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3.4 Graphs of Polynomials

polynomial: $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$

Ex: $4x^6 - x^3 + 11x^2 - 14 = 0$

* no fractional or decimal powers.

* "degree" = highest degree of all terms in the polynomial.

* decreasing power (please)

* generally polynomials have a roller coaster ^{wooden} appearance:

local maximums (turning points)

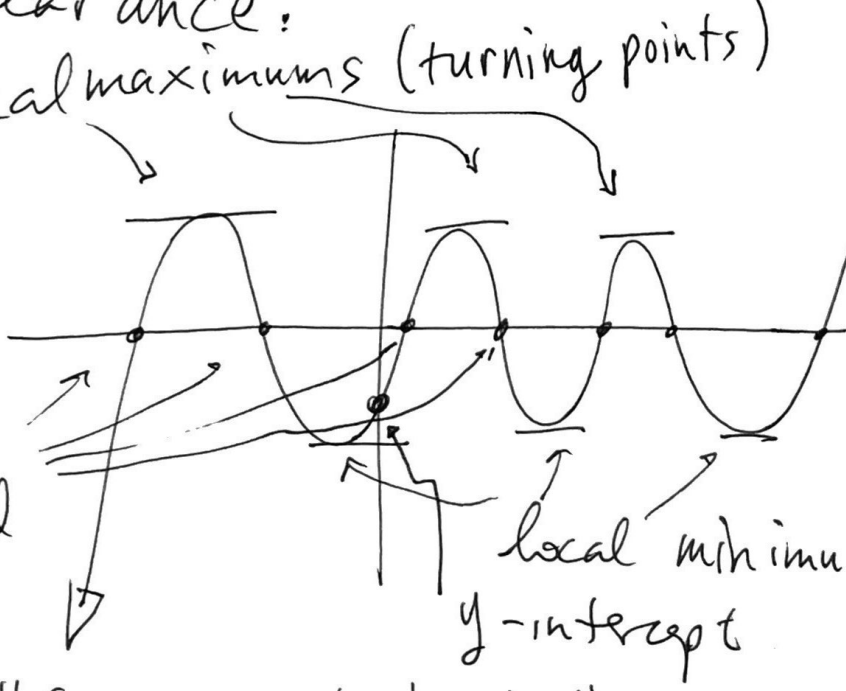
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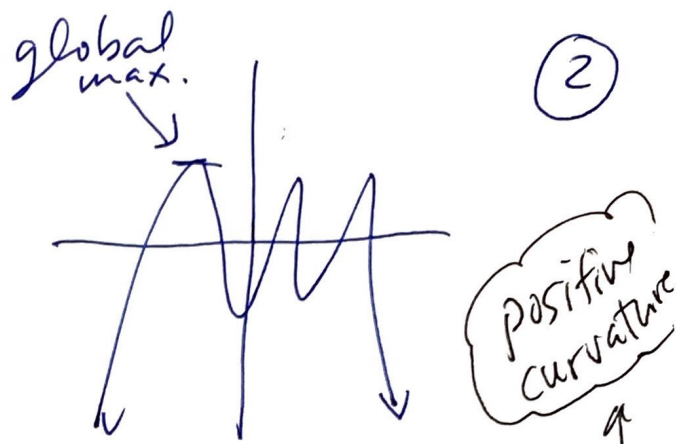
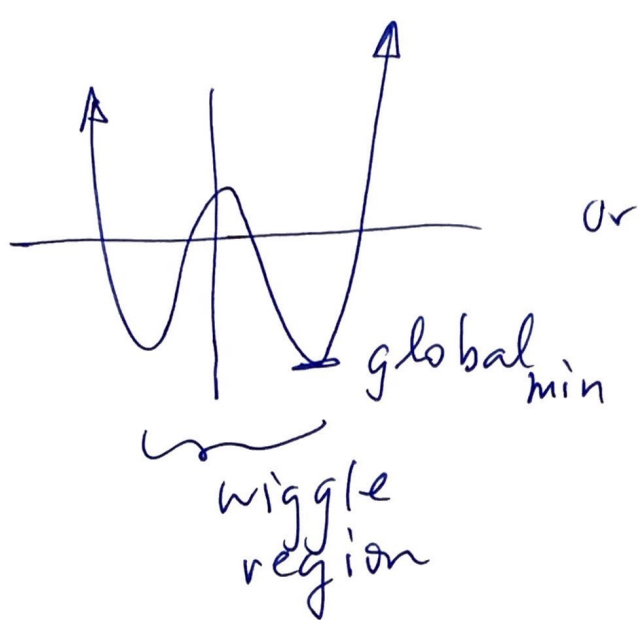
zeros of the polynomial

local minimums (turning points)

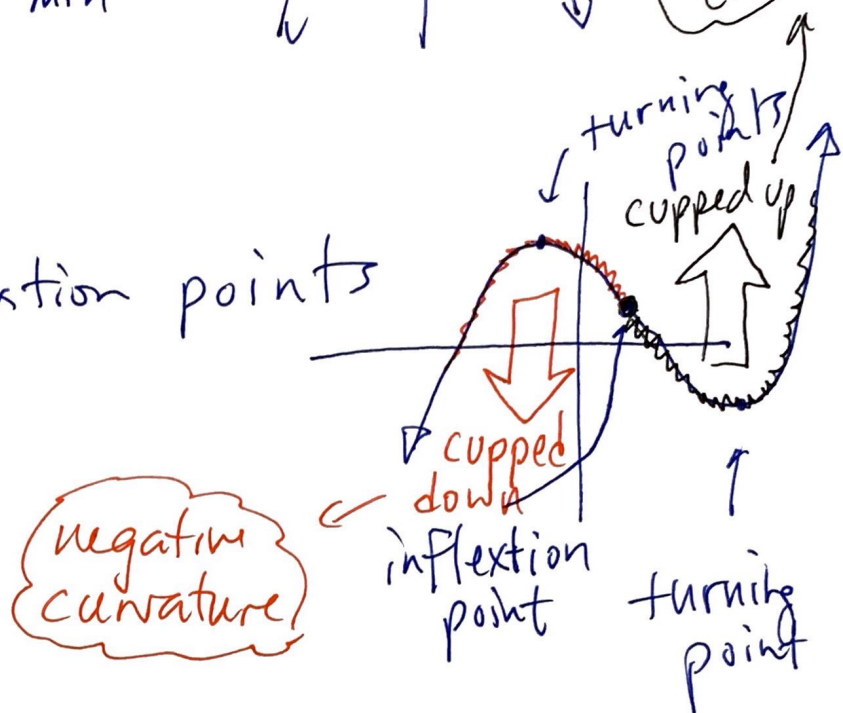
y-intercept

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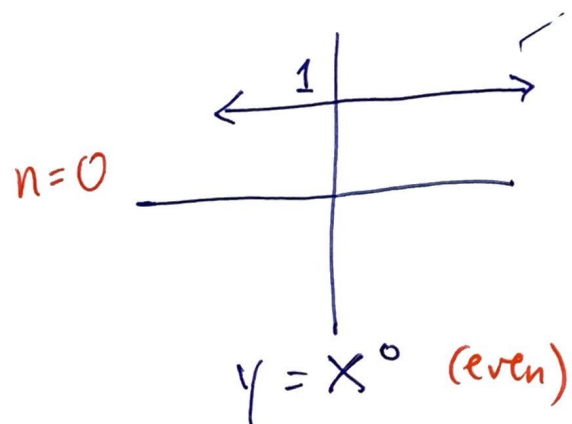




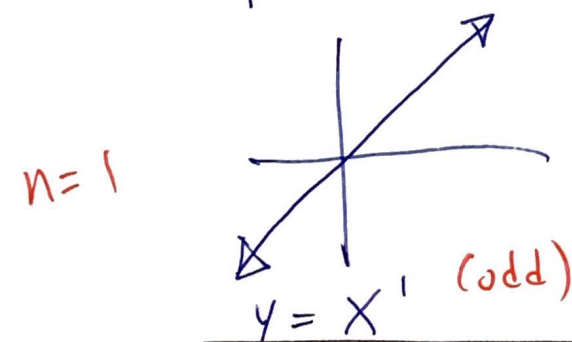
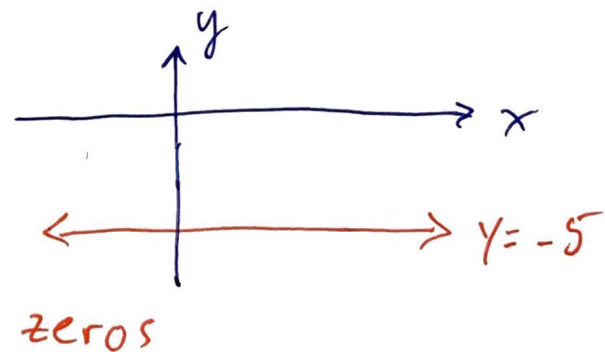
* Calculus " inflexion points



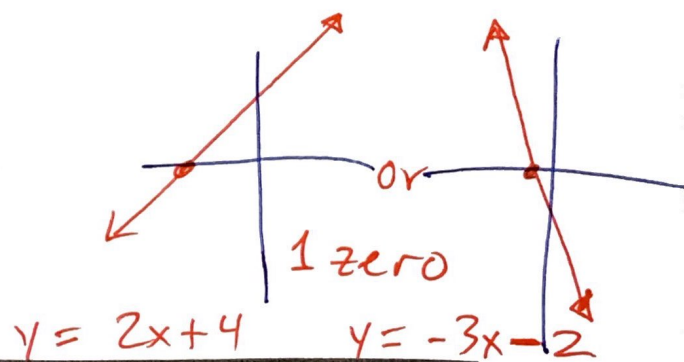
* generalities



Constant

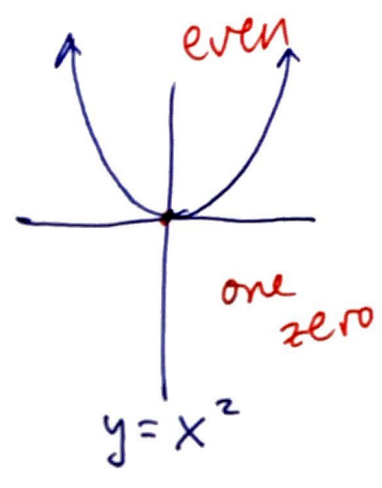


linear

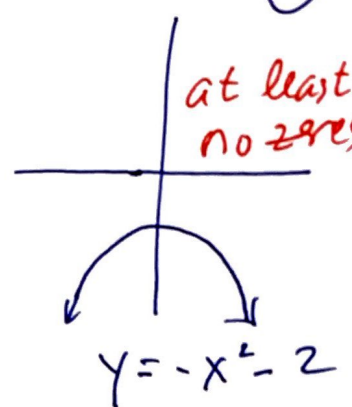
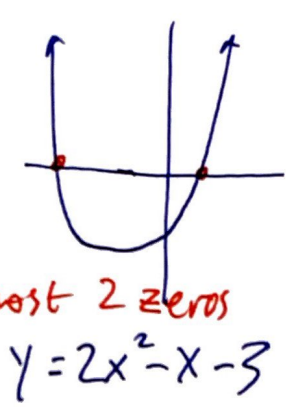


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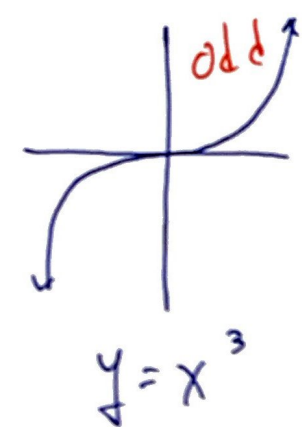
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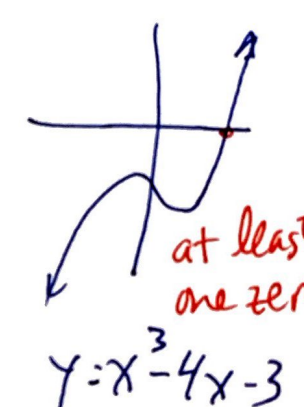
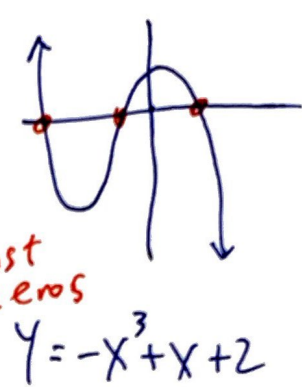
quadratic



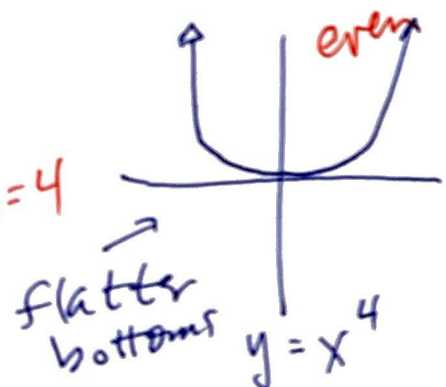
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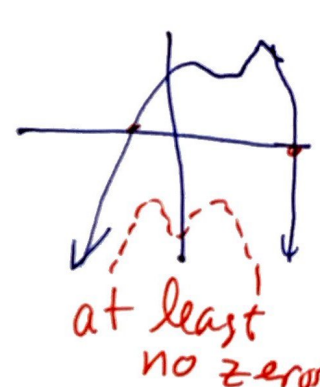
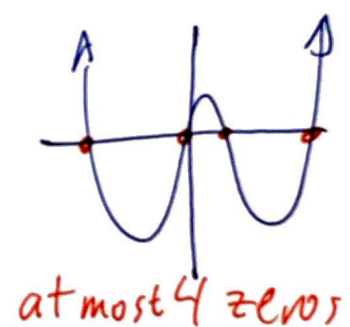
cubic



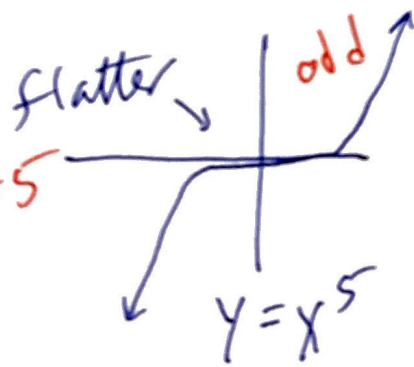
$n=4$



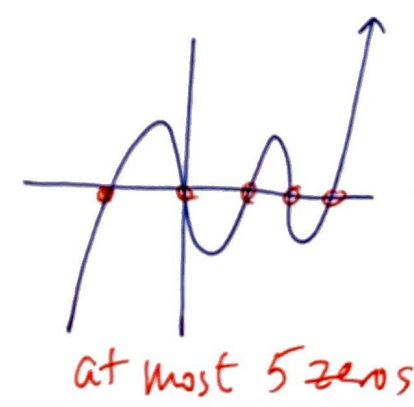
quartic



$n=5$



quintic



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* factored form

Fundamental Thm of Algebra (4)

all polynomials of degree n , that is

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 x^0 =$$

can be factored into n binomials

$$f(x) = a(x-r_1)(x-r_2)(x-r_3) \dots (x-r_{n-1})(x-r_n)$$

where r_i can be real, zero or complex conjugate or irrational conjugate

[EX] $f(x) = x^6 - 2x^4 - 3x^2$ Q: What are the zeros (and y-int)

* factor

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

complex conjugates irrational conjugates

$$f(x) = x^2(x+i)(x-i)(x+\sqrt{3})(x-\sqrt{3})$$

↑ multiplicity 2, the rest are multiplicity one

• Real zeros are $\begin{cases} x=0 \text{ (multiplicity 2)} \\ x=\pm\sqrt{3} \end{cases}$
[x-int]

• Complex zeros are $x=\pm i$

• y-int: let $x=0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 0^6 - 2 \cdot 0^4 - 3 \cdot 0^2 = \boxed{0}$

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[EX] what are the zeros of

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

$$= x^2(2x-1) - 4(2x-1)$$

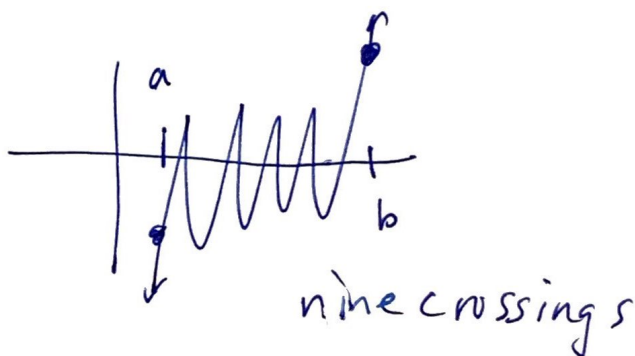
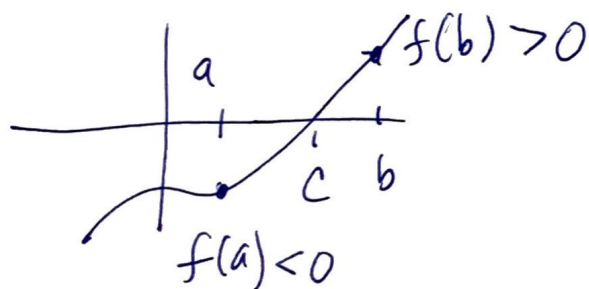
$$= (2x-1)[x^2-4]$$

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

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} 2x-1=0 & x+2=0 & x-2=0 \\ \hline x=1/2 & x=-2 & x=2 \end{array}$$

* Intermediate Value Theorem

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial function. The I. V. T. states that if $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ have opposite signs then there is at least one value "c" between a and b such that $f(c)=0$



[EX] Confirm there exists a zero between $x=2$ & $x=4$ for $f(x) = x^3 - 9x$

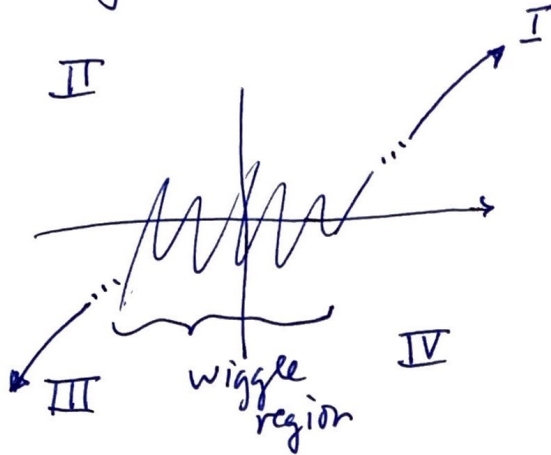
$$\bullet f(2) = 2^3 - 9 \cdot 2 = 8 - 18 = -10 \quad (-)$$

$$\bullet f(4) = 4^3 - 9 \cdot 4 = 64 - 36 = 28 \quad (+)$$

so, yes, $\exists$ at least one $x \in [2, 4]$ where $f(x)=0$.
"there exists" *an element of*

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* Far away behavior : for large x (+) or large x (-)



odd
degree
 $n=1,3,5,\dots$

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$$

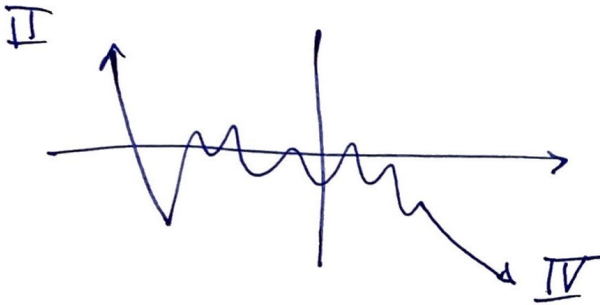
↑
y-int.
BTW

$$a_n > 0$$

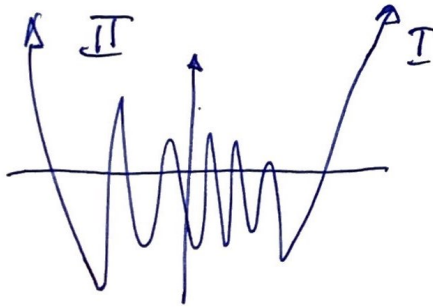
starts in III ends in I

$$a_n < 0$$

starts in II ends in IV



even
degree
 $n=0,2,4,\dots$



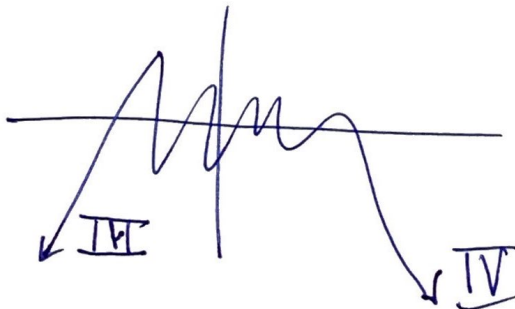
$$\text{if } a_n > 0$$

starts in II & leaves in I

$$\text{if } a_n < 0$$

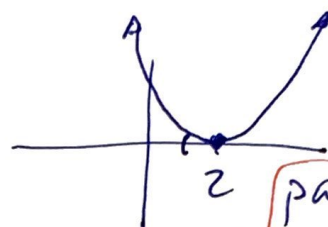
$$\text{if } a_n < 0$$

starts in III & ends IV



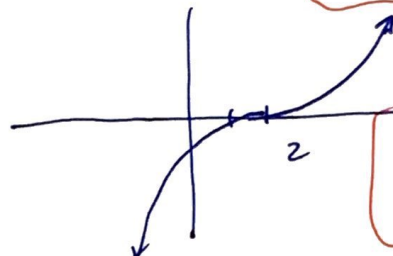
*local crossing behavior

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



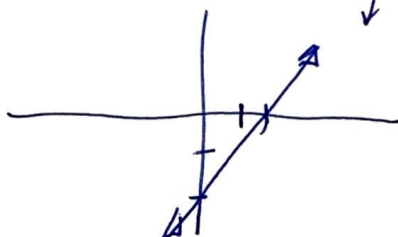
parabolic
near $x=2$
"touch-n-go"

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



cubic like
near $x=2$

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



line-like
near $x=2$

So then

$f(x) = (x-2)(x-1)^2(x)^3$ would show
the following

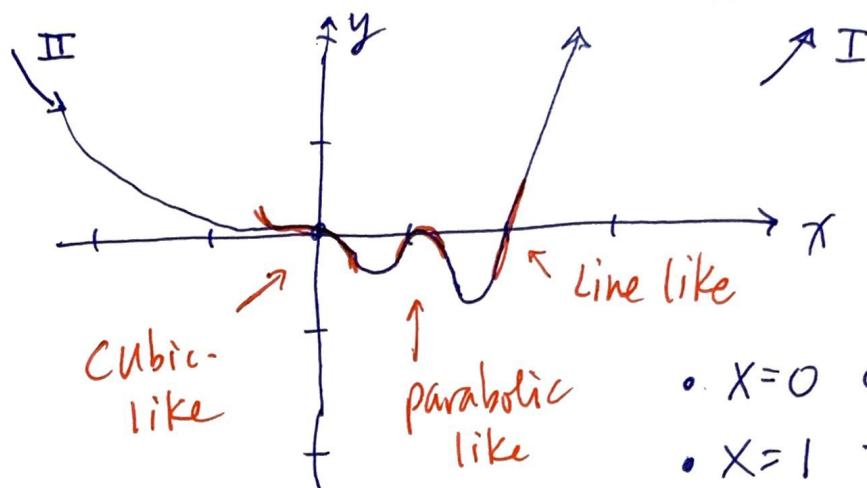
$x=0$ multiplicity 3 cubic-like
crossing

$x=1$ multiplicity 2 parabolic-like
crossing

$x=2$ multiplicity 1 line-like
crossing

EX sketch $f(x) = (x-2)(x-1)^2 x^3 = \underline{x^6 + \dots + 0}$ (8)

• end behavior



- $x=0$ cubic-like
- $x=1$ touch-n-go
- $x=2$ linear-like

$$\begin{aligned} x^3(x-2)(x-1)^2 &= x^3(x-2)(x^2-2x+1) \\ &= x^3[x^3-2x^2+x-2x^2+4x-2] \end{aligned}$$

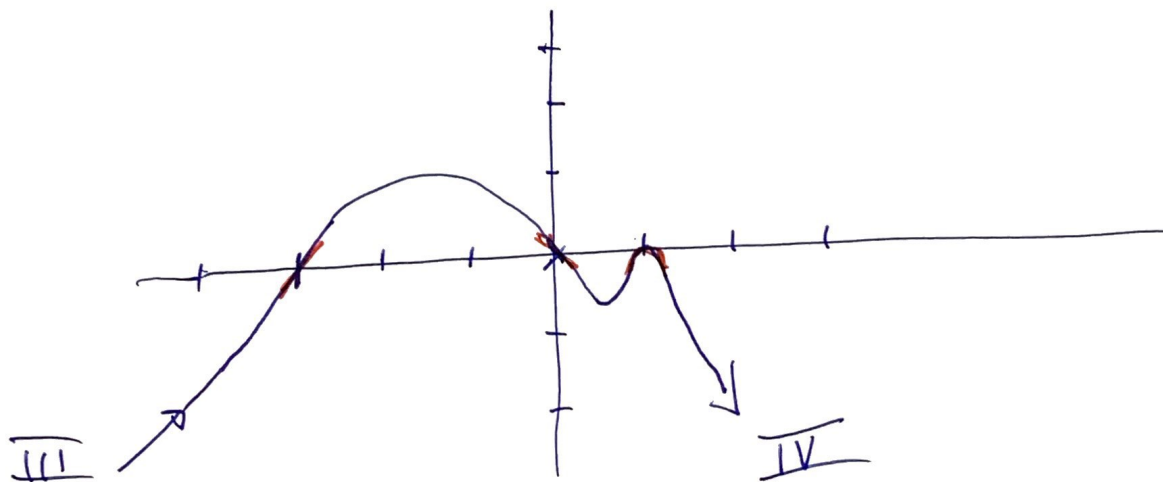
$$\boxed{f(x) = x^6 - 4x^5 + 5x^4 - 2x^3}$$

EX sketch $m(x) = -2x(x-1)^2(x+3) = -2x^4 + \dots x$

- $x=0$ linear, mult is 1
- $x=1$ parabolic, mult is 2
- $x=-3$ linear, mult. is 1

• far away
end behavior

III $\rightarrow$ IV



* C.S.I problem

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[EX] What is the eqn of a degree 4 polynomial that has a multiplicity 2 zero @ $x=4$ and multiplicity 1 zeros @ $x=1$ and $x=-2$. It also has a y-intercept @ 3.



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

Form

$$\underbrace{f(0)} = a(0-4)^2(0-1)(0+2)$$

Point

$$3 = a \cdot 16 \cdot (-1) \cdot 2$$

$$3 = -32a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{3}{32}$$

Solve

So $f(x) = -\frac{3}{32}(x-4)^2(x-1)(x+2)$

Final

3.4 is done

3.5 Dividing Polynomials

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Review $\frac{37}{3}$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \text{ r } 1 \\ 3 \overline{) 37} \\ \underline{-3} \\ 07 \\ \underline{-6} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Ans: $\frac{37}{3} = 12 + \frac{1}{3}$

*Now we do the same for polynomials

Ex $\frac{2x^2 - 9x - 5}{x - 5}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 1 \text{ r } 0 \\ x - 5 \overline{) 2x^2 - 9x - 5} \\ \underline{-(2x^2 - 10x)} \\ x - 5 \\ \underline{-(x - 5)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Ans:

$$\frac{2x^2 - 9x - 5}{x - 5} = 2x + 1$$

BTW: $2x^2 - 9x - 5 = \underline{(2x + 1)(x - 5)}$

we have factored this poly
since $r = 0$

EX long divide to evaluate the quotient

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$$\frac{x^3 - 126}{x - 5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 5x + 25 \text{ r. } -1 \\ x-5 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x - 126} \\ \underline{-(x^3 - 5x^2)} \downarrow \\ 5x^2 + 0x \downarrow \\ \underline{-(5x^2 - 25x)} \downarrow \\ 25x - 126 \\ \underline{-(25x - 125)} \\ -1 \end{array}$$

Ans: $\boxed{\frac{x^3 - 126}{x - 5} = x^2 + 5x + 25 + \frac{-1}{x - 5}}$

EX

$$\frac{x^4 - 3x^2 + 5x - 11}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2 \text{ r. } 5x - 13 \\ x^2 + 0x - 1 \overline{) x^4 + 0x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 11} \\ \underline{-(x^4 + 0x^3 - x^2)} \downarrow \downarrow \\ -2x^2 + 5x - 11 \\ \underline{-(-2x^2 + 0x + 2)} \\ 5x - 13 \end{array}$$

Ans: $\boxed{\frac{x^4 - 3x^2 + 5x - 11}{x^2 - 1} = x^2 - 2 + \frac{5x - 13}{x^2 - 1}}$

* when the denominator is a linear binomial, we can use a short cut method call synthetic division ③

EX

$$\frac{3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4}{x + 3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 11x + 34 \\ x+3 \overline{) 3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4} \\ \underline{-(3x^3 + 9x^2)} \\ -11x^2 + x \\ \underline{-(-11x^2 - 33x)} \\ 34x - 4 \\ \underline{-(34x + 102)} \\ -106 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4}{x + 3} = 3x^2 - 11x + 34 - \frac{106}{x+3}$$

or

$$3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4 = (3x^2 - 11x + 34)(x + 3) - 106$$

* synthetic div. (denominator must be linear)

change the sign $(x+3)$

-3	x^3 3	x^2 -2	x^1 1	x^0 -4	↓
	↓	↓	↓	↓	
	3	-9	33	-102	↓
	↓	↓	↓	↓	
	3	-11	34	-106	
	x^2	x^1	x^0	r	

← reduced poly

← remainder

$$\frac{3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4}{x + 3} = 3x^2 - 11x + 34 - \frac{106}{x+3}$$

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$$\underline{3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4}$$

$$= x (\underline{3x^2 - 2x + 1}) - 4$$

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

$$x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = -3$$

$$f(-3) = -3 (-3 (\underbrace{3 \cdot (-3)}_{-9} - 2) + 1) - 4$$

$$-3 (\underbrace{-9 - 2}_{-11})$$

$$-3 (\underbrace{-11}_{34} + 1)$$

$$-3 (34) - 4$$

not finished with 3.5 (but almost)