



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**READY**

Topic: Reducing rational numbers and expressions

Reduce the expressions to lowest terms. (Assume no denominator equals 0.)

1.  $\frac{3x}{6x^2} = \frac{1}{2x}$

2.  $\frac{2 \cdot 5 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot y}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y} = \frac{2x^2}{3y}$

3.  $\frac{7ab^2}{7ab^2} = 1$

4.  $\frac{(x+2)(x-9)}{(x+2)(x-9)} = 1$

5.  $\frac{(3x-5)(x+4)}{(x-1)(3x-5)} = \frac{x+4}{x-1}$

6.  $\frac{(2x-11)(3x+17)}{(2x-11)(3x-5)} = \frac{3x+17}{3x-5}$

7.  $\frac{(8x-7)(x+3)}{8x(x+3)(2x-3)} = \frac{8x-7}{8x(2x-3)}$

8.  $\frac{3x(2x+7)(x-1)(6x-5)}{x(2x+7)(x-1)(6x-5)} = 3$

9. Why is it important that the instructions say to assume that no denominator equals 0?

If a value of a variable made the denominator equal 0, then the expression would be undefined (you can't divide by 0)

**SET**

Topic: Reviewing features of polynomials

Some information has been given for each polynomial. Fill in the missing information.

10.

Function:  $f(x) = x^3$

Graph:

Function in factored form:  $f(x) = x \cdot x \cdot x$

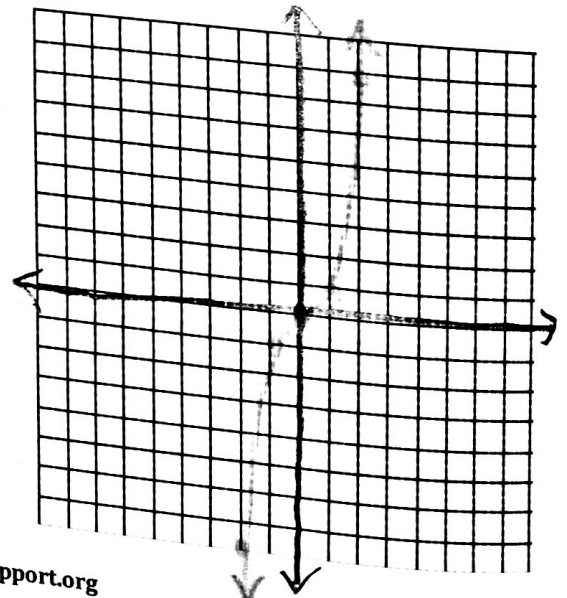
End behavior:

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$  As  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Roots (with multiplicity):  $x=0$  (mult. 3)

Degree: 3

Value of leading co-efficient: 1



11. **Function in standard form:**  $g(x) = -x^3 + 6x^2 - 8x$  **Graph:**

**Function in factored form:**  $g(x) = -x(x-2)(x-4)$

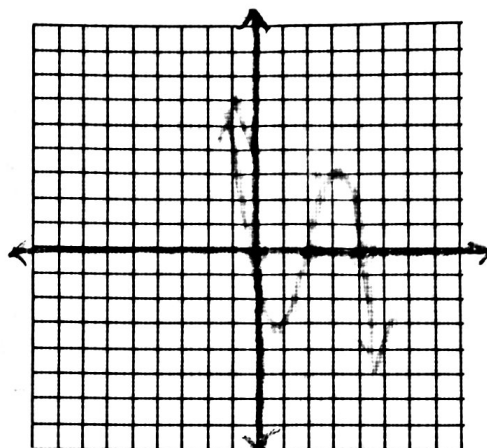
**End behavior:**

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, g(x) \rightarrow \infty$  As  $x \rightarrow \infty, g(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

**Roots (with multiplicity):**  $x = 0, 2, 4$

**Degree:** 3

**Value of leading co-efficient:** -1



12. **Function in standard form:**  $h(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x$  **Graph:**

**Function in factored form:**  $h(x) = x(x-3)(x+1)$

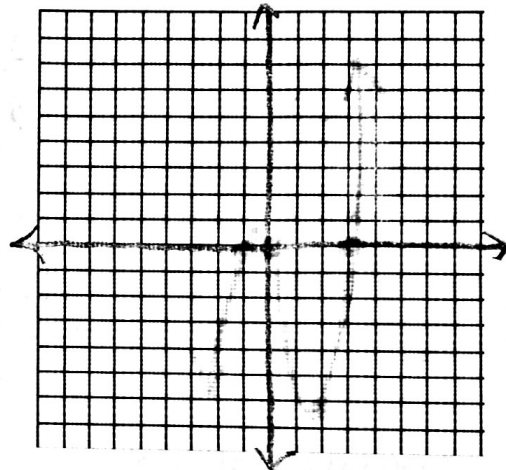
**End behavior:**

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, h(x) \rightarrow -\infty$  As  $x \rightarrow \infty, h(x) \rightarrow \infty$

**Roots (with multiplicity):**  $x = 0, 3, -1$

**Degree:** 3

**Value of  $h(2)$ :**  $2^3 - 2(2)^2 - 3(2) = 8 - 8 - 6 = -6$



13. **Function in standard form:**  $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x$  **Graph:**

**Function in factored form:**  $f(x) = x(x+2)(x-1)(x-2)$

**End behavior:**

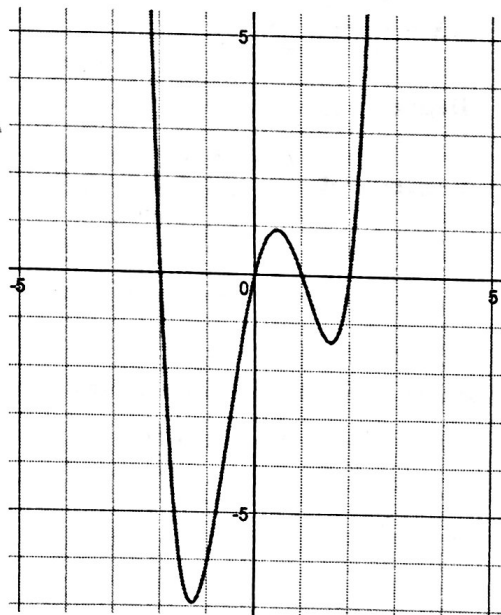
As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  As  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

**Roots (with multiplicity):**  $x = -2, 0, 1, 2$

**Degree:** 4

**y-intercept:**  $(0, 0)$

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



Need help? Visit [www.rsgsupport.org](http://www.rsgsupport.org)

14.

Function in standard form:  $f(x) = -2x^3 + 12x^2 - 18x$  Graph:

Function in factored form:  $f(x) = -2x(x-3)^2$

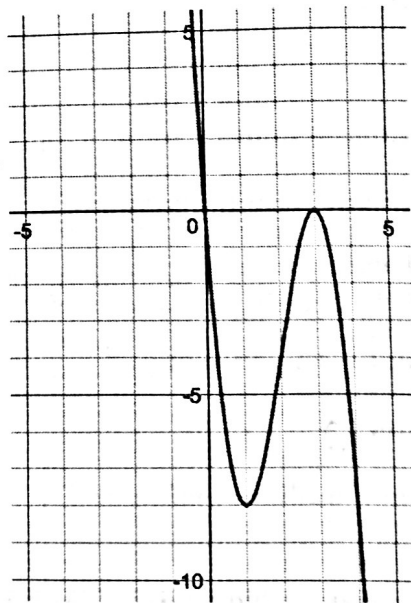
End behavior:

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, p(x) \rightarrow \infty$     As  $x \rightarrow \infty, p(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Roots (with multiplicity):  $0, 3$  (mult. 2)

Degree: 3

Value of leading coefficient:  $-2$   
 $(-8 = -2(1)(-3)^2)$



15.

Function in standard form:  $q(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 2$  Graph:

Function in factored form:  $q(x) = (x+2)(x^2+1)$   
 or  $q(x) = (x+2)(x-i)(x+i)$

End behavior:

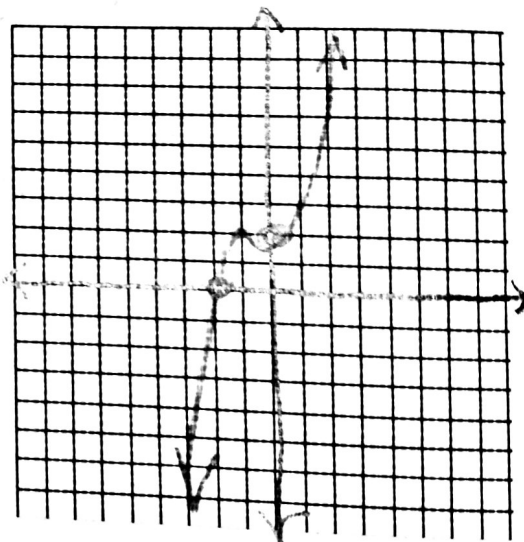
As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, q(x) \rightarrow -\infty$     As  $x \rightarrow \infty, q(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Roots (with multiplicity):

$x = i, -i, -2$

Degree: 3

y-intercept:  $(0, 2)$



Need help? Visit [www.rsgsupport.org](http://www.rsgsupport.org)

Mathematics Vision Project

Licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution CC BY 4.0

[mathematicsvisionproject.org](http://mathematicsvisionproject.org)

**MVP** mathematics  
 vision project

GO

Topic: Working with factors of polynomials

Write the polynomial function in standard form given the leading coefficient and the zeros of the function.

1018. Leading coefficient: 2; roots:  $2, \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}$

$$f(x) = 2(x-2)(x-\sqrt{2})(x+\sqrt{2})$$

$$= (2x-4)(x^2-2)$$

$$= 2x^3 - 4x - 4x + 8$$

1719. Leading coefficient: -1; roots:  $1, 1+\sqrt{3}, 1-\sqrt{3}$

$$f(x) = -1(x-1)(x-1-\sqrt{3})(x-1+\sqrt{3})$$

$$= (-x+1)(x^2-x+\sqrt{3}x-x+\sqrt{3}-x-\sqrt{3}-3)$$

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

1520. Leading coefficient: 2; roots:  $4i, -4i$

$$f(x) = 2(x-4i)(x+4i)$$

$$= 2(x^2-16) = 2x^2-32$$

Fill in the blanks to make a true statement.

\* 1921. If  $f(b) = 0$ , then a factor of  $f(x)$  must be  $x-b$ .

2022. The rate of change in a linear function is always a constant.

2123. The rate of change of a quadratic function is linear.

2224. The rate of change of a cubic function is quadratic.

2325. The rate of change of a polynomial function of degree  $n$  can be described by a function of degree  $n-1$ .

Need help? Visit [www.rsgsupport.org](http://www.rsgsupport.org)