

Predicting the Graph of a Polynomial

1) DEFINITIONS

Polynomial:

Degree of a Polynomial:

Standard Form: _____

Y-Intercept from Standard Form:

Factored Form: _____

Y-Intercept from Factored Form:

Multiplicity: _____

Even Multiplicity:

Odd Multiplicity:

2) Let's predict the graph of

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

What is its degree? _____

What are the x-intercepts?

Draw vertical lines at the x-intercepts.

Put a light dot on the y-intercept.

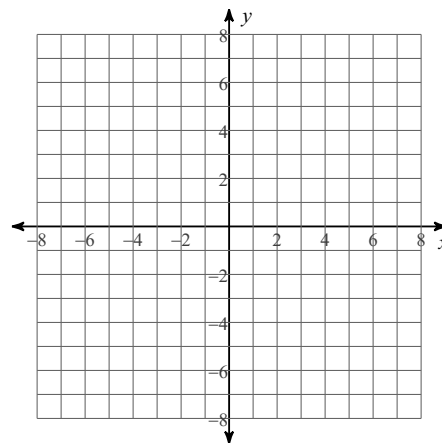
Are there any x-intercepts with a multiplicity of 2 or more? _____

Is this an even or odd multiplicity? _____

Draw a dark dot on the x-intercept with a multiplicity of 2 and write "bounce" next to it.

How should the left and right sides of this graph behave? (up? down?)

Now, let's try to draw this!



3) Let's predict the graph of

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

What is its degree? _____

What are the x-intercepts?

Draw vertical lines at the x-intercepts.

Put a light dot on the y-intercept.

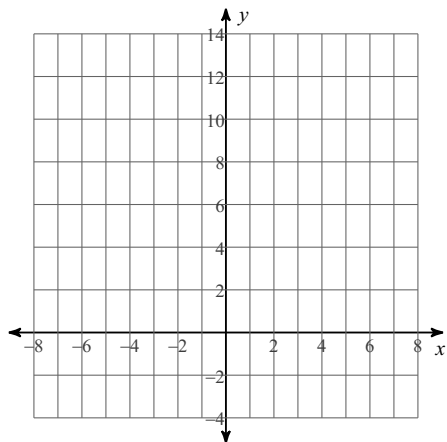
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Is this an even or odd multiplicity? _____

Draw a dark dot on the x-intercept with a multiplicity of 2 and write "bounce" next to it.

How should the left and right sides of this graph behave? (up? down?)

Now, let's try to draw this!



4) Let's predict the graph of

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

What is its degree? _____

What are the x-intercepts?

Draw vertical lines at the x-intercepts.

Put a light dot on the y-intercept.

Are there any x-intercepts with a multiplicity of 2 or more? _____

Is this an even or odd multiplicity? _____

Draw a dark dot on the x-intercept with a multiplicity of 3 and write "bend" next to it.

How should the left and right sides of this graph behave? (up? down?)

Now, let's try to draw this!

