

SM3 2.4: Graphing Polynomials with Technology

Problems: Find all the real roots of the given polynomials using a graphing utility, round to the nearest thousandth as necessary.

$$1) y = x^3 + 4x^2 - 37x - 40$$

$$x = \{-8, -1, 5\}$$

$$2) f(x) = -x^3 + 27x^2 - 239x + 693$$

$$x = \{7, 9, 11\}$$

$$3) p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 28x - 32$$

$$x = \{-2, 8\}$$

$$4) y = 24x^3 + 4x^2 - 116x - 56$$

$$x = \{-2, -5, 2.333\}$$

$$5) s(x) = -4x^3 + 5x^2 + 8x - 10$$

$$x = \{1.25, -1.414, 1.414\}$$

$$6) m(x) = -4x^3 + 44x^2 + 3x - 33$$

$$x = \{11, -.866, .866\}$$

$$7) g(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 197x + 1230$$

$$x = \{-14.848, 6.981, 11.866\}$$

$$8) y = x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x - 20$$

$$x = \{5\}$$

$$9) f(x) = -x^3 + 52x^2 - 105x + 250$$

$$x = \{50\}$$

$$10) y = x^4 - 6x^3 - 327x^2 - 1424x - 1104$$

$$x = \{-12, -4, -1, 23\}$$

$$11) h(x) = x^4 + 6x^3 + 29x^2 + 24x + 100$$

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$$12) y = -x^4 - 18x^3 + 174x^2 - 18x + 175$$

$$x = \{-25, 7\}$$

$$13) q(x) = x^4 + 14x^3 - 62x^2 - 182x + 85$$

$$x = \{-17, 5, -2.414, .414\}$$

$$14) p(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - 2x + 2$$

$$x = \{.660, 1.569\}$$

For what interval(s) of the domain is the graph a) positive and b) negative?

$$15) y = x^3 - 4x^2 - 11x + 30$$

$$a) (-3, 2) \cup (5, \infty)$$

$$b) (-\infty, -3) \cup (2, 5)$$

$$16) f(x) = x^3 - 18x^2 + 96x - 160$$

$$a) (10, \infty)$$

$$b) (-\infty, 4) \cup (4, 10)$$

$$17) g(x) = x^3 - 15x + 4$$

$$a) (-4, .268) \cup (3.732, \infty)$$

$$b) (-\infty, -4) \cup (.268, 3.732)$$

$$18) p(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 - 6x - 136$$

$$a) (4, \infty)$$

$$b) (-\infty, 4)$$

$$19) y = x^4 + 4x^3 - 226x^2 - 460x + 6825$$

$$a) (-\infty, -15) \cup (-7, 5) \cup (13, \infty)$$

$$b) (-15, -7) \cup (5, 13)$$

$$20) q(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 14x^2 - 8x + 40$$

$$a) (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$b) \emptyset$$

For each polynomial, find all relative extrema.

21) $h(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$
Max (0,0), Min (2, -4)

22) $y = -x^3 + x^2 - 3$
Max (.667, -2.852), Min (0, -3)

23) $f(x) = 3x^3 - 42x^2 + 18x - 294$
Max (.219, -292.041), Min (9.113, -1347.515)

24) $r(x) = -x^4 + 3x^2 - 3x$
Max (-1.424, 6.243)

25) $q(x) = 7x^3 - 21x^2 - 14$
Max (0, -14), Min (2, -42)

26) $g(x) = x^4 - x^2 - x + 4$
Min (.885, 2.945)

27) $f(x) = -x^4 + 3x^2 + x - 4$
Max (1.301, -4.86), (-1.130, -2.930)
Min (-.170, -4.084)

28) $s(x) = x^4 - x^2 - x + 3$
Min (.885, 1.945)

For what interval(s) of the domain is the graph a) increasing and b) decreasing?

29) $y = 2x^4 + 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 4$
a) $(-1.656, 0) \cup (.906, \infty)$
b) $(-\infty, -1.656) \cup (0, .906)$

30) $p(x) = x^3 - 12x^2 + 45x - 48$
a) $(-\infty, 3) \cup (5, \infty)$
b) (3, 5)

31) $y = 5x^3 - 15x^2 + 20$
a) $(-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$
b) (0, 2)

32) $t(x) = -8x^4 + 8x^2 + 24$
a) $(-\infty, -.707) \cup (0, .707)$
b) $(-.707, 0) \cup (.707, \infty)$

33) Mr. Wytiaz wants to build a sound proof box that he can climb into when he has a headache. But he wants the sum of the length, width, and height to equal 15 ft and the length must be twice the width. Wytiaz gets a little claustrophobic sometimes, so he also wants to maximize the interior volume. Find the dimensions of the box that result in the maximum volume.

$$l + w + h = 15 \text{ and } l = 2w$$

So, $2w + w + h = 15$, then we solve for h : $h = 15 - 3w$

$V = l \cdot w \cdot h$, substitute in the values for l and h

$V = (2w)(w)(15 - 3w)$, then plug this in your calculator to $y = (2x)(x)(15 - 3x)$ and find the max

$x = 3.333$, so the width is $w = 3.333$ ft, so $l = 2w = 6.666$ ft, and $h = 5.001$ ft