

1)  $-x^4 + 2x$   
 degree: 4  
 EB: same  
 ↓   ↓

4)  
 $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x-3)^3 + 1$   
 monomial  $\frac{2}{3}x^3$   
 right 3 units  
 up 1 unit

y-int  $(0, -17)$   
 $\frac{2}{3}(0-3)^3 + 1$   
 $\frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{-9}{1} \right) + 1$   
 $-18 + 1 = -17$

## More 2.3 Polynomials of Higher Degree

Zeros of a Polynomial- *where  $f(x)=0$*   
*aka zeros, roots, solutions, x-intercept*

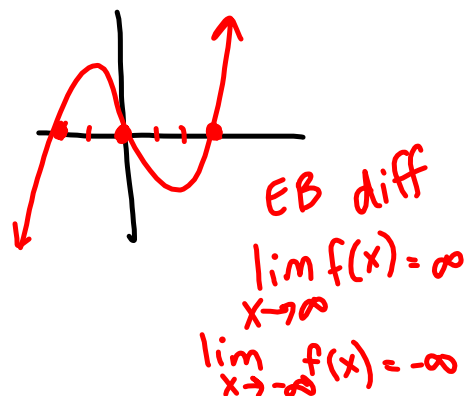
Ex 5 Finding the zeros of a polynomial

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 6x$$

$$0 = x(x^2 - x - 6)$$

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

$$x = 0 \quad x = 3 \quad x = -2$$


**DEFINITION Multiplicity of a Zero of a Polynomial Function**

If  $f$  is a polynomial function and  $(x - c)^m$  is a factor of  $f$  but  $(x - c)^{m+1}$  is not, then  $c$  is a zero of **multiplicity  $m$**  of  $f$ .

**Zeros of Odd and Even Multiplicity**

If a polynomial function  $f$  has a real zero  $c$  of odd multiplicity, then the graph of  $f$  crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $(c, 0)$  and the value of  $f$  changes sign at  $x = c$ .

If a polynomial function  $f$  has a real zero  $c$  of even multiplicity, then the graph of  $f$  does not cross the  $x$ -axis at  $(c, 0)$  and the value of  $f$  does not change sign at  $x = c$ .

*bounces*

## Ex 6 Sketching the Graph of a Factored Polynomial

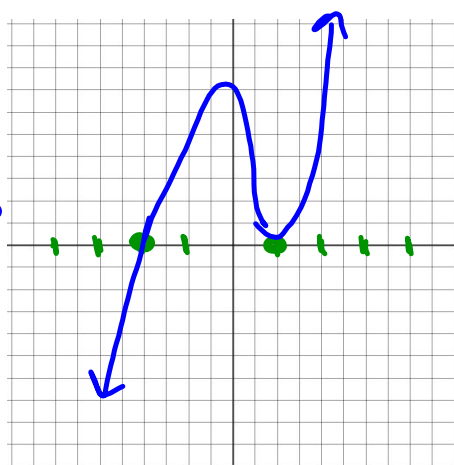
$$f(x) = (x + 2)^3(x - 1)^2$$

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

Sketch a graph

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

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



Degree? 5

Zeros?

$$x = -2$$

$$x = 1$$

Multiplicity?

mult. 3

cross

mult. 2

bounce

y-intercept?

$$(0, 8)$$

Ex 8- Zoom to uncover hidden behavior



Ex 9 Designing a Box

Dixie Packaging Company has contracted to make boxes with a volume of approximately 484 in.<sup>3</sup>. Squares are to be cut from the corners of a 20-in. by 25-in. piece of cardboard, and the flaps folded up to make an open box. (See Figure 2.31.) What size squares should be cut from the cardboard?



Numerically

since  $20-2x$  yields

$x=10$

Domain  $0 \leq x \leq 10$   
to consider

$V(x) = x(20-2x)(25-2x)$   
 $x=0 \quad x=10 \quad x=12.5$

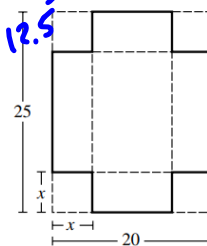


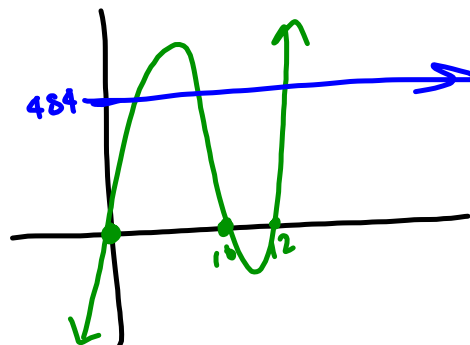
FIGURE 2.31

Using table in calc, where about does 484 show up? between 1 & 2 AND between 6 & 7

Graphically

$Y_1 = x(25-2x)(10-2x)$

$Y_2 = 484$   
horizontal line



Suggested window  
 $[0, 10]$   $[0, 500]$   
scl 100

Find the intersections

2nd Calc: Intersections...

$(1.2, 484)$  and  $(6.8, 484)$