

Finding Complex Zeros and Writing Polynomials from all Zeros

Find all the zeros of $f(x)$. Include any multiplicities greater than 1. Classify the roots as real or imaginary.

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

$$= x(2x^4 + 3x^2 - 5)$$

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

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

Real Zeros: 0, 1, -1
Imaginary: $\pm i \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$

2. $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 12$

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

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

Real Zeros: 3
Imaginary: $\pm 2i$

$$x^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -4$$

$$x = \pm 2i$$

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

$$2x^2 = -5$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \frac{-5}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Solve the polynomial equation by finding all roots.

3. $(2x^3 - 3x^2 + 8x - 12) = 0$

$$x^2(2x - 3) + 4(2x - 3) = 0$$

$$(2x - 3)(x^2 + 4) = 0$$

Real Zero: $\frac{3}{2}$
Imaginary: $\pm 2i$

$$x^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$x = \pm 2i$$

4. $x^4 - 5x^3 + 3x^2 + x = 0$

$$x(x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 1) = 0$$

+	1	-5	3	1
↓		1	-4	-1
	1	-4	-1	0

$$x^2 - 4x - 1$$

Real Zeros: 1
 $2 \pm \sqrt{5}$
Imaginary: n/a
 $x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(-1)}}{2}$
 $= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2}$
 $= \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}$

5. Given the zero $2i$ find the remaining zeros for the polynomial $f(x) = x^4 - 16$

$$x^4 - 16 = (x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 4)$$

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

Remaining zeros: 2, -2, $2i$, $-2i$

6. Given the zero $-3i$ find the remaining zeros for the polynomial $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - 18x - 72$

$$(x - 3i)(x + 3i)$$

$$x^2 + 9$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 \rightarrow (x-4)(x+2)$$

$$x^2 + 9 \overline{) x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - 18x - 72}$$

$$\underline{-x^4 + 9x^2}$$

Real Zeros: 4, -2
Imaginary: $\pm 3i$

$$\underline{-2x^3 - 8x^2 - 18x - 72}$$

$$\underline{+2x^3 - 18x}$$

$$\underline{-8x^2 - 72} \quad 0$$

Write the polynomial function in standard form with least degree and a leading coefficient of 1 that has the given zeros.

7. $0, \sqrt{5}$ and 2

$x=0 \quad x=\sqrt{5} \quad x=2$

$x(x-\sqrt{5})(x-2)$

$(x^2-2x)(x-\sqrt{5})$

$x^3 - \sqrt{5}x^2 - 2x^2 + 2\sqrt{5}x$

8. $4i, 2$ and -2

$(x-2)(x+2)(x-4i)(x+4i)$

$(x^2-4)(x^2+16)$

$x^4 + 16x^2 - 4x^2 - 64$

$x^4 + 12x^2 - 64$

$x - (3-2i)$
 $x - (3+2i)$

10. 2 and $3-2i$ $3+2i$

$(x-2)(x-3+2i)(x-3-2i)$

$(x-2)(x^2-6x+13)$

$x^3 - 6x^2 + 13x$

$-2x^2 + 12x - 26$

$x^3 - 8x^2 + 25x - 26$

9. $1, -1$ (multiplicity 3), and $3i$

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

$(x-1)(x+1)^3(x^2+9)$

11. **Critical Thinking** What is the least degree of a polynomial equation that has $3i$ as a root with a multiplicity of 3, and $2 - \sqrt{3}$ as a root with multiplicity 2? Explain.

Zeros: $3i \ 3i \ 3i, -3i, -3i, -3i, 2 - \sqrt{3}, 2 - \sqrt{3}$

degree 8

Review

1. Graph the following functions and state the domain, range, and end behavior

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

Zeros and Multiplicity:

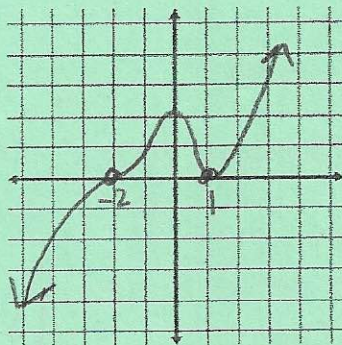
-2 mult 3

1 mult 2

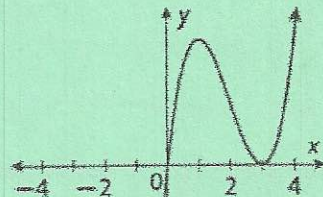
End Behavior:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$



2. Write a function for the following graph



$x=0$

$x=3$ (mult 2)

$x(x-3)^2$