8x$$



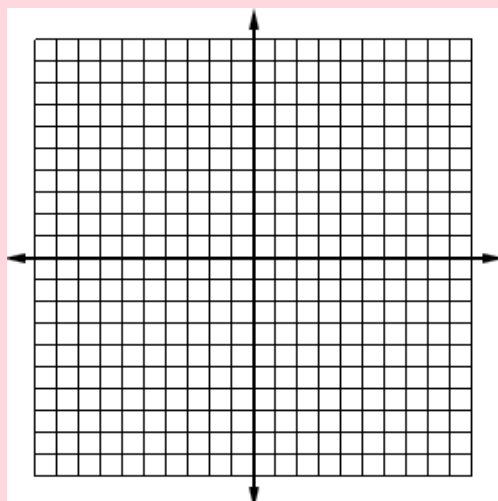
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$$f(x) = -x^3 - 10x^2 + 8x + 80$$



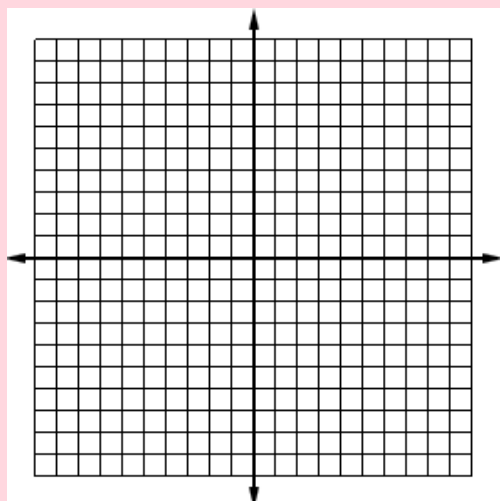
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$$f(x) = -x^4 - 9x^3 - 2x^2 - 18x$$



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$$f(x) = x^4 - 9$$



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