

Honors Math III

Sections 8.5 – 8.7 Graphs of Polynomial Functions

In exercises 1 – 4, without using your calculator, determine the end behavior of the graph of the given polynomial functions. Then use this end behavior to match the polynomial function with its graph.

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

R $x \rightarrow +\infty$ $y \rightarrow -\infty$

L $x \rightarrow -\infty$ $y \rightarrow +\infty$

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

R $x \rightarrow +\infty$ $y \rightarrow +\infty$

L $x \rightarrow -\infty$ $y \rightarrow -\infty$

2. $f(x) = x^6 - 6x^4 + 9x^2$ b

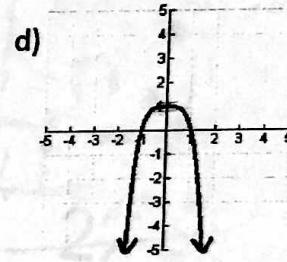
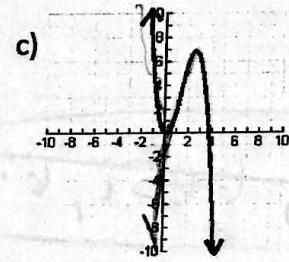
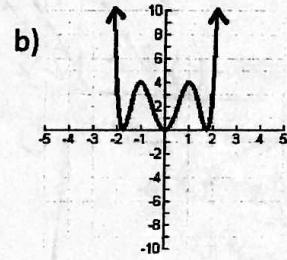
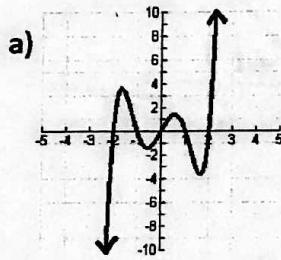
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4. $f(x) = -x^4 + 1$ d

R $x \rightarrow +\infty$ $y \rightarrow -\infty$

L $x \rightarrow -\infty$ $y \rightarrow -\infty$



In exercises 5 – 6, find the zeros for each polynomial function and give the multiplicity of each zero. State whether the graph crosses or touches the x-axis at each zero.

5. $f(x) = -2(x - 1)(x + 2)^2(x + 5)^3$

6. $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - 25x + 125$

$$x = \begin{matrix} 1 \\ \text{dr} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} -2 \\ \text{tr} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} -5 \\ \text{dr} \end{matrix}$$

$$x = \begin{matrix} -5 \\ \text{dr} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} 5 \\ \text{tr} \end{matrix}$$

Solve and sketch the graph. Be sure to include the zeros, right and left end behavior and number of extrema.

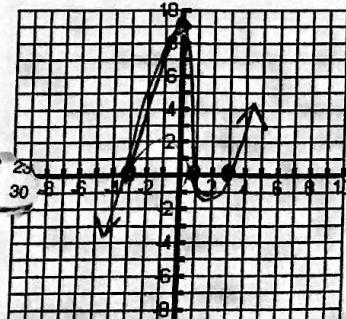
7. $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 9x + 9$

$$x^2(x - 1) - 9(x - 1)$$

$$(x - 1)(x^2 - 9)$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 3)(x + 3)$$

$$x = 1, 3, -3$$



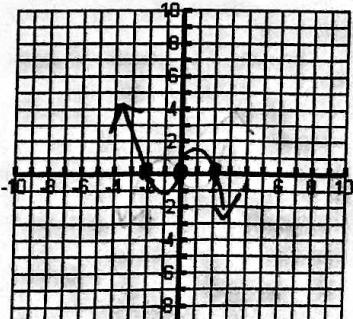
8. $f(x) = 4x - x^3$

$$-x^3 + 4x = 0$$

$$-x(x^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$-x(x + 2)(x - 2) = 0$$

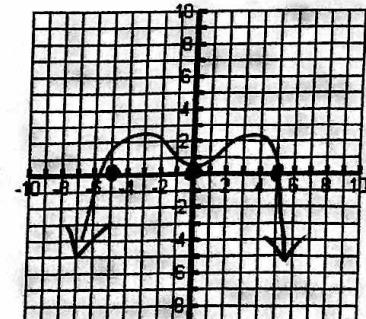
$$x = 0, x = -2, 2$$



9. $f(x) = -x^4 + 25x^2$

$$-x^2(x^2 - 25)$$

$$x = 0, 5, -5$$



Use the Rational Root Theorem to list all possible rational zeros for each given function.

10. $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^3 + 14x^2 - 14x + 5$

$\pm 1, 5$

11. $f(x) = 3x^5 - 2x^4 + 1 \cancel{x^2} - 12x - 8$

$f(x) = 3x^5 - 2x^4 - x^2 - 12x - 8$

$$\frac{\pm 1, 7}{\pm 1, 3} = \boxed{\pm 1, 7, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{7}{3}}$$

12. If $6 + 5i$ is a root of the equation $4x^3 - 47x^2 + 232x + 61 = 0$, find all other solutions.

$$\begin{array}{r} 6-5i \\ 12 \\ \hline 36-25i^2 \\ 61 \end{array}$$

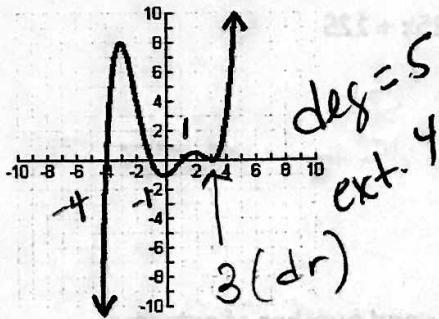
$$\begin{array}{r} 4x+1 \\ \hline x^2 - 12x + 61) 4x^3 - 47x^2 + 232x + 61 \\ - (4x^3 - 48x^2 + 244x) \\ \hline x^2 + 12x + 61 \\ - (x^2 - 12x + 61) \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$4x+1=0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}, 6+5i, 6-5i$$

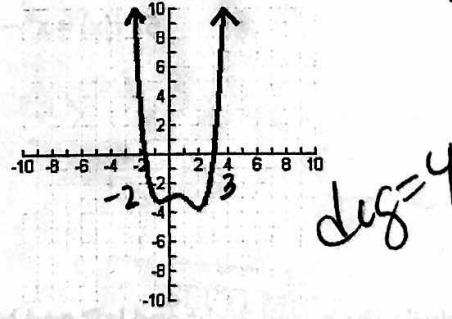
Graphs of polynomial functions are shown. In each case, specify the number of positive, negative and imaginary zeros. Indicate whether there are any real zeros with multiplicity other than 1.

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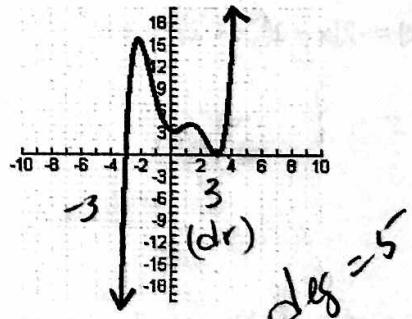
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Negative: 2
Imaginary: 0

14.



Positive: 1
Negative: 1
Imaginary: 2

15.



Positive: 2
Negative: 1
Imaginary: 2