

Chapter 3 Polynomial Functions

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Polynomial functions have the form

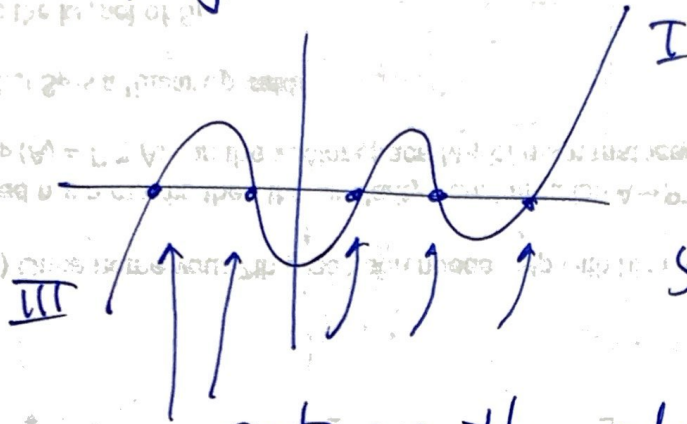
$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

EX:

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

$$g(x) = x^7 - x^5 + x^2 + 3x$$

• Roots of polynomial functions :



5 roots so this
5th degree or higher
{ 7, 9, ... }

roots are the values of x
such that $f(x) = 0$

{ aka. zeros of $f(x)$ } Sec. 3.6

• Rational functions are ratios of polynomials

$$h(x) = \frac{a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0}{b_2 x^2 + b_1 x + b_0} \text{ etc.}$$

3.1 Complex Variables

Back in the days of pyramid building a student asked his math teach "what number squared is -1?"

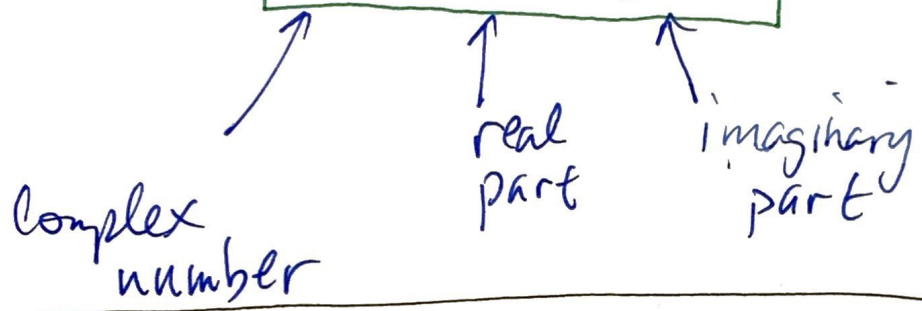
we call such an imaginary number, i

$$i^2 = -1$$

some might use $\sqrt{-1} = i$

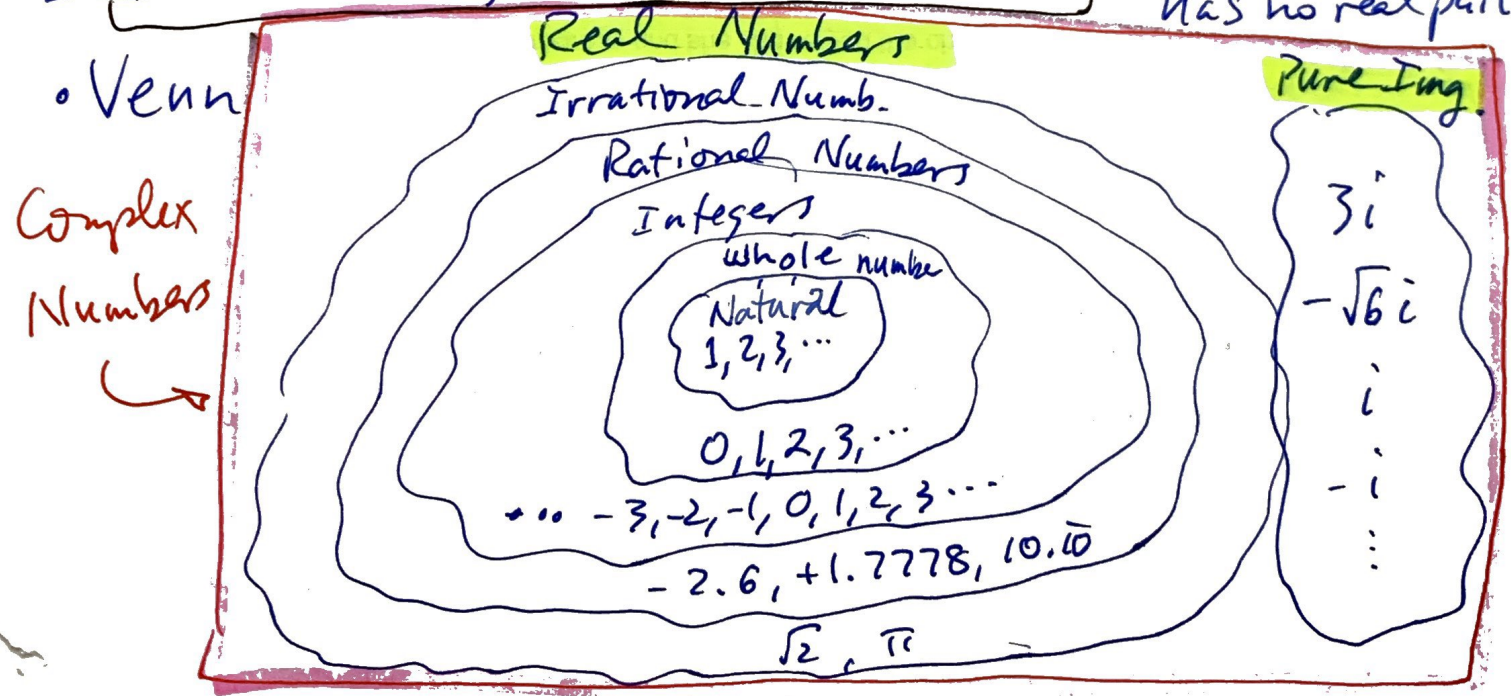
We can mix imaginary numbers with real numbers

$$c = a + bi$$



- EX** $2 + 3i$, $-7 + \sqrt{2}i$, $\sqrt{3}i$

pure imaginary since this complex number has no real part

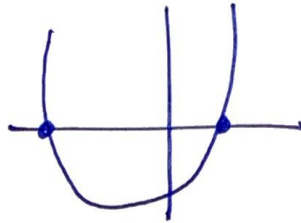


⊗ Focus on the quadratic function (3)

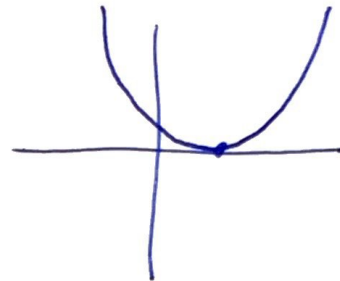
$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \quad \text{Degree 2}$$

$$g(x) = a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$$

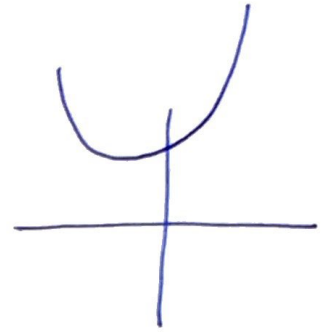
graph



2 zeros



1 zero
{double}



2 complex
conjugate
zeros.

• Quad. Equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

• zeros are found
by the Quadratic
Formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Nomenclature

$$ax^2 + bx + c \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{quadratic} \\ \text{expression} \end{array} \right.$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{quadratic} \\ \text{equation} \end{array} \right.$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c \geq 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{quadratic} \\ \text{inequality} \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{quadratic} \\ \text{function} \end{array} \right.$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{quadratic} \\ \text{formula} \end{array} \right.$$

⊗ Deriving the quadratic formula

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$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$a \left[x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x \right] + c = 0$$

$$a \left[x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \right] + c = 0$$

$$a \left[\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \right] + c = 0$$

$$a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - a \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + c = 0$$

$$a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -c + \frac{b^2}{4a}$$

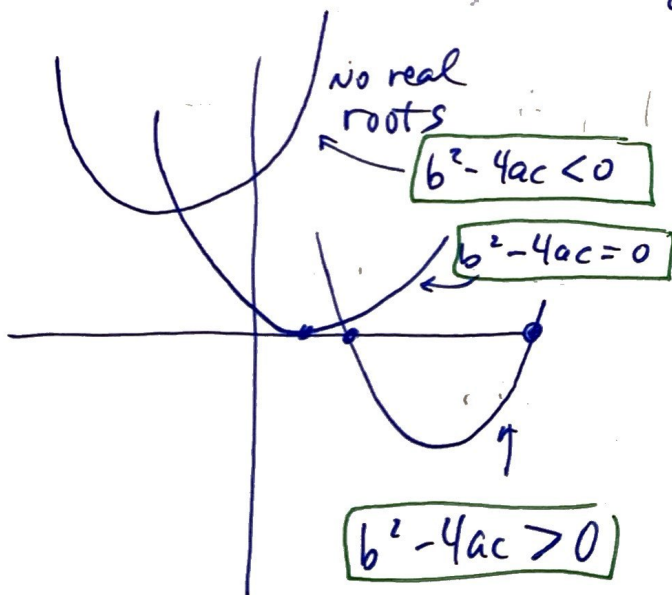
$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right) = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b^2}{4a^2}}$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \sqrt{\frac{-4ac + b^2}{4a^2}}$$

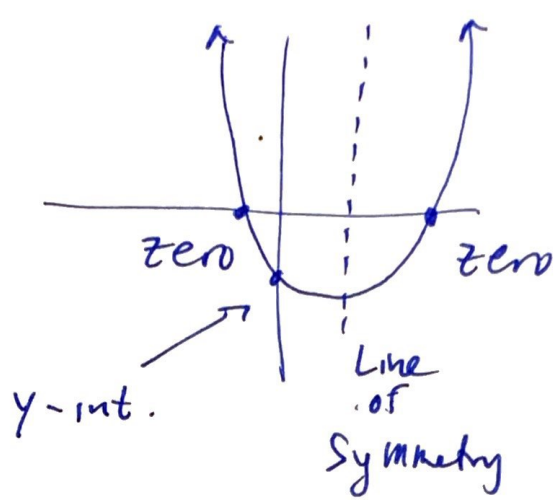
$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



EX

Graph $f = 2x^2 - 4x - 10$



- $y = 2x^2 - 4x - 10$
- zeros: x -int $y=0$
 $2x^2 - 4x - 10 = 0$
 $\div 2$
 $x^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$
 $a=1 \quad b=-2 \quad c=-5$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-5)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 20}}{2} \quad 4:6$$

$$x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{24}}{2}$$

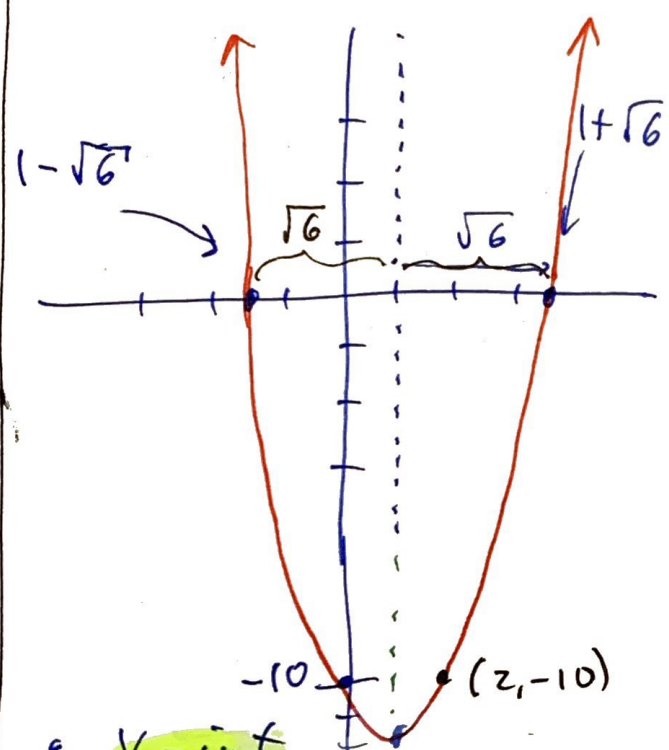
$$x = 1 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \sqrt{6} \quad \sqrt{6} \approx 2.5$$

L. of Symmetry

$$x_{l.o.s.} = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$f(x_{l.o.s.}) = y$ value of vertex



• y-int

$$y = 2 \cdot 0^2 - 4 \cdot 0 - 10$$

$$(0, -10)$$

• vertex

$$f(1) = 2(1)^2 - 4(1) - 10$$

$$= 2 - 14$$

$$= -12$$

$$(1, -12)$$

EX

Find the zeros of the function

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 10$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 4x + 10 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \div 2$$

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

$$a=1 \quad b=-2 \quad c=5$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(5)}}{2 \cdot (1)}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-20}}{2}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-16}}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{-1} = i$$

$$x = 1 \pm \frac{4i}{2}$$

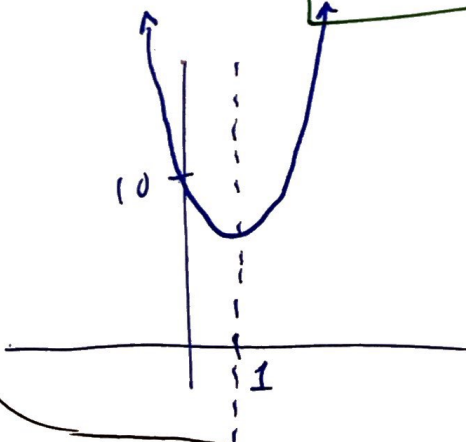
$$x = 1 \pm 2i \quad \text{No real roots}$$

complex conjugates

• Roots

$$x_1 = 1 + 2i$$

$$x_2 = 1 - 2i$$



$$\begin{aligned} \bullet X_{\text{los}} &= \frac{-b}{2a} \\ &= \frac{-(-2)}{2(1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{X_{\text{los}} = 1}}$$

* Adding Complex numbers

$$(a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i$$

EX

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(2+3i) + (-1+4i) \\
 &= (2-1) + (3+4)i \\
 &= \boxed{1+7i}
 \end{aligned}$$

* Multiplying Complex numbers (FOIL)

$$(a+bi)(c+di)$$

EX

$$(2+3i)(-1+4i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2(-1) + 2(4i) + (3i)(-1) + (3i)(4i) \\
 &= -2 + 8i - 3i + 12i^2 \\
 &= -2 + 5i + 12i^2 \quad \text{but } i^2 = -1 \\
 &= -2 + 5i - 12 \\
 &= \boxed{-14 + 5i}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(a+b)(a+b) = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$$

$$(a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 + b^2$$

Formulas

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(a+bi)(a-bi) \\
 &= a^2 - (bi)^2 \\
 &= a^2 + b^2
 \end{aligned}$$

* Dividing Complex Numbers

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This is just a way to keep the denominator free of complex numbers thus the name "rationalizing the denominator"

• form: $\frac{a+bi}{c+di}$

- To rationalize the denominator we multiply top and bottom by the conjugate of the denominator:

conjugate of $a+bi$ is $a-bi$

EX

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{-1+2i}{-2+3i} \\ & \frac{(-1+2i) \left(\frac{-2-3i}{-2-3i} \right)}{(-2+3i) (-2-3i)} \\ & = \frac{(-1)(-2) + (2i)(-2) + (-1)(-3i) + (2i)(-3i)}{(-2)^2 + (3)^2} \\ & = \frac{2 - 4i + 3i - 6i^2}{13} \\ & = \frac{2 - i + 6}{13} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{8-i}{13}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{8}{13} - \frac{1}{13}i}$$

* powers of i

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$$i^n$$

$$\begin{cases} i \\ i^2 = -1 \\ i^3 = i \cdot i^2 = -i \\ i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = (-1)(-1) = 1 \\ i^5 = i \cdot i^4 = i \\ i^6 = i^2 \cdot i^4 = -1 \\ i^7 = i \cdot i^6 = i(-1) = -i \\ i^8 = i^4 \cdot i^4 = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

Q: $i^{63} = ?$

use modulus function $\text{mod}(n, 4)$

$\Rightarrow 4 \sqrt{n}$ we use the remainder to select one of the four outcomes

$r=0$	\rightarrow	1	$\leftarrow i^0$
$r=1$	\rightarrow	i	$\leftarrow i^1$
$r=2$	\rightarrow	-1	$\leftarrow i^2$
$r=3$	\rightarrow	$-i$	$\leftarrow i^3$

$$(i^4)^{15} = 1^{15} = 1$$

EX

$$4 \overline{) 63} \begin{array}{r} 15 \text{ r. } 3 \\ 4 \\ \hline 23 \\ 20 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$$

So $i^{63} = i^{60} \cdot i^3 = 1(-i)$

$$i^{63} = -i$$