

**Section 2.1: Polynomial Functions**

Essential Question:

**Polynomials**

-Have nonnegative exponents

-Variables ONLY in \_\_\_\_\_

-General Form  $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x^1 + a_0$

**Example 1**

$27x^5 + 10x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 7.5$

Terms:

Coefficients:

- Always write in \_\_\_\_\_ order
- **Leading Term** - Term with \_\_\_\_\_ power
- **Leading coefficient** - coefficient of the leading term
- **Degree** of a polynomial - \_\_\_\_\_ of the leading term

**DEGREE**

**NAME**

**EXAMPLE**

0

1

2

3

4

5

**Example 2**

Name the term of the polynomial  $7x^4 + 10x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x + 11$

Constant:

Linear Term:

Quadratic Term:

Cubic Term:

Quartic Term:

Reminder: Zeros of a function are where  $P(x) = 0$  (set equation = 0)

**Example 3**

Decide if the function is a polynomial function and find the zeros.

A)  $f(x) = 7x - 5$

B)  $g(m) = m^3 - 25m$

C)  $g(h) = h - \frac{1}{h}$

**Example 4**

Given  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 7x + 12}{x + 5}$

a) Where is the function undefined?

b) Find the zeros of the function.

**Example 5**

Find the values of function  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 15$ .

a)  $f(3) =$

b)  $f(3i) =$

c)  $f(3n) =$

d)  $f(n + 3) =$

**Example 6**

$P(x) = 2x^4 - 3x^3 + x^2 + 6x - 6$

Find  $P(2) =$

Another way to find  $P(x)$  is to use \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: You may only use synthetic substitution if  $x$  is a real number,  $x$  cannot be imaginary or a variable

### **LAST EXAMPLE** ☹

Use synthetic substitution to find  $P(5)$  given:  $f(x) = 6x^3 + 7x - 9$

Section 2.1 Summary:

### **Section 2.2: Synthetic Division, Remainder & Factor Theorem**

Essential Question:

Review Long Division...

$$14 \overline{)323}$$

### **Example 1**

Is  $(x + 4)$  a factor of  $x^3 + x^2 - 10x + 8$  ?

Use synthetic division given  $(x - a)$  the 'a' is the divisor

What is the a-value?

### **Example 2**

Find  $P(-4)$  given  $P(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 10x + 8$

**Example 3**

Is  $(x - 2)$  a factor of  $2x^2 - 7x + 1$  ?

Check (or think of this as another way):  
Find  $P(2) =$

**Factor Theorem:** For a polynomial  $P(x)$ ,  $x - a$  is a factor if and only if  $P(a) = 0$

**Remainder Theorem:** When a polynomial  $P(x)$  is divided by  $x - a$ , the remainder is  $P(a)$

**Example 4**

Find the remainder when  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 5$  is divided by:

a)  $x - 3$

b)  $x + 2$

**Example 5**

Find the quotient and remainder of  $(2x^3 + x^2 + 3x + 7)$  divided by  $(x + 2)$ .

**Example 6**

Is  $x + 2$  a factor of  $x^{20} - 4x^{18} + 3x + 6$  ? Are you going to use synthetic division?

**Example 7**

Is  $x + 1$  a factor of  $P(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 1$  ?

**Example 8**

Given a polynomial equation and one or more roots find the remaining roots.

$P(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6$  and  $x = -2$

Section 2.2 Summary:

**Section 2.3: Polynomial Equations**

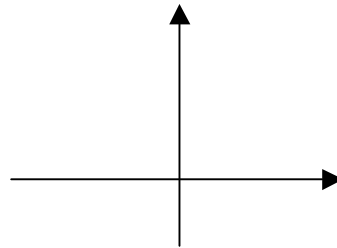
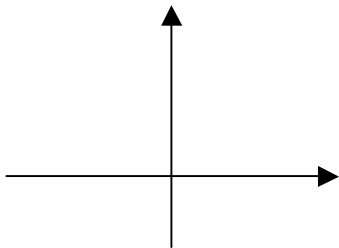
Essential Question:

CUBIC

\*  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

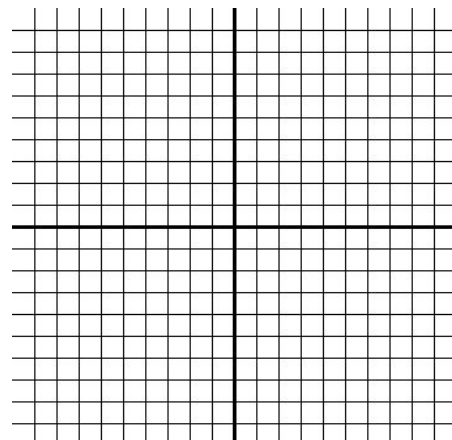
\* Shape is a sideways snake or \_\_\_\_\_ shape

\* \_\_\_\_\_ curve



**Example 1**

Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = x(x - 2)(x + 3)$



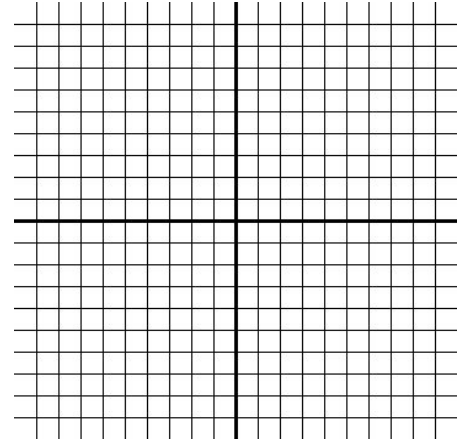
## QUARTIC

\*  $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$

\* Shape of graph is a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_

### Example 2

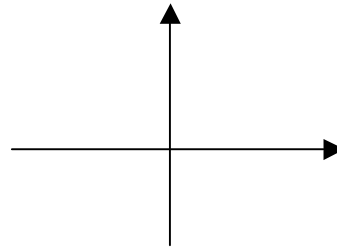
Graph  $f(x) = (x + 3)(x + 1)(x - 1)(x - 2)$



### Effect of a Squared or Cubed Term...

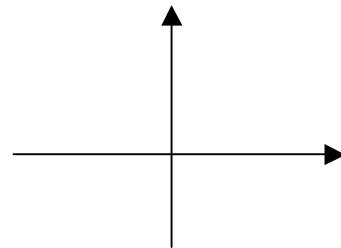
\* If  $P(x)$  has a squared term  $(x - c)^2$   
then  $x = c$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ root

-Graph is \_\_\_\_\_ to the x-axis



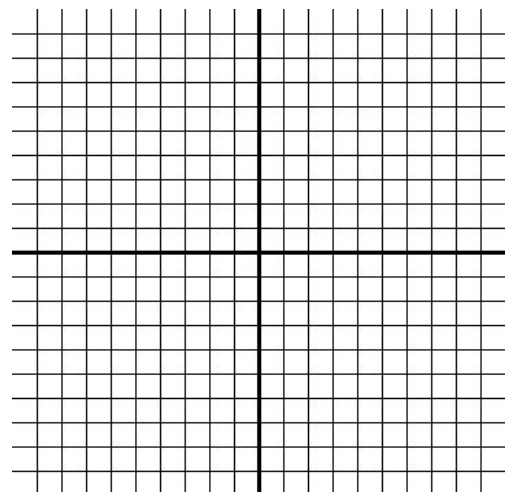
\* If  $P(x)$  has a cubed term  $(x - c)^3$   
then  $x = c$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ root

-Graph \_\_\_\_\_ out around "c"  
and \_\_\_\_\_ x-axis



### Example 3

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



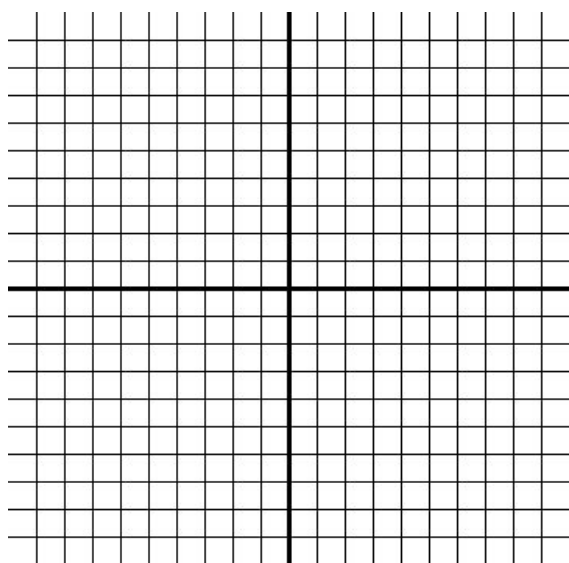
Factor and graph each...

**Example 4**

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

**Example 5**

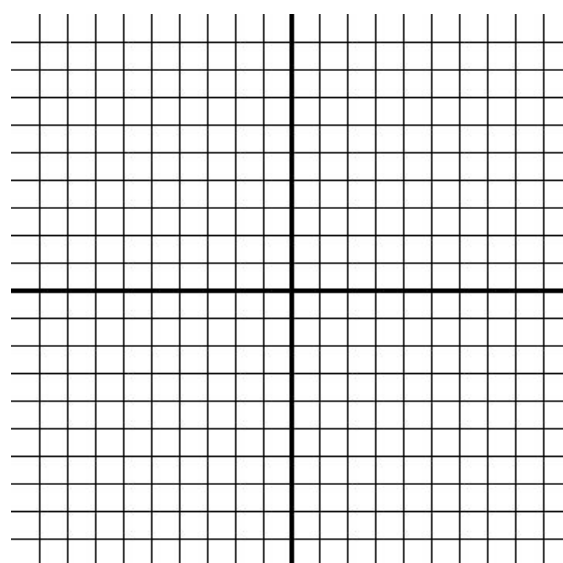
$$f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 12x$$



**Quadratic**

$$a > 0$$

$$a < 0$$



**Cubic**

**Quartic**

**QUINTIC**

$$f(x) = ax^5 + bx^4 + cx^3 + dx^2 + ex + f$$

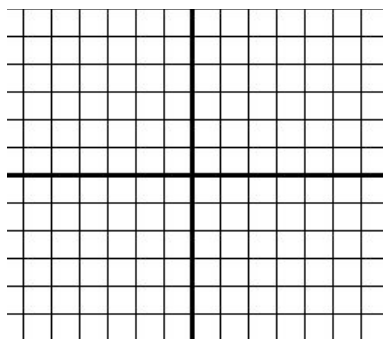
If...

$$a > 0$$

$$a < 0$$

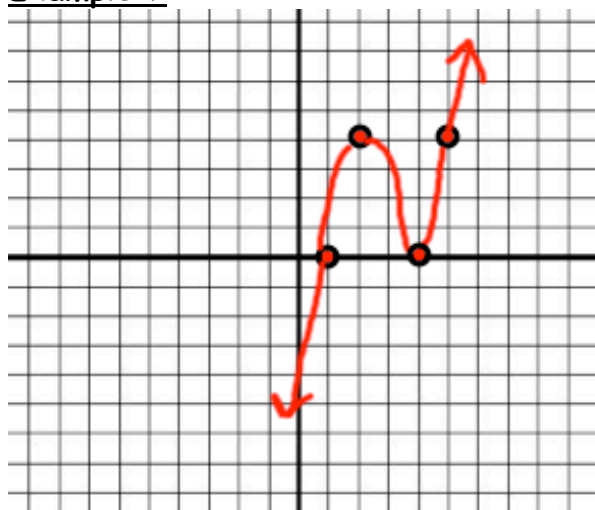
**Example 6**

Graph  $f(x) = x^5 - 4x^3$

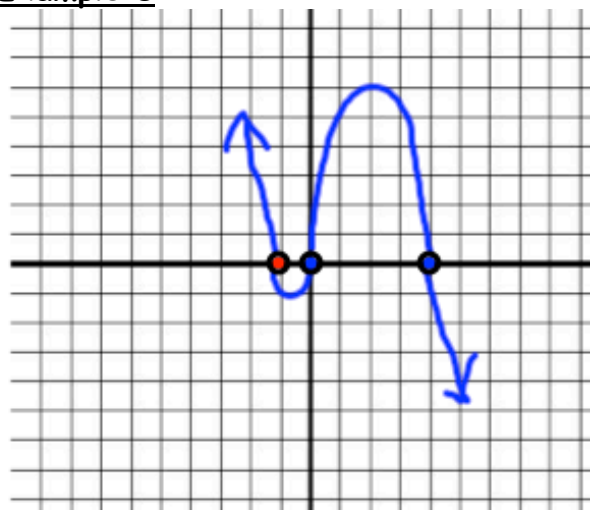


**Directions:** For the following examples name the type of equation and write an equation for the given graph.

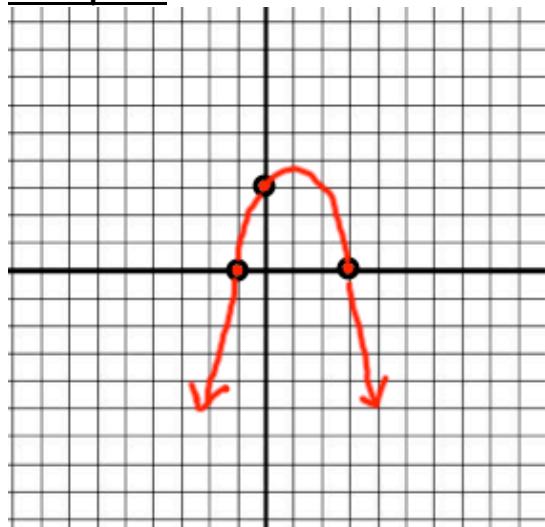
**Example 7**



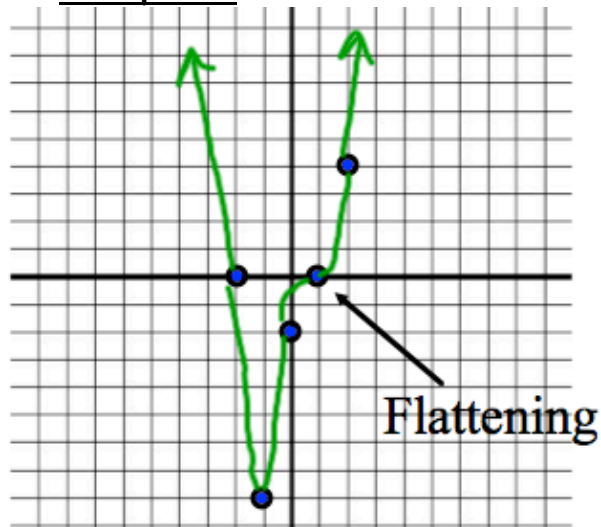
**Example 8**



**Example 9**



**Example 10**

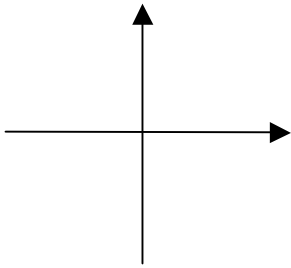




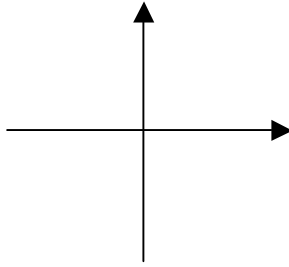
**Example 11**

Sketch a quartic equation with...

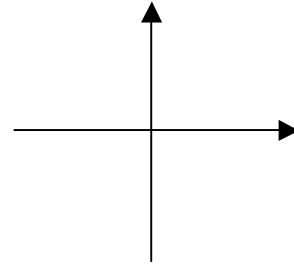
a) 3 zeros



b) 4 zeros



c) 1 zero

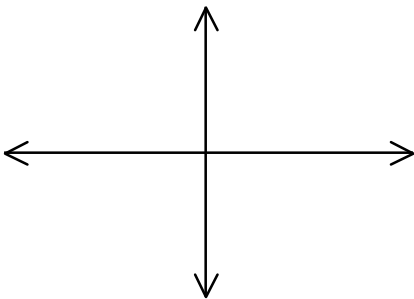


Section 2.3 Summary:

**Section 2.4: Finding Maximums & Minimums of Polynomial Functions**

Essential Question:

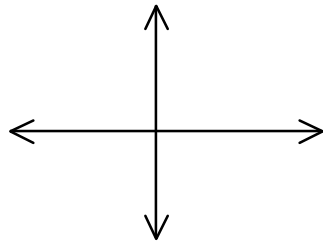
Let's Review QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS...



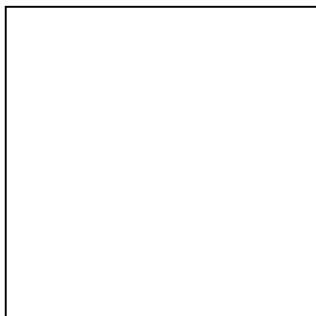
**Example 1:** Two numbers have a difference of 6. Find their minimum possible product.

**Example 2:** Your neighbor is constructing a dog pen using one side of his house as a wall for the pen. If he has 60 m of fencing for the other three sides, find the dimensions of the pen that give the greatest area.

### CUBIC FUNCTIONS



**Example 3:** An open box is to be formed by cutting squares from a square sheet of metal 10 cm on a side and then folding up the sides. Find the approximate value of  $x$  that maximizes the volume. Then give the approximate maximum volume.



Section 2.4 Summary:

## Section 2.6: Solve by Factoring

Essential Question:

1) Group

$$x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x - 36 = 0$$

2) GCF

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x = 0$$

Review...

Factor  $x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$

3) Rewrite in Quadratic Form

a)  $x^4 - 3x^2 - 4 = 0$

b)  $2x^4 - x^2 - 3 = 0$

### Rational Root Theorem

- Finds rational numbers that are \_\_\_\_\_ of polynomial equations

-  $p/q$  is a solution where:

\*p is a factor of the \_\_\_\_\_

\*q is a factor of the leading \_\_\_\_\_

4) Solve  $3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 2 = 0$

p:

q:

Section 2.6 Summary:
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<b>Section 2.7: Theorems of Polynomial Equations</b>
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Essential Question:
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**Fundamental Theorem of Algebra**

If  $p(x)$  has degree  $n$  ( $n > 0$ ) with complex coefficients then  $p(x) = 0$  has exactly  $n$  roots, where double roots count as 2, triple roots count as 3 and so on...

**Complex Conjugates Theorem**

If  $a + bi$  is a solution for  $p(x)$ , so is \_\_\_\_\_

If  $a + \sqrt{b}$  is a solution for  $p(x)$ , so is \_\_\_\_\_

**Odd Degree**

If  $p(x)$  has an odd degree then  $p(x)$  has at least \_\_\_\_\_ real root

**Examples**

Factor and find the following polynomial equations.

1)  $x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 24 = 0$

2)  $x^4 - 7x^2 + 12 = 0$

## SUM and PRODUCT of ROOTS

Given a polynomial...

$$\text{Sum of the roots} = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{\text{coefficient of (n-1) term}}{\text{leading coefficient}}$$

$$\text{Product of the roots} = \frac{\text{constant}}{a} \quad \text{if the degree is } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$= \frac{-\text{constant}}{a} \quad \text{if the degree is } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

### Examples

Find the sum and the product of the polynomial equations without factoring.

3)  $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$

4)  $x^4 - 11x^2 + 24 = 0$

5)  $2x^3 + 5x^2 - 3x = 0$

### Example 6

Find a quadratic equation whose roots are  $3 \pm 5i$

**Example 7**

Find a cubic equation that has roots  $(1 - \sqrt{6})$  and  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

Section 2.7 Summary: