

Pre-Calculus Worksheet

Section 2.2 - Polynomial Functions DAY TWO

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Period: _____

I. Use a graphing utility to graph the function. Then find the requested information.

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

Relative Extrema: 1

Real Zeros (and their multiplicity): $\uparrow \uparrow$
 -1 triple root +
 2 single root

Factored Form of Function:

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

2. $f(x) = -2x^5 + x^4 + 20x^3 + 29x^2 + 12x$

Relative Extrema: 4 $\uparrow \downarrow$

Real Zeros (and their multiplicity):
 -1 double root $-\frac{3}{2}$ single root +
 0 single root
 4 single root +

Factored Form of Function:

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

3. $f(x) = x^5 + 4x^4 - 18x^3 - 108x^2 - 135x$

Relative Extrema: 2 $\downarrow \uparrow$

Real Zeros (and their multiplicity):
 0 single root
 -3 triple root +
 5 single root

Factored Form of Function:

$$f(x) = +x(x+3)^3(x-5)$$

4. $f(x) = -2x^4 + 7x^3 + 5x^2 - 19x - 15$

Relative Extrema: 3 $\downarrow \downarrow$

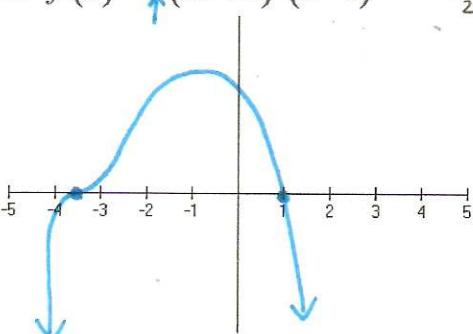
Real Zeros (and their multiplicity):
 -1 double
 3 single
 $\frac{5}{2}$ single

Factored Form of Function:

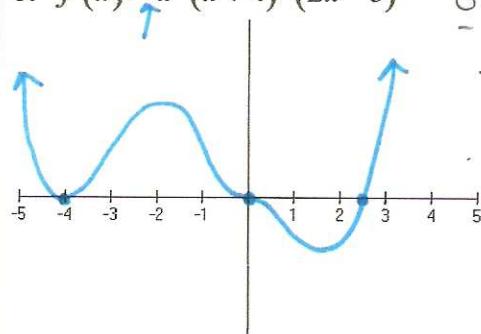
$$f(x) = -(x+1)^2(x-3)(2x-5)$$

II. Sketch a graph of the function WITHOUT using the calculator.

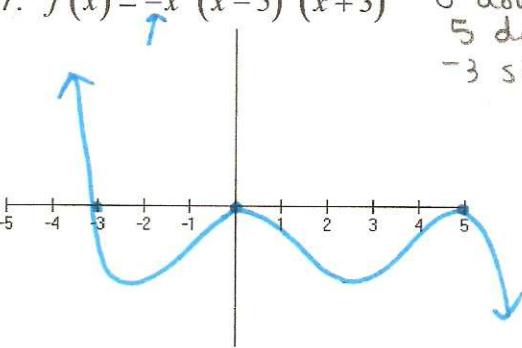
5. $f(x) = -(2x+7)^3(x-1)$ $-\frac{7}{2}$ triple
1 single



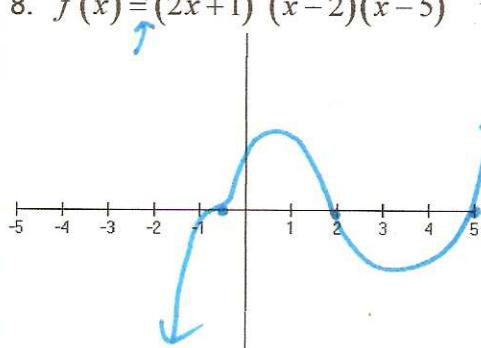
6. $f(x) = x^3(x+4)^2(2x-5)$ 0 triple
-4 double
 $\frac{5}{2}$ single



7. $f(x) = -x^2(x-5)^2(x+3)$ 0 double
5 double
-3 single

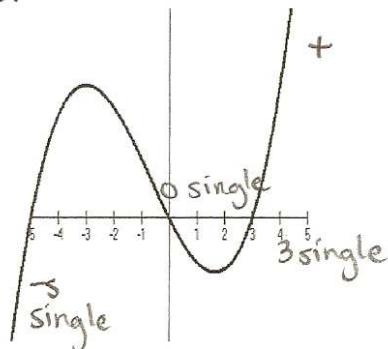


8. $f(x) = (2x+1)^3(x-2)(x-5)$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ triple
2 single
5 single

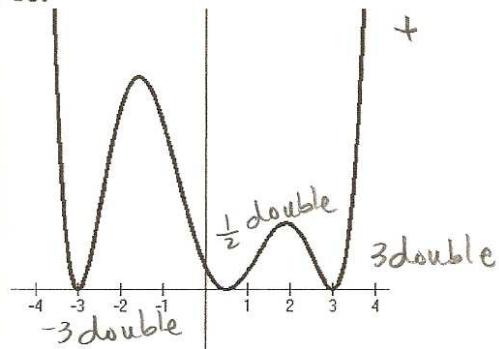


III. Determine a possible equation for the polynomial (in factored form) given the graph.

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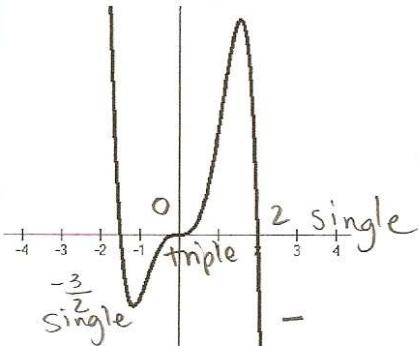
10.



$$f(x) = +x(x-3)(x+5)$$

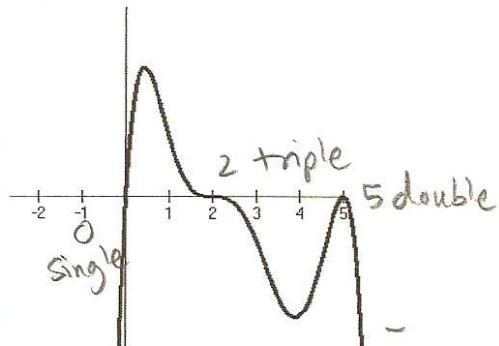
$$f(x) = + (x+3)^2 (2x-1)^2 (x-3)^2$$

11.



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

12.



$$f(x) = -x(x-2)^3(x-5)^2$$

IV. Miscellaneous Problems. My favorite. ☺

13. Find all the zeros for...

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & -3 & 8 \\ \text{single} & \text{triple} & \text{single} \end{array}$$

14. Find all the zeros for...

$$f(x) = x^5 - 37x^3 + 36x \text{ by factoring.}$$

$$0 = x(x^4 - 37x^2 + 36)$$

$$0 = x(x^2 - 36)(x^2 - 1)$$

$$0 = x(x-6)(x+6)(x+1)(x-1)$$

$$x = 0, \pm 1, \pm 6$$

15. Write a possible equation for a polynomial with a degree of 6 and having 5 as a triple root, -2 as a double root, and 3 as a single root (in factored form).

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

16. Write a possible equation for a polynomial with a negative leading coefficient and an even degree (in factored form).

for example...

$$f(x) = -(x+4)^2(x-6)^2$$