

Algebra 2

5.4

Graph polynomial functions and locate their zeros

Find relative maxima and minima of polynomial functions

polynomial function

zero (of a function)

maximum (pl. maxima)

minimum (pl. minima)

extrema

continuous (function)

location principle

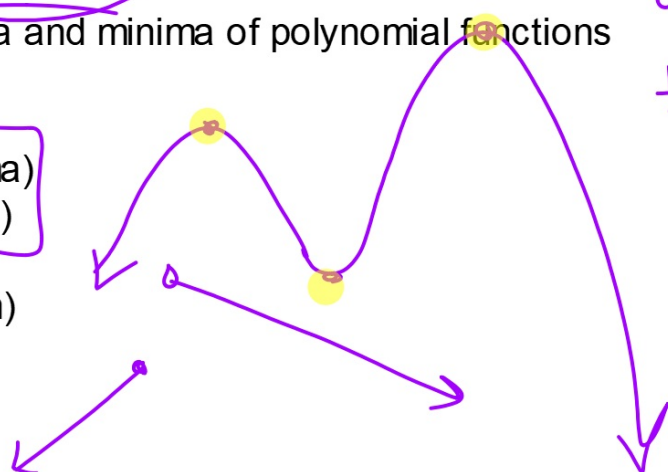
turning points

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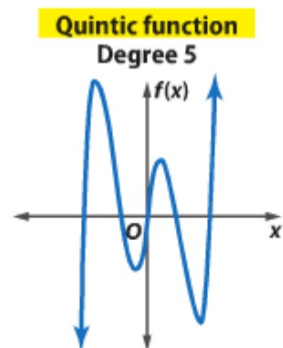
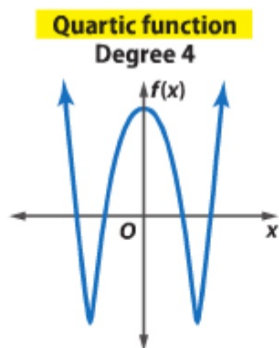
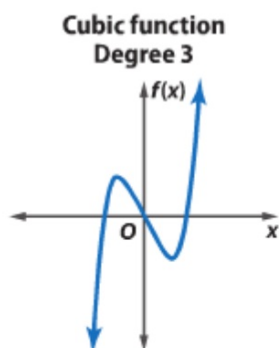
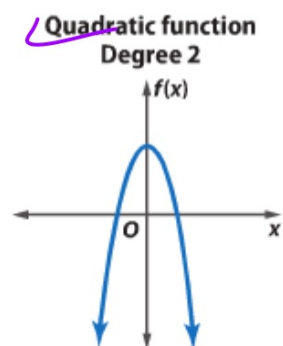
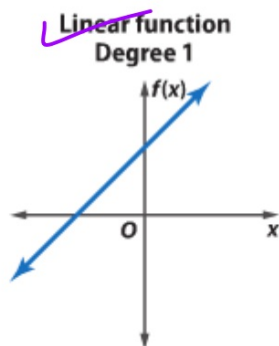
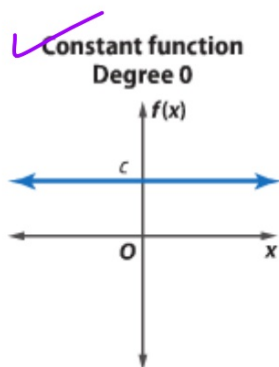
x^3 x^4 x^5

$$d-1 = +p$$

$$+p+1 = d$$



2 Graphs of Polynomial Functions The general shapes of the graphs of several polynomial functions show the *maximum* number of times the graph of each function may intersect the x -axis. This is the same number as the degree of the polynomial.

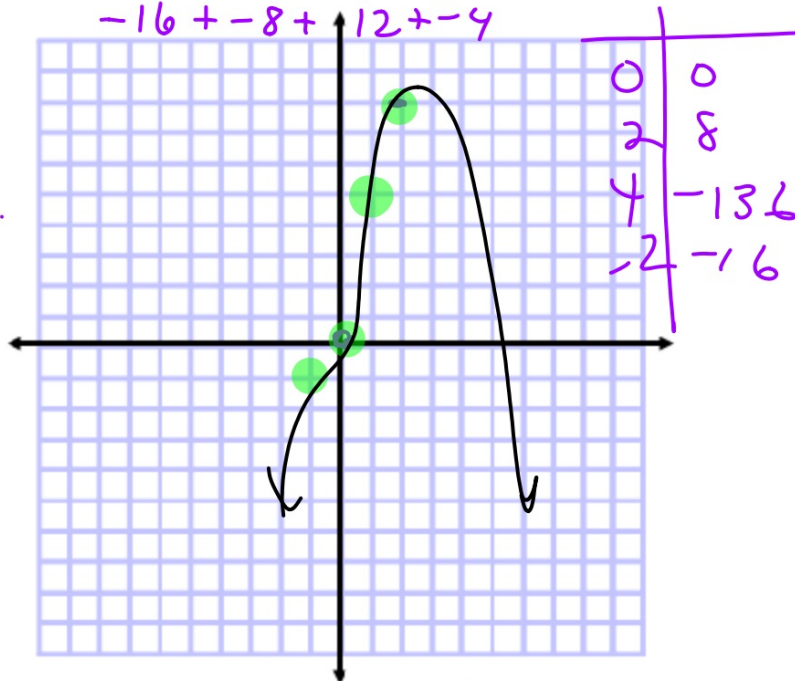


Example 1 Graph of a Polynomial Function

Graph $f(x) = -x^4 + x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x$ by making a table of values.

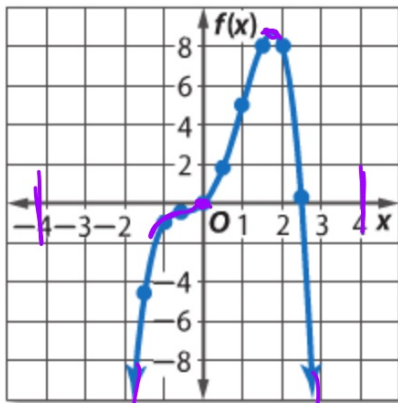
$$-1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3$$

$$-16 \quad -8 \quad 12 \quad -4$$



- parent graph
- turning points
- y-intercept
- end behavior
- table of values

Try $-10 < x < 10$ ish
(next)



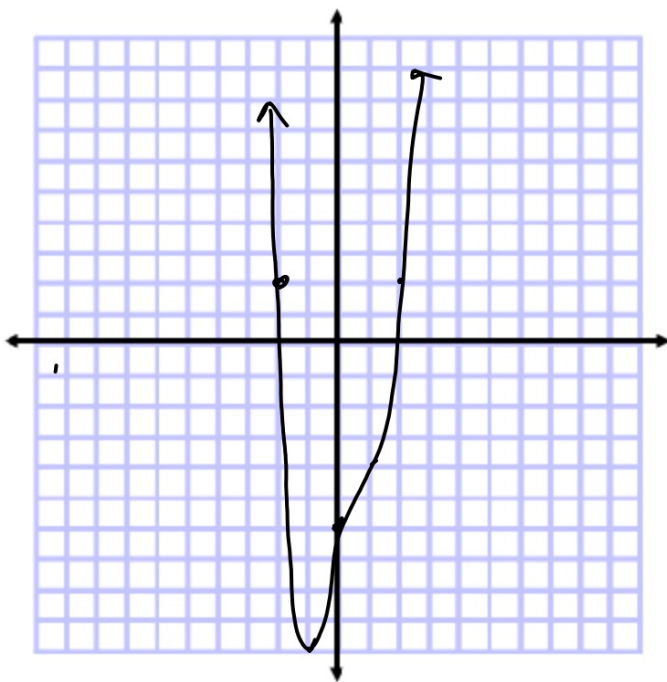
Inflection
pt.

Table
(2nd graph)

Use technology (table) to find table of values (use ordered pairs to graph)

Guided Practice

1. Graph $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 6$ by making a table of values.



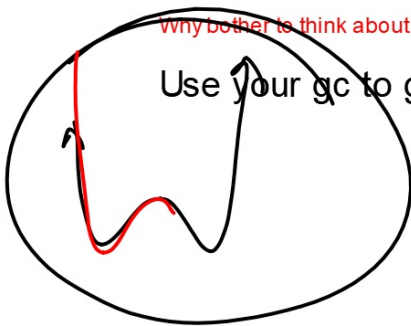
Before using calculator
consider the following:

- parent graph 😊
- # of turning points
- y-intercept
- end behavior
- table of values

see next

Why bother to think about the parent graph first?

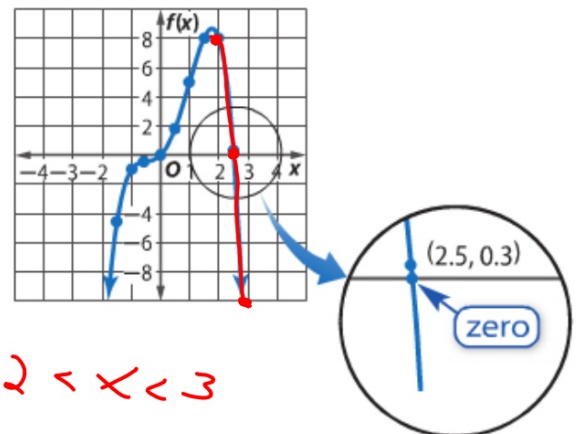
Use your gc to graph $f(x) = 2x^4 - 20x^3 - 25x^2 + 8x + 3$



How do you know that you are seeing everything?

In Example 1, one of the zeros occurred at $x = 0$. Another zero occurred between $x = 2.5$ and $x = 3.0$. Because $f(x)$ is positive for $x = 2.5$ and negative for $x = 3.0$ and all polynomial functions are continuous, we know there is a zero between these two values. (zoom in...)

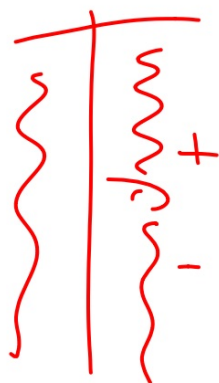
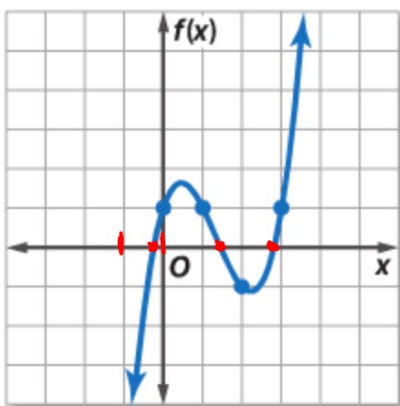
So, if the value of $f(x)$ *changes signs* from one value of x to the next, then there is a zero between those two x -values. This idea is called the **Location Principle**.



$$2 < x < 3$$

$$+ \quad -$$

Where does y-coord change from positive to negative?



$-1 < x < 0$ $1 < x < 2$ $2 < x < 3$

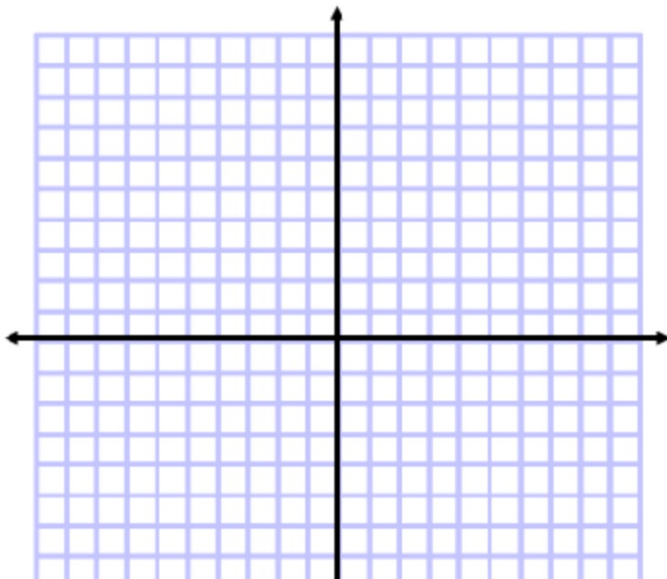
Where do y-coords change from - to +? (table)
Indicates a crossing point.

Example 2 Locate Zeros of a Function



Determine consecutive integer values of x between which each real zero of $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 1$ is located. Then draw the graph.

parent graph
turning points
y-intercept
end behavior
table of values
(next)



Guided Practice

2. Determine consecutive integer values of x between which each real zero of the function $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 1$ is located. Then draw the graph.

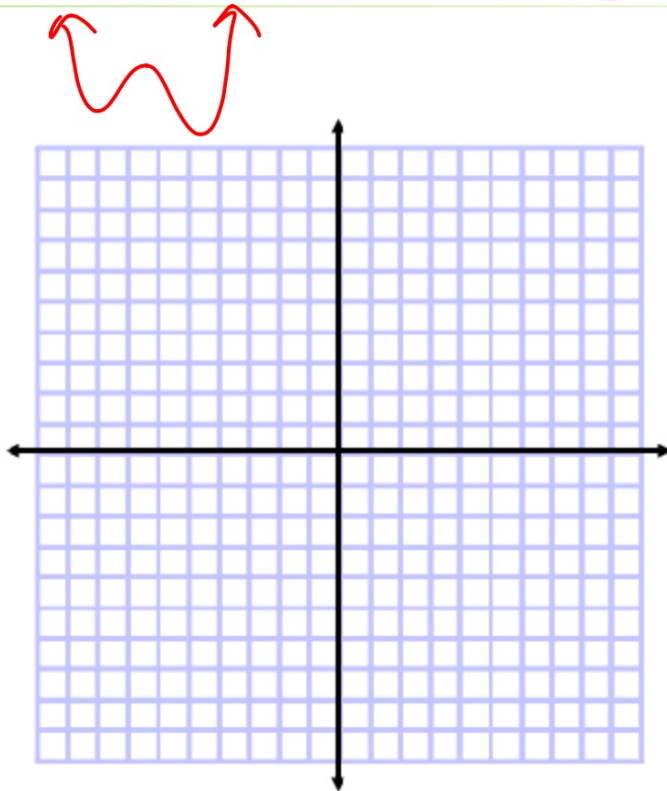


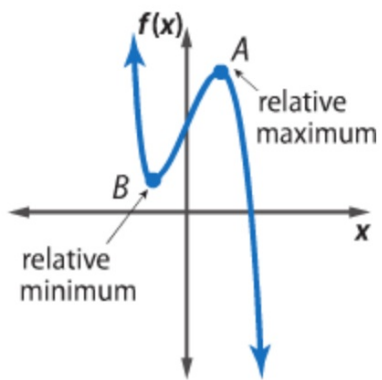
table set

$$0 < x < 1$$

$$3 < x < 4$$

$$5.4 \text{ } 9.334$$

$$15 - 31 \text{ odd}$$



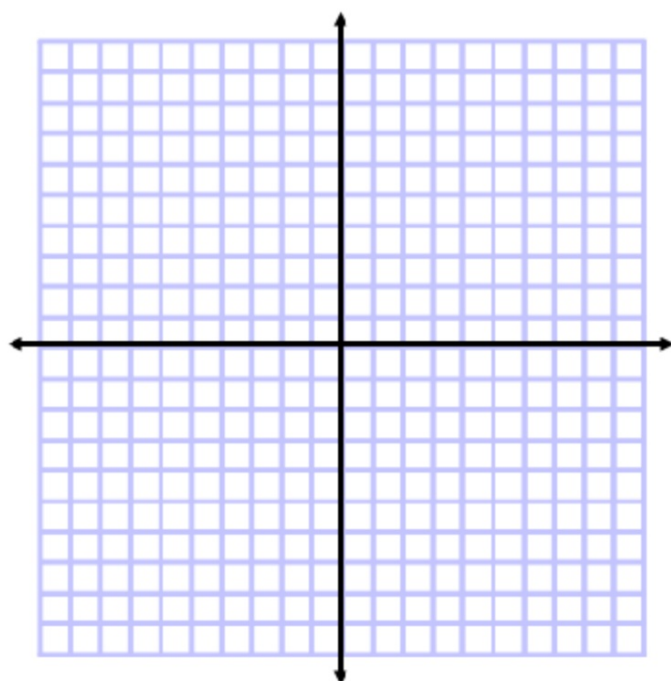
relative vs absolute

Turning points

Example 3 Maximum and Minimum Points



Graph $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x + 3$. Estimate the **x-coordinates** at which the relative maxima and relative minima occur.



Guided Practice

3. Graph $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 2$. Estimate the x -coordinates at which the relative maxima and relative minima occur.

