

Unit 4 Solving Polynomials: Pre-Unit  
Guided Notes

KEY

---

Name

---

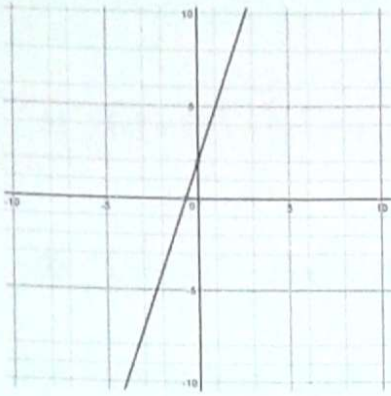
Period

**\*\*If found, please return to Mrs. Brandley's room, M-8.\*\***

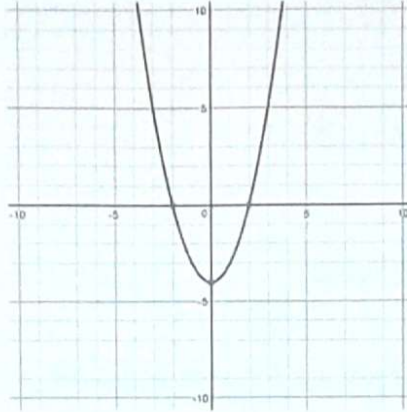
## Concept 1: Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Fundamental Theorem of Algebra: Any polynomial of degree  $n$  has  $n$  roots.....but we may need to use imaginary. 😊

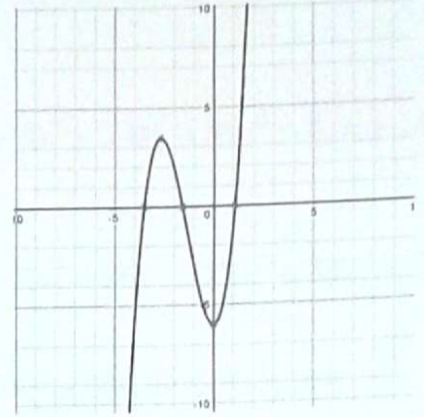
1.  $f(x) = 3x + 2$  1



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

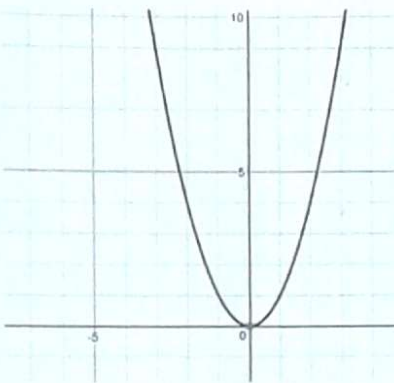


3.  $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 6$  3

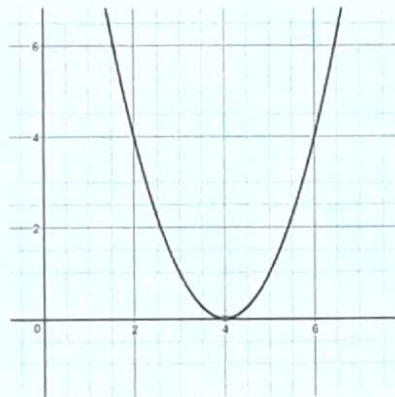


### Repeated Roots Exception

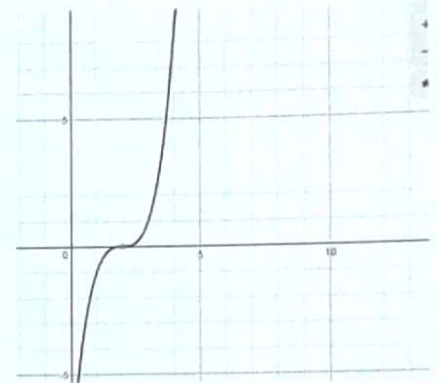
4.  $f(x) = x^2$  2 (rep)



5.  $f(x) = (x - 4)^2$  2 (rep)

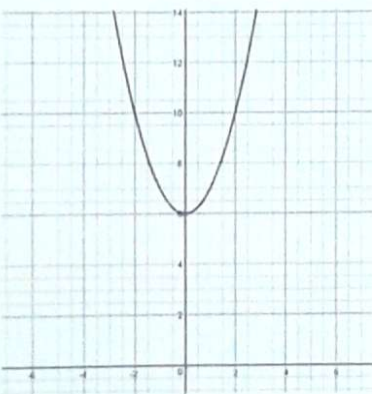


6.  $f(x) = (x - 2)^3$  3 (rep)

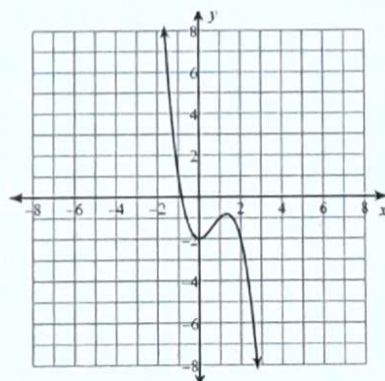


### Imaginary Roots Exception

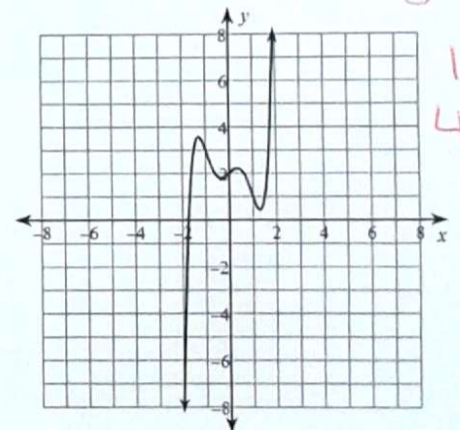
7.  $f(x) = x^2 + 6$  2 (I)



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



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



How many solutions do the following polynomials have?

1)  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x^4 + 1$      4

2)  $f(x) = 2x^6 + 3x^4 - 32x^2 - 48$      6

3)  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 3x + 4$      2

4)  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 13x^5 - 10$      5

5)  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 1$      3

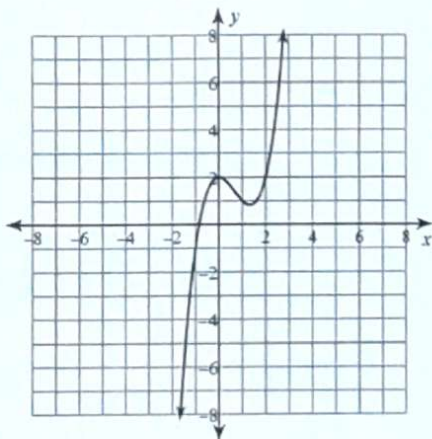
6)  $f(x) = 2x^5 + 6x^4 + 27x^7 + 81x^2 + 81x + 243$      7

7)  $f(x) = 2x^4 - 11x^2 + 14$      4

8)  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 6x^4 + 26x^6 - 52x^2 + 48x^5 - 96$      6

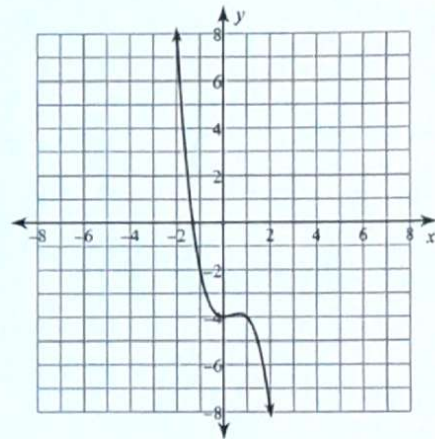
How many solutions do the following functions have? How many are complex and how many are real?

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



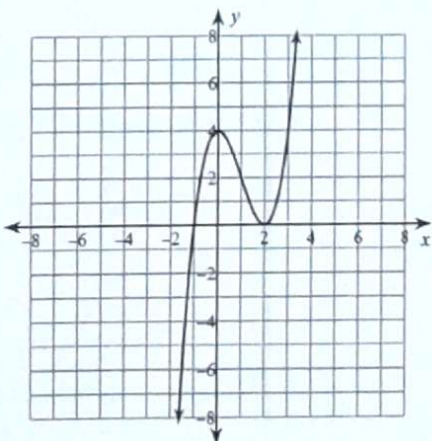
T: 3  
R: 1  
I: 2

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



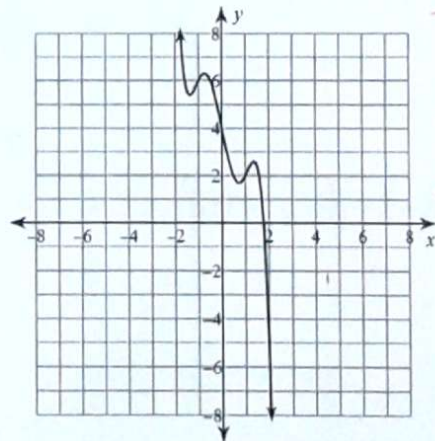
T: 3  
R: 1  
I: 2

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



T: 3  
R: 3  
I: 0

12)  $f(x) = -x^5 + 4x^3 - 5x + 4$



T: 5  
R: 1  
I: 4

## Concept 2 Complex Operations

REMINDER:

$$\sqrt{-1} = i$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

Adding, Subtracting, and Multiplying Polynomials Review:

$$(3x^2 - 3x + 2) + (2x^2 + 5x - 7)$$

$$5x^2 + 2x - 5$$

$$(3x^2 - 3x + 2) - (2x^2 + 5x - 7)$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 9$$

$$(x - 5)(3x^2 + 4)$$

$$3x^3 + 4x - 15x^2 - 20$$

$$3x^3 - 15x^2 + 4x - 20$$

Order of Operations Review:

P Parentheses or other grouping symbols

E Exponents

MD Multiplication & Division from left to right

AS Addition & Subtraction from left to right

Adding Complex Numbers:

$$1) (7 + 5i) + (-2 + 8i)$$

$$5 + 13i$$

$$2) (3 + i) + (-7 + 2i)$$

$$-4 + 3i$$

Subtracting Complex Numbers:

$$1) (1 - 5i) - (4 - 7i)$$

$$-3 + 2i$$

$$2) (8i) - (3i) - (-3 - 2i)$$

$$5i - (-3 - 2i)$$

$$3 + 7i$$

### Concept 3: Solving Radical Equations

#### Factoring Review:

1.  $x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$

AC: 3  
B: 4  
3 & 1

$(x+1)(x+3)$

2.  $x^2 - 13x + 42 = 0$

AC: 42  
B: -13  
-6 & -7

$(x-6)(x-7)$

3.  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$

AC: 6  
B: -5  
-2 & -3

$(x-2)(x-3)$

#### Solving Radical Equations:

1.  $2 = \sqrt{4a}^2$

$\frac{4}{4} = \frac{4a}{4}$   
 $1 = a$   
 $a = 1$

2.  $\sqrt{1-16x} = 7^2$

$1-16x = 49$   
 $-16x = 48$   
 $\frac{-16x}{-16} = \frac{48}{-16}$   
 $x = -4$

3.  $\sqrt{64-n} = \sqrt{\frac{n}{7}}^2$

$7(64-n) = \frac{n}{7}$   
 $448 - 7n = n$   
 $448 = 8n$   
 $n = 56$

4.  $\sqrt{-2-x} = \sqrt{-7-2x}^2$

$-2-x = -7-2x$   
 $5-x = -2x$   
 $5 = -x$   
 $x = -5$

5.  $(p-2) = \sqrt{4p-11}^2$

$(p-2)(p-2) = 4p-11$   
 $p^2-2p-2p+4 = 4p-11$   
 $p^2-4p+4 = 4p-11$   
 $p^2-4p+15 = 4p$   
 $p^2-8p+15 = 0$  AC: 15  
B: -8  
 $(p-5)(p-3)$  -5 & -3

$p = 5, 3$

6.  $6+3w = \sqrt{2w+12} + 2w$

$(6+w)^2 = 2w+12$   
 $(w+6)(w+6) = 2w+12$   
 $w^2+12w+36 = 2w+12$   
 $w^2+10w+24 = 0$   
 $(w+2)(w+8)$  AC 24  
B 10  
2 & 8

$w = -2, -8$