

## Polynomials 3b - Graphing Factored Form

**Standards:** A-APR.3, F-IF.7c

**HW#7:**

**GLO:** #4 Quality Producer

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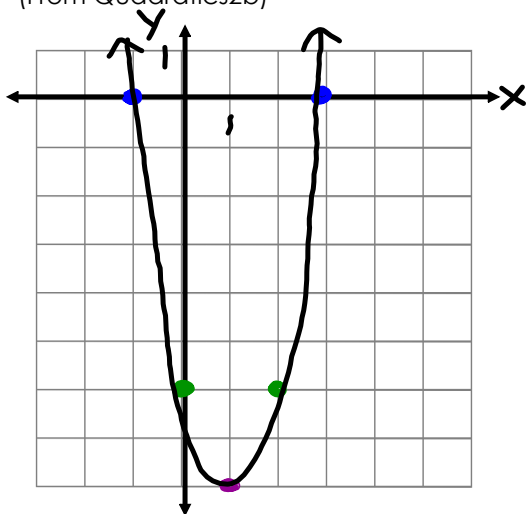
**Math Practice:** #6 Attend to Precision

**Learning Target:**

What guiding questions should you ask yourself when graphing a polynomial, and how do you answer those questions?

## 1) Graph

(From Quadratics2b)



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

Show how you determined the x-intercepts.

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

$$\cancel{2} \neq 0 \quad x-3=0 \quad x+1=0$$

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

Show how you determined the y-intercept.

$$f(0) = 2(0-3)(0+1) \quad (0, -6)$$

$$= -6$$

label your axes & scale

$$\frac{3 + -1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad \text{vertex: } (1, -8)$$

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

$$= 2(-2)(2)$$

$$= -8$$

(erase to show)

## Graphing Polynomials in Factored Form:

- Factored form gives us each zero (x-intercept)
  - Plot these first.
- Notice the multiplicity of each zero
  - > Multiplicity 1 means the graph will pass through the zero.
  - > Multiplicity 2 (or any even number) means the graph will turn around/bounce at the zero.
  - > Multiplicity 3 (or any odd number) means the graph will get flat / swerve at the zero.
- Find the degree and leading coefficient to determine the end behavior.
- Find the y-intercept.

**Example:** Sketch the graph of

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

Use these guiding questions:

What is the end behavior?

D: 4  
Lc: -1    ✓    ↓

What are the zeros?

$$0 = -(x+4)(x+2)(x-1)(x-1)$$

~~-1=0~~     $x+4=0$      $x+2=0$      $x-1=0$   
 $x=-4$      $x=-2$      $x=1$

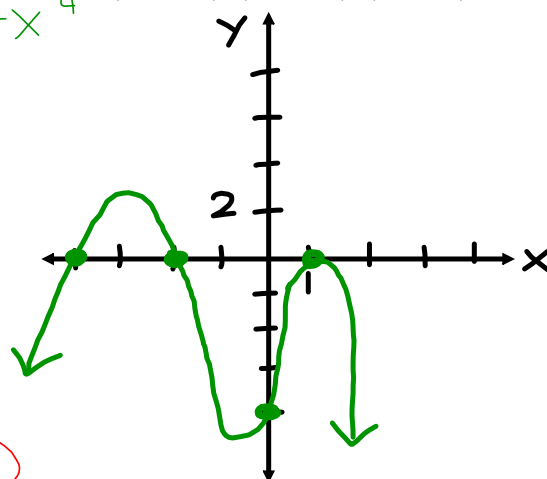
What is the y-intercept?

$$k(0) = -(0+4)(0+2)(0-1)^2 \quad \text{mult. 2 (bounce)}$$

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

$$= -8(1)$$

$$= -8 \quad (0, -8)$$



**Practice:**

- Use the guiding questions to help with your sketch.
- Your sketch should accurately represent the behavior of the function, however, you do not have to be precise regarding the points where  $f$  changes direction.

1. Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = (x - 2)(x + 1)(x + 4)$

Use these guiding questions:

What is the end behavior?

Explain how you know.

$$D: 3$$

$$LC: 1$$

What are the zeros?

Explain how you know.

$$0 = (x - 2)(x + 1)(x + 4)$$

$$x - 2 = 0 \quad x + 1 = 0 \quad x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = 2 \quad x = -1 \quad x = -4$$

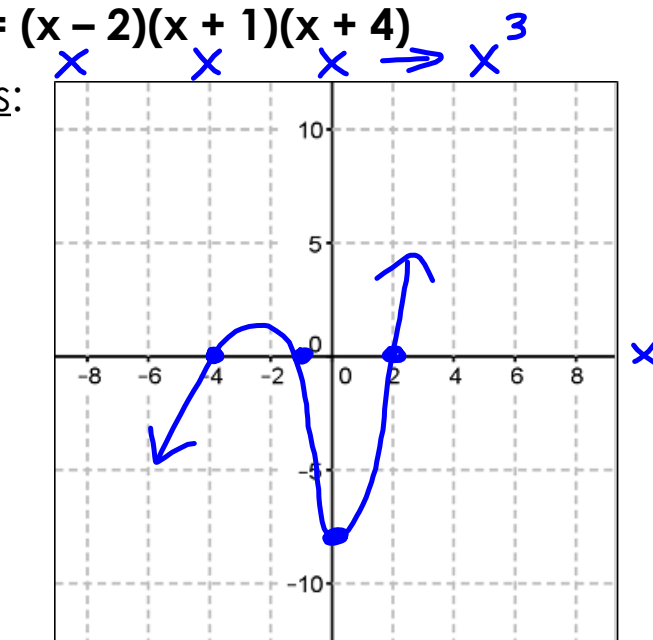
What is the y-intercept?

Explain how you know.

$$f(0) = (0 - 2)(0 + 1)(0 + 4)$$

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

$$= -8$$



2. Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = x(x + 5)(x - 4)$

$x \times x \times \rightarrow x^3$

What is the end behavior?  
Explain how you know.

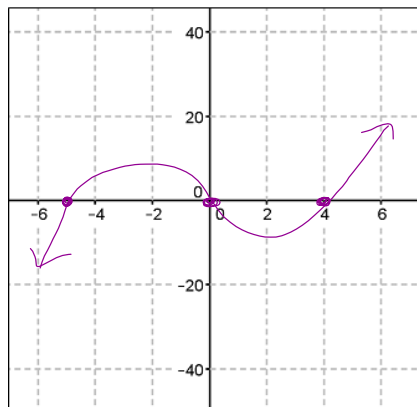
D: 3  
LC: 1

What are the zeros?  
Explain how you know.

$0 = x(x+5)(x-4)$   
 $x=0$   $x+5=0$   $x-4=0$   
 $x = -5$   $x = 4$

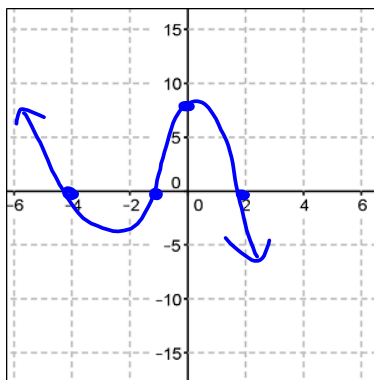
What is the y-intercept?  
Explain how you know.

$f(0) = 0(0+5)(0-4)$   
 $= 0(5)(-4)$   
 $= 0$

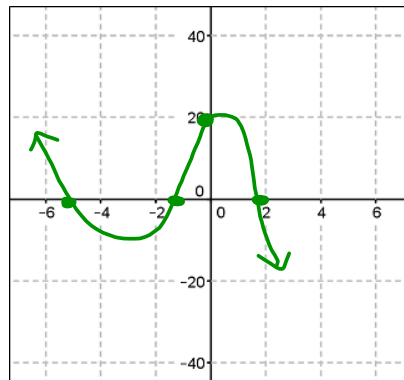


3. Sketch the graph of each function.

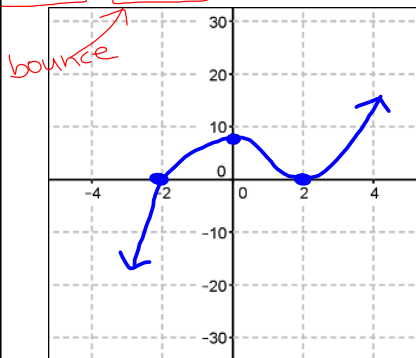
$f(x) = -1(x+4)(x+1)(x-2)$   
y-int: (0, 8)  
zeros: -4, -1, 2



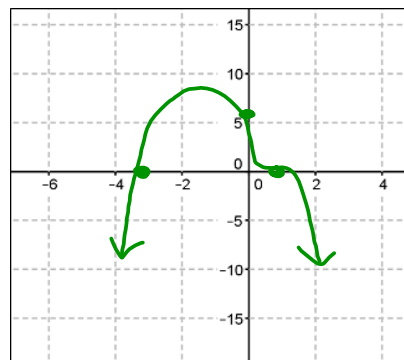
$f(x) = -2(x+5)(x+1)(x-2)$   
y-int: (0, 20)  
zeros: -5, -1, 2



$(x+2)(x-2)(x-2) \rightarrow x^3$   
 $f(x) = (x+2)(x-2)^2$   
D: 3  
LC: 1  
 $f(0) = (2)(-2)^2 = 2(4) = 8$   
 $0 = (x+2)(x-2)(x-2)$   
 $x+2=0$   $x-2=0$   $x-2=0$   
 $x = -2$   $x = 2$   $x = 2$



$-2(x-1)(x-1)(x-1)(x+3)$   
 $f(x) = -2(x-1)^3(x+3)$   
zeros: 1, -3  
swerve  
y-int: (0, 6)



4. Below is the graph of the function defined

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

a. What is the y-intercept for  $f$ ?

$$f(0) = (0-1)^2(0+3) = (0, 3)$$

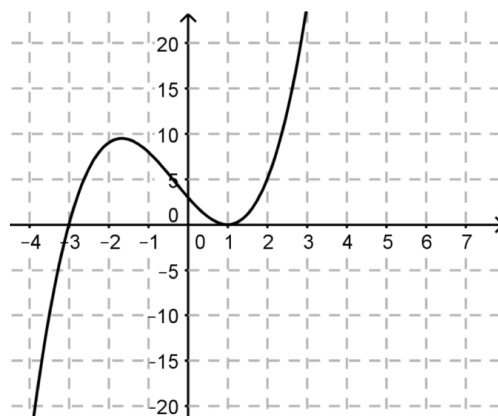
b. What are the x-intercepts for  $f$ ?

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

$$x = -3, 1 \leftarrow \text{bounce}$$

c. Suppose we wish to build a new polynomial function  $g$ , such that  $g$  has exactly the same intercepts as  $f$ , the same end-behavior, and the same behavior close to the  $x$ -intercepts, but  $g$  has a  $y$ -intercept at  $(0, 15)$ . How could we alter the symbolic representation of  $f$  to achieve this? In particular, determine a possible symbolic representation for  $g(x)$ .

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



5. Below is the graph of the function defined by

$$k(x) = -(x+1)^2(x-1)(x-2)$$

a. What is the y-intercept for  $k$ ?

$$k(0) = -(0+1)^2(0-1)(0-2) = -(1)^2(-1)(-2) = -2 \quad (0, -2)$$

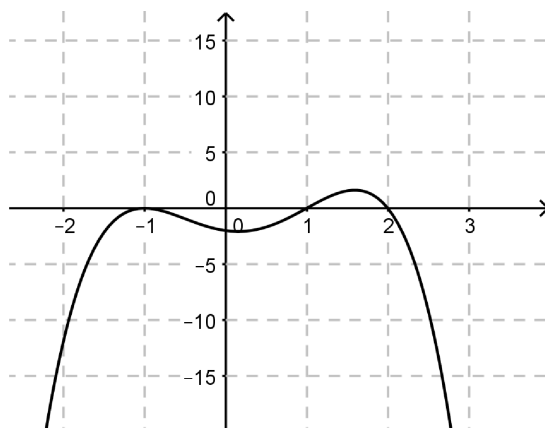
b. What are the x-intercepts for  $k$ ?

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

$$x = -1, 1, 2 \leftarrow \text{bounce}$$

c. Suppose  $r$  is a polynomial function with the same  $x$ -intercepts as  $k$ , the same end-behavior as  $k$ , and the same behavior as  $k$  close to its  $x$ -intercepts, but with  $y$ -intercept at  $(0, -1)$ . Determine a possible symbolic representation for  $r(x)$ .

$$k(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2(x-1)(x-2)$$



If we only want to change the y-intercept of a polynomial function (and keep the same end behavior and x-intercepts) then we have to modify the leading coefficient.

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

x-intercepts:  $(-1,0)(2,0)$  y-intercept:  $(0,-2)$

Let's change the y-intercept to  $(0,-8)$ .

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

Let's change the y-intercept to  $(0,-5)$ .

$$2.5(x+1)^3(x-2)$$