

Math 121 Fall Lowman

## Special Assignment #2

Solutions for problems 6 thru end.

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6.  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{x-3}$

The numerator can only use real #s  
where  $x-1 \geq 0$  Solve for  $x$ .

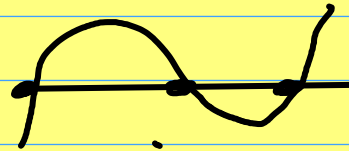
$x \geq 1$  can be used in numerator  
The denominator cannot be zero.

$$x-3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq 3$$

Domain  $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0, x \neq 3\}$   
↑ means and

7.  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ ,  $a \neq 0$

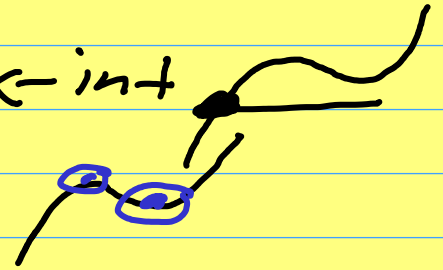
(a) degree is odd



(b)  $\text{deg} = 3 \Rightarrow$  at most 3 x-ints (i.e. real roots)

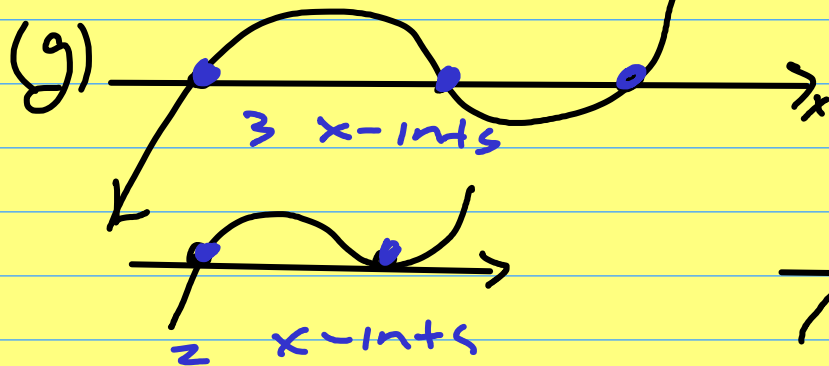
(c) odd deg  $\Rightarrow$  at least one x-int

(d) at most 2 local max/min.

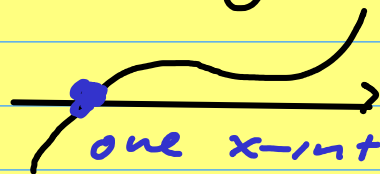
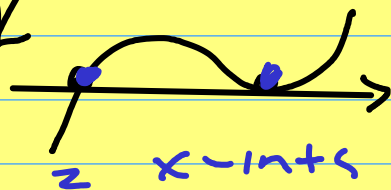


(e) Polynomials are smooth continuous functions  
define for all real numbers.  
 $\Rightarrow$  all polynomials have one y-intercept.

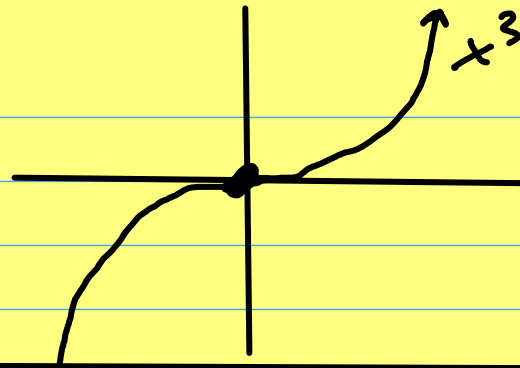
(f) Odd deg  $\Rightarrow$  opposite ends go in opposite directions



General Shape of 3rd  
degree polynomial



Special case  $f(x) = x^3$



(h) degree 4

$$f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$$

(a) deg even

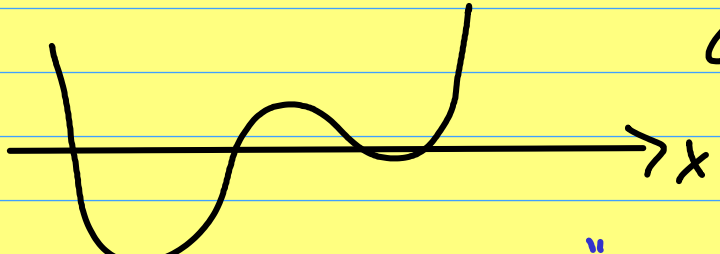
(b) deg = 4  $\Rightarrow$  at most 4 x-ints (ie real roots)  
Note: will always have 4 roots if can be repeated or complex. Complex roots always come in pairs.

(c) deg even  $\Rightarrow$  at most 0 x-ints

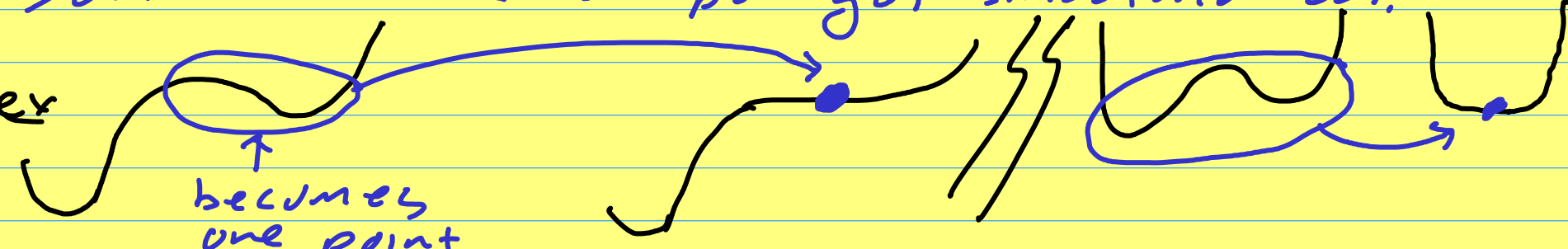
(d) deg = 4  $\Rightarrow$  at most  $(deg-1) = (4-1) = 3$  local max/min points.

(e) All polynomials have one y-int.

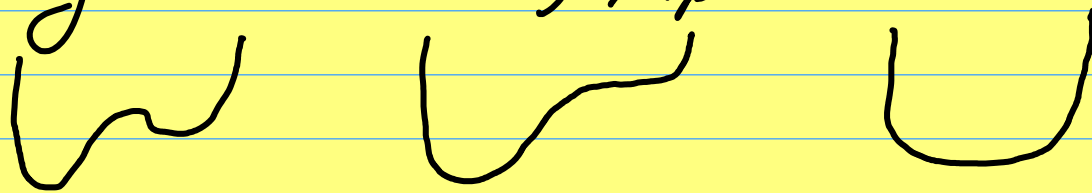
(f) even degree  $\Rightarrow$  Both ends go up or both ends go down.

(g)  General shape of 4th deg polynomial.

Sometimes the "bumps" get smoothed out.

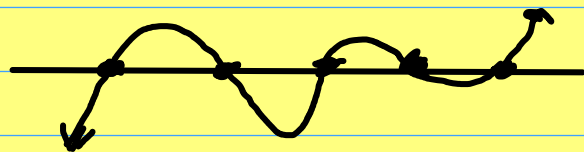
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This gives different variations of the general shape.



7.  $f(x) = ax^5 + bx^4 + cx^3 + dx^2 + ex + g$

(a) deg odd



(b) at most 5 x-ints

(c) at least one x-int

(d) at most  $(5-1) = 4$  local max/min points

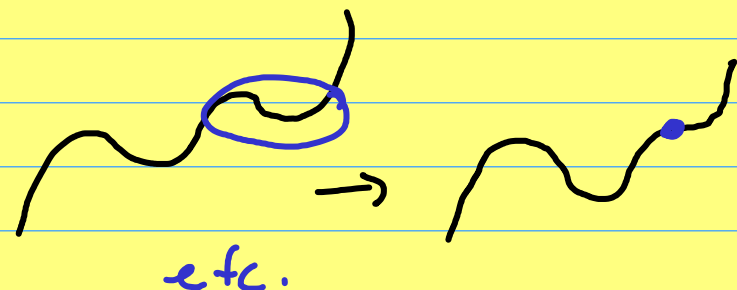
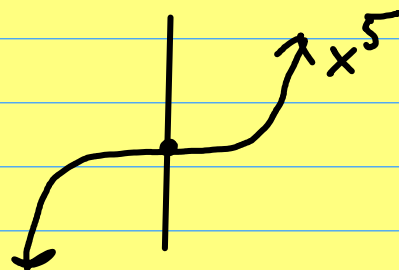
(e) one y-int

(f) odd deg  $\Rightarrow$  opposite directions on ends.

(g)



special cases:



$$8. \quad f(x) = \underbrace{(2x^3 - 9x + 13)}_{g(x)}^5$$

$$\text{let } g(x) = 2x^3 - 9x + 13$$

$$\text{and } h(y) = y^5 \quad (\text{or } h(x) = x^5)$$

$$\text{Then } f(x) = h(g(x)) = (g(x))^5 = (2x^3 - 9x + 13)^5$$

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$$9. \quad y = f(x) = x^2 + x$$

$T_1$ : shift Right by 3  $\Rightarrow x \rightarrow (x-3)$

$$y_1 = (x-3)^2 + (x-3)$$

$T_2$ : stretch vertically by factor 4  $\Rightarrow y_1 \rightarrow \frac{y_2}{4}$

$$\frac{y_2}{4} = (x-3)^2 + (x-3) \rightarrow y_2 = 4[(x-3)^2 + (x-3)]^4$$

$T_3$ : Shift down by 5  $\Rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 - (-5) = y_3 + 5$

$$y_3 + 5 = 4[(x-3)^2 + (x-3)]$$

$$y_3 = 4[(x-3)^2 + (x-3)] - 5 \quad \checkmark$$

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10.

$$x-3 = -\sqrt{5-x}$$

$$(x-3)^2 = (-\sqrt{5-x})^2$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = (\sqrt{5-x})^2$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 5 - x$$

+x      -5      =      -5      +x

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x - 1) = 0$$

0                      0

$$x = 4, x = 1$$

are possible solutions

Squaring both sides  $\Rightarrow$   
need to check answers  
at end.

must check  
these.

Check if  $x=4$  and  $x=1$  are solutions by plugging into the Original Equation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Try } x=4: \quad 4-3 &\stackrel{?}{=} -\sqrt{5-4} \\ 1 &= -\sqrt{1} \\ 1 &= -1 \Rightarrow \text{No Bueno. } \therefore \\ &\quad x=4 \text{ is } \underline{\text{not}} \text{ a solution} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Try } x=1: \quad 1-3 &\stackrel{?}{=} -\sqrt{5-1} \\ -2 &= -\sqrt{4} \\ -2 &= -2 \Rightarrow \text{Muy Bueno } \therefore \\ x=1 &\text{ is the only solution.} \end{aligned}$$

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$$11. \quad 2x^2 + 8x - 16 = 0$$

Solve by Completing the Square.

$$\frac{1}{2} (2x^2 + 8x - 16) = \frac{1}{2} (0)$$

$$\cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x^2 + \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 8x - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 16 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4x - 8 = 0$$
$$+ 8 = + 8$$

$$x^2 + 4x + \quad = 8$$

Need half of this squared here

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4\right)^2 = 2^2 = 4 \implies \text{add 4 to both sides.}$$

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

$$(x + 2)^2 = 12$$

$$\sqrt{(x+2)^2} = \pm \sqrt{12}$$

↑ so don't lose a root.

$$x+2 = \pm \sqrt{12} \quad \text{note } \sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{3} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$x+2 = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$-2 = -2$$

$$x = -2 \pm 2\sqrt{3} \quad \begin{cases} \rightarrow x_1 = -2 + 2\sqrt{3} \\ \rightarrow x_2 = -2 - 2\sqrt{3} \end{cases}$$

Now find  $x_v$  the x-coord of the vertex.

$$x_v = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(-2 + \cancel{2\sqrt{3}}) + (-2 - \cancel{2\sqrt{3}})}{2} \quad \text{cancel}$$

$$= \frac{(-2)}{2} + \frac{(-2)}{2} = \cancel{2} \frac{(-2)}{\cancel{2}} = -2$$

$$\boxed{x_v = -2}$$

11.  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  Solve Quadratic Equation by Completing Square

$$\frac{1}{a}(ax^2 + bx + c) = \frac{1}{a}(0)$$

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{a}} \cdot ax^2 + \frac{1}{a} \cdot bx + \frac{1}{a} \cdot c = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$-\frac{c}{a} = -\frac{c}{a}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x = -\frac{c}{a}$$

Need half of this squared here

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \longrightarrow \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \text{add } \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \text{ to both sides}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a} \left(\frac{4c}{4a}\right) \text{ but over common denominator}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{4ac}{4a^2} = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}}$$

$$x + \frac{b}{2a} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{\sqrt{4a^2}}$$

$$x + \frac{b}{2a} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$-\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{b}{2a}$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

or

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-b}{2a} + \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-b}{2a} - \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

x coordinate of vertex is

$$x_v = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{-b}{2a} + \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}\right) + \left(\frac{-b}{2a} - \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}\right)}{2}$$

*cancel*

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) + \left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)}{2} = \frac{2\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)}{2}$$

$$x_v = \frac{-b}{2a}$$