

Polynomial Review Packet

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1. Sketch a graph of each polynomial. Label at least one (x,y) point that is not a root.

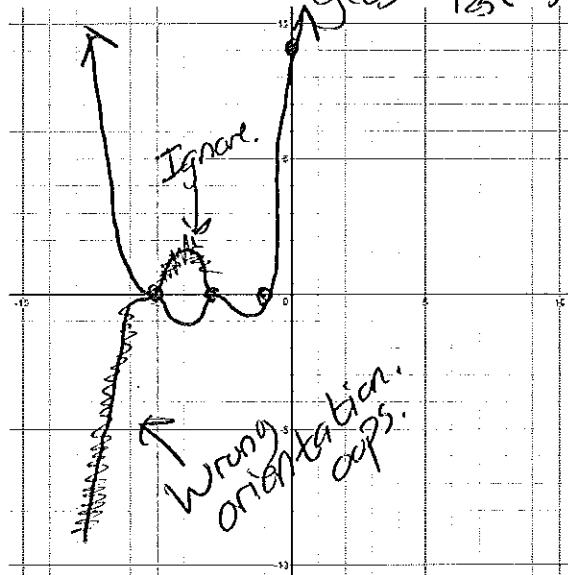
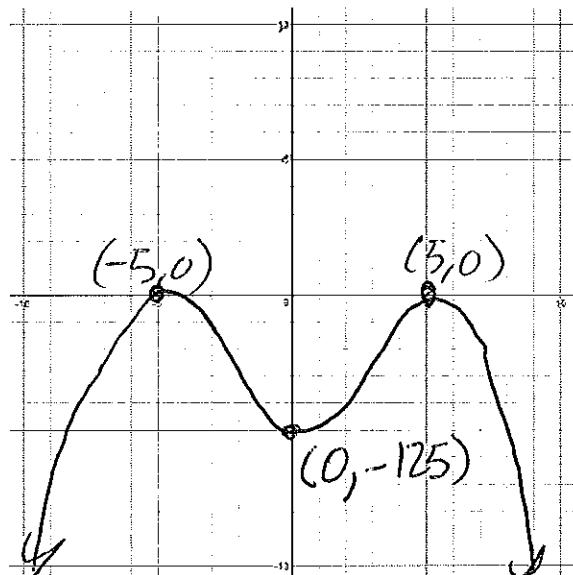
$$f(0) = -2 \cdot 25 \cdot 25$$

a. $f(x) = -0.2(x - 5)^2(x + 5)^2$

$$= -125$$

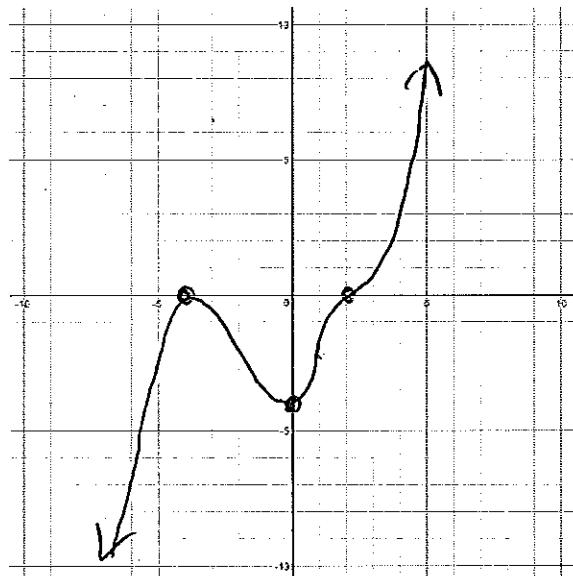
b. $g(x) = \frac{1}{125}(x + 1)(x + 3)^2(x + 5)^3$

$$g(0) = \frac{1}{125}(1)(9)(125) \\ = 9$$



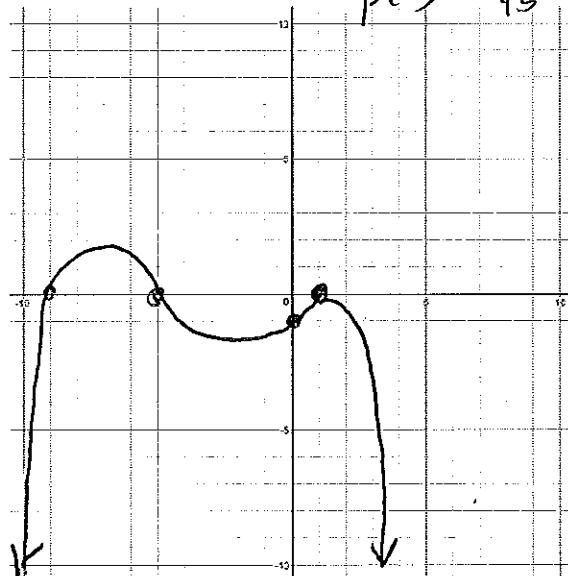
c. $h(x) = \frac{1}{32}(x - 2)^3(x + 4)^2$

$$h(0) = \frac{1}{32}(-8)(16) \\ = -4$$



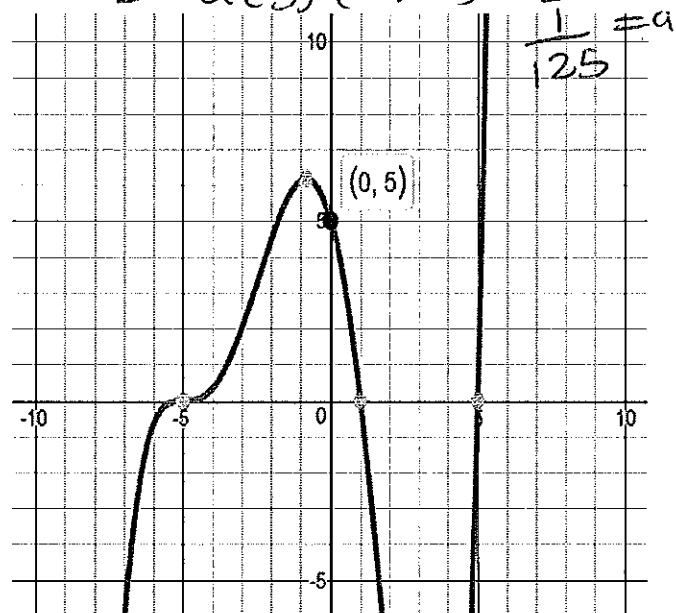
d. $p(x) = \frac{-1}{45}(x + 9)(x + 5)(x - 1)^2$

$$p(0) = \frac{-1}{45}(9)(5)(1) \\ = -1$$

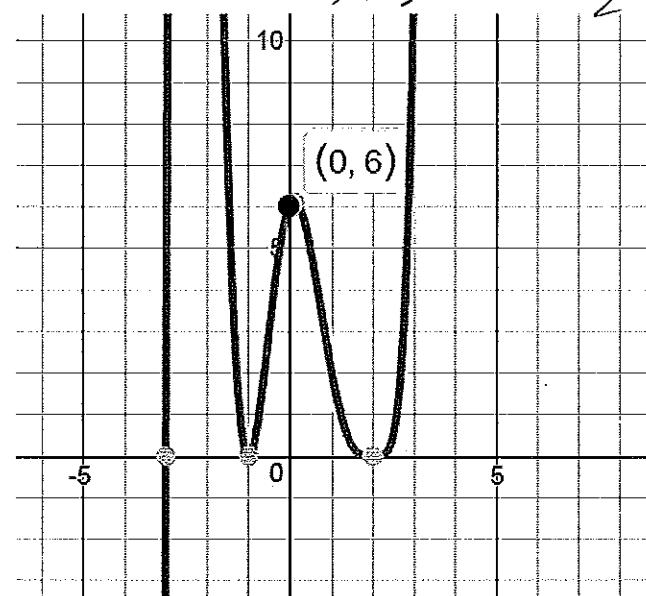


2. Find the exact equation of each polynomial, given a graph.

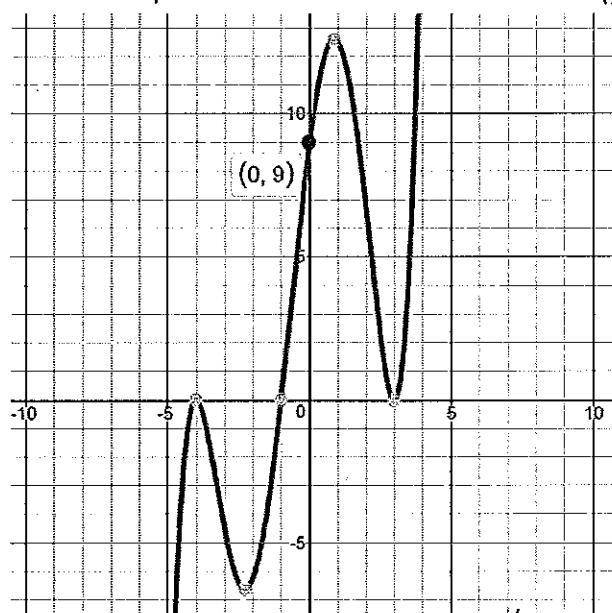
a. $f(x) = a(x+5)^3(x-1)(x-5)$
 $5 = a(5)^3(-1)(-5) \rightarrow 5 = a \cdot 5^4$



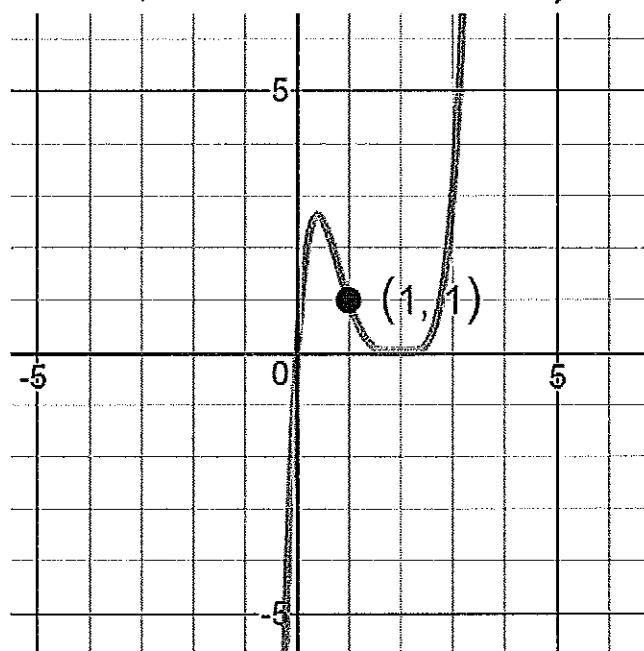
c. $h(x) = a(x+3)(x+1)^2(x-1)^2$
 $6 = a(3)(1)(4) \rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$



b. $g(x) = a(x+4)^2(x+1)(x-3)^2$
 $9 = a(4)^2(1)(9) \rightarrow a = \frac{1}{16}$



d. $k(x) = a \cdot x \cdot (x-2)^4$
 $1 = a \cdot 1 \cdot (-1)^4 \rightarrow a = 1$



3. Find the exact equation of each polynomial, given a verbal description.

a. Cubic function, real root of 7, complex roots of $1+i$, $1-i$.

$$C(x) = (x-7)(x-(1+i))(x-(1-i))$$

$$(x-7)(x-1-i)(x-1+i)$$

$$(x-7)(x^2-2x+2) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 7x^2 + 14x - 14$$

b. Quartic function, complex roots of $3+i$, $3-i$, $-2+i$, $-2-i$

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

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

$$(x^2-6x+10)(x^2+4x+5) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 - 6x^3 - 24x^2 - 30x + 10x^2 + 40x$$

c. Quintic function (5th degree), real roots of 1, 2, 3, complex roots of $5+i$ and its conjugate

$$Q(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(x-3)(x-5+i)(x-5-i)$$

$$(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)(x-5-i)(x-5+i)$$

$$(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)(x^2-10x+26)$$

$$(x^2-3x+2)(x-3)(x^2-10x+26)$$

$$(x^3-3x^2+2x-3x^2+9x-6)(x^2-10x+26)$$

$$(x^3-6x^2+11x-6)(x^2-10x+26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & x^5 - 10x^4 + 26x^3 - 6x^4 + 60x^3 - 156x^2 \\ & + 11x^3 - 110x^2 + 286x - 6x^2 + 60x \end{aligned}$$

$$= x^5 - 16x^4 + 9x^3 - 27x^2 + 346x - 156$$

4. Completely factor the polynomial $p(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 4x^2 - 8x - 32$, given that two of the roots are

4 and -2

$$\begin{array}{r} x^4 - 2x^3 - 4x^2 - 8x - 32 \\ \hline x-4) \quad | \quad x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x + 8 \\ - (x^4 - 4x^3) \quad | \quad | \\ \hline 2x^3 - 4x^2 \quad | \quad | \\ - (2x^3 - 8x^2) \quad | \quad | \\ \hline 4x^2 - 8x \quad | \quad | \\ - (4x^2 - 16x) \quad | \quad | \\ \hline 8x - 32 \quad | \quad | \\ - (8x - 32) \quad | \quad | \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 4 \\ \hline x+2) \quad | \quad x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x + 8 \\ - (x^3 + 2x^2) \quad | \quad | \\ \hline 4x + 8 \quad | \quad | \\ - (4x + 8) \quad | \quad | \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So, } p(x) = (x-4)(x+2)(x^2+4)$$

OR

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

5. Divide the polynomials

$$\text{a. } \frac{x^4 + 4x^3 - 5x^2 - 36x - 36}{x+7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - 3x^2 \quad 16x - 148 \quad R \\ \times \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc|c} x^4 & -3x^3 & 16x^2 & -148x & 1000 \\ x^4 & -3x^3 & 16x^2 & -148x & \\ \hline 7x^3 & -21x^2 & 112x & -1036 & \end{array} \right] \\ \hline x^4 + 4x^3 - 5x^2 - 36x - 36 \end{array}$$

$$= x^3 - 3x^2 + 16x - 148 + \frac{1000}{x+7}$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{x^3 - 9x^2 + 24x - 20}{x+9}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 18x \quad 186 \quad R \\ \times \left[\begin{array}{c|cc|c} x^3 & -18x^2 & +186x & -1694 \\ x^3 & -18x^2 & +186x & \\ \hline 9x^2 & -162x & 1674 & \end{array} \right] \\ \hline x^3 - 9x^2 + 24x - 20 \end{array}$$

$$= x^2 - 18x + 186 + \frac{-1694}{x+9}$$

6. Mr. Maurer claims that one of the 3rd roots of 8 is $z = -1 + \sqrt{3}i$

a. Find $|z|$.

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{1+3} = \sqrt{4} = 2.$$

Notice that $2^3 = 8$.

b. Show by direct computation that $z^3 = 8$

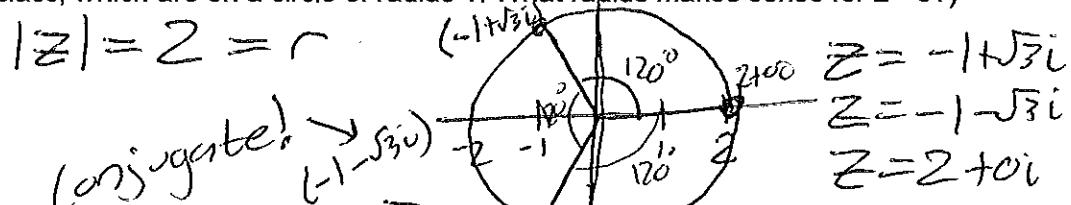
$$\begin{aligned} (-1 + \sqrt{3}i)^3 &= (-1 + \sqrt{3}i)(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)(-1 + \sqrt{3}i) \\ &= ((-1 - 2\sqrt{3}i + 3i^2)(-1 + \sqrt{3}i))(-1 + \sqrt{3}i) \\ &= ((-1 - 2\sqrt{3}i - 3)(-1 + \sqrt{3}i))(-1 + \sqrt{3}i) \\ &= (-2 - 2\sqrt{3}i)(-1 + \sqrt{3}i) \end{aligned}$$

$$2 - 2\sqrt{3}i + 2\sqrt{3}i - 2 \cdot 3i^2$$

$$2 - 6i^2$$

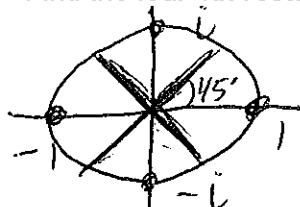
$$2 + 6 = 8.$$

c. Make a geometric argument that $z^3 = 8$, and list the other two 3rd roots of 8. (Hint: We did roots of unity in class, which are on a circle of radius 1. What radius makes sense for $z^3 = 8$?)



7. You can also use a similar geometric argument to find roots of other complex numbers.

a. Find the four 4th roots of -1. -1 has angle 180°.



$$180^\circ/4 = 45^\circ.$$

$$\cos(45^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sin(45^\circ)$$

$$\text{So, } z = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i.$$

Other roots are evenly spaced around circle. So 90° apart.
Thus, $z = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$
 $z = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$
 $z = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$

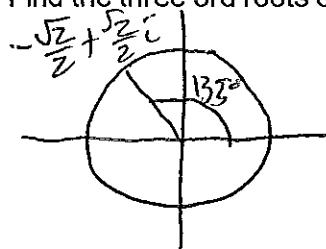
b. Show by direct computation that $z^4 = -1$ for one of your complex roots.

$$\text{Let } z = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i.$$

$$z^4 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = (i)^2 = -1.$$

c. Find the three 3rd roots of $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$



$$135^\circ/3 = 45^\circ.$$

$$\text{So, } z = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$$

Other roots are evenly spaced, so 120° apart
 $45 + 120 = 165$
 $165 + 120 = 285$

d. Show by direct computation that $z^3 = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$ for one of your complex roots.

$$z_{165^\circ} = -0.966 + 0.259i$$

$$z_{285^\circ} = 0.259 - 0.966i$$

We know from (b) that if

$$z = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i, \text{ then } z^2 = i.$$

$$\text{So, } z^3 = z^2 \cdot z = i \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i^2 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$$

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12. The roots of the polynomial $g(x)$ are in a geometric sequence where $a_1 = 24$, $m = 0.5$, $n = 4$. Use the fact that $f(0) = 1$ to find the exact equation of $f(x)$.

$$g(x) = a(x-24)(x-12)(x-6)(x-3)$$

$$= a(-24)(-12)(-6)(-3)$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{5184}(x-24)(x-12)(x-6)(x-3)$$

13. a. Completely factor $p(x) = x^5 - 12x^4 + 25x^3 + 50x^2 + 84x + 392$. Use the Integral Roots Theorem and polynomial division.

Possible roots: $392 = 49 \cdot 8 = 7^2 \cdot 2^3$

$$P(-2) = 0$$

x^5	$-14x^4$	$+53x^3$	$-56x^2$	$+196$
\times	x^5	$-14x^4$	$53x^3$	
\pm	$2x^4$	$-28x^3$	$106x^2$	$-112x$
			$-112x$	392

~~$x^5 - 12x^4 + 25x^3 + 50x^2 + 84x + 392$~~

x^3	$-7x^2$	$4x$	-28
\times	x^4	$-7x^3$	$4x^2$
-7	$-7x^3$	$49x^2$	$-28x$
		$49x^2$	196

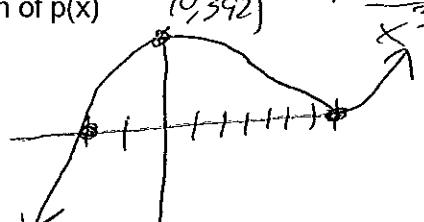
$$x^4 - 14x^3 + 53x^2 - 56x + 196$$

$$P(7) = 0$$

x^2	0	4	
x	x^3	0	$4x$
-7	$-7x^2$	0	-28
	$-7x^3$	$-7x^2$	$4x$

So, $p(x) = (x-7)^2(x+2)(x^2+4)$

b. Sketch a graph of $p(x)$



14. a. Completely factor $q(x) = 2x^4 + 2x^3 + 14x^2 + 18x - 36$. Use the Integral Roots Theorem and polynomial division.

Possible Roots: $\pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36$

$$q(1) = 0$$

$2x^3$	$4x^2$	$+18x$	-36
\times	$2x^4$	$4x^3$	$18x^2$
-1	$2x^3$	$-4x^2$	$-18x$
			-36

$$2x^4 + 2x^3 + 14x^2 + 18x - 36$$

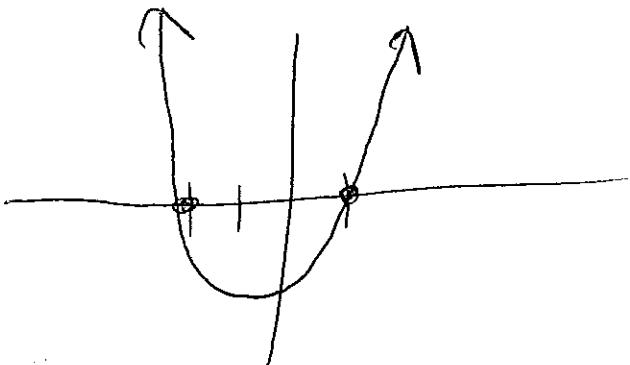
$$q(-2) = 0$$

$2x^2$	0	18	
x	$2x^3$	0	$18x$
$+2$	$2x^2$	0	36
	$2x^3$	$4x^2$	$18x$

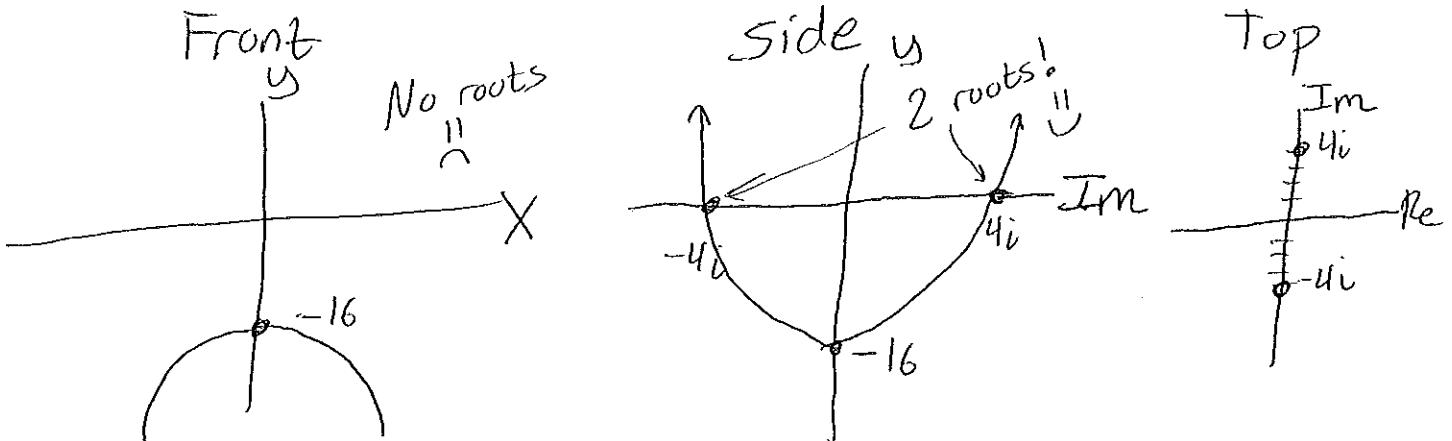
$$2x^3 + 4x^2 + 18x + 36$$

So, $q(x) = (x-1)(x+2)(2x^2+18)$

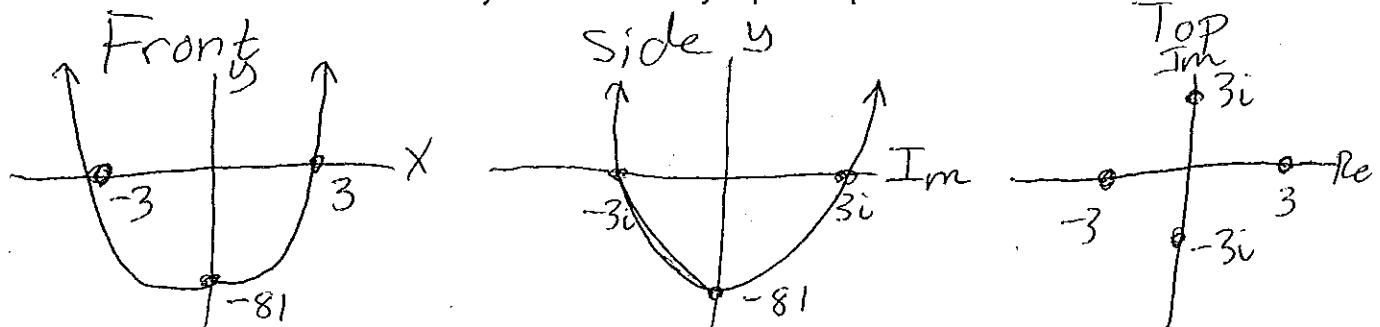
b. Sketch a graph of $q(x)$



8. The function $f(x) = -x^2 - 16$ does not seem to have any roots. Sketch 3 different views of $f(x)$ to show where the roots are. Make sure to label your axes and any important points.



9. The function $p(x) = x^4 - 81$ has two real roots. The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra states that any polynomial of degree n must have exactly n roots. Sketch 3 different views of $p(x)$ to show where all n roots are. Label your axes and any important points.



10. a. Is it possible for a 4th degree polynomial to have 1 real root? Explain.

Yes. x^4 has only $x=0$

b. Is it possible for a 4th degree polynomial to have 2 real roots? Explain.

Yes. $x^3 \cdot (x-1)$ has only $x=0$ & $x=1$.

c. Is it possible for a 4th degree polynomial to have 0 real roots? Explain.

Yes. $x^4 + 99999$ has no real roots.

11. The roots of the polynomial $f(x)$ are in an arithmetic sequence where $a_1 = -2$, $d = 4$, $n = 3$. Use the fact that $f(0) = 12$ to find the exact equation of $f(x)$.

$$f(x) = a(x+2)(x-2)(x-6)$$

$$12 = a(2)(-2)(-6)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = a$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x+2)(x-2)(x-6)$$