

Graph the function in a viewing window that shows all of its x-intercepts and approximate all of its zeros.

A) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 18x + 40$

B) $f(x) = -x^4 + 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x$

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In Varsity Learning they set the equation = 0

Zeros: $x = 2 \quad x = -4 \quad x = 5$

factors: $(x-2)(x+4)(x-5)$

Cubic fact: $(x^2 + 4x - 2x - 8)(x-5)$

$(x^2 + 2x - 8)(x-5)$

$x^3 + 2x^2 - 8x - 5x^2 - 10x + 40$

Zoom to uncover Hidden Behavior

~~A) $f(x) = x^3 + .1x^2 - 6.5x^2 + 7.9x - 2.4$~~

$y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 18x + 40$

VL $\rightarrow 0 = x^3 - 3x^2 - 18x + 40$

Using only algebra, find a cubic function with the given zeros.

A) 2, -4, 5

B) $\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}, 3$

$x = \sqrt{2} \quad x = -\sqrt{2} \quad x = 3$

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

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

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

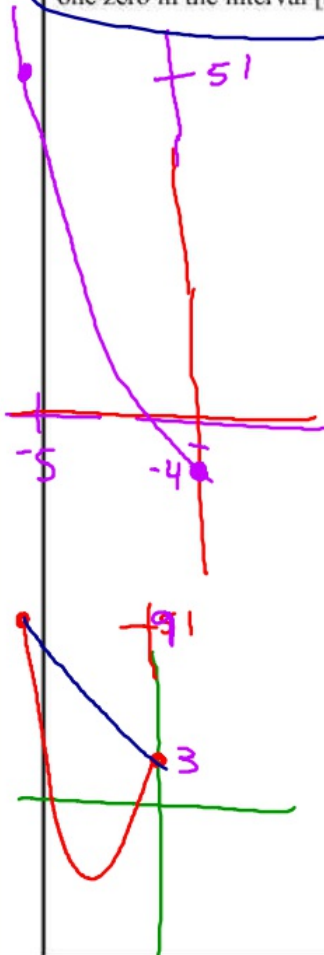
$x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x + 6 = y$

Using the IVT to determine if a function has a zero on a given interval

If $f(a) < 0$ and $f(b) > 0$ we can conclude there is at least one zero in the interval $[a, b]$

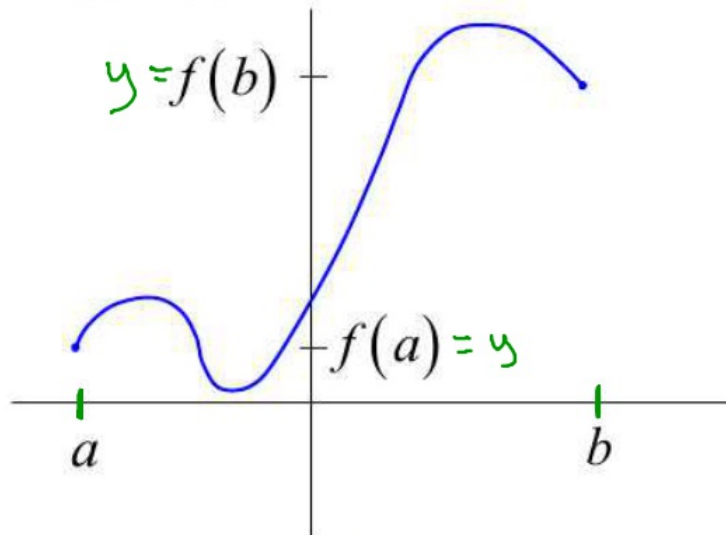
Or

If $f(a) > 0$ and $f(b) < 0$ we can conclude there is at least one zero in the interval $[a, b]$



Intermediate Value Theorem:

If a function is continuous between a and b , then ~~X~~ ^{the function} takes on every value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$



Because the function is continuous, it must take on every y value between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$

1. Determine if $f(x) = 3x^2 + 4x - 4$ crosses the x-axis between $x = -5$ and $x = 0$.

$f(-5) = 3(-5)^2 + 4(-5) - 4 = 75 - 20 - 4 = 51$ $(-5, 51)$
 $f(0) = -4$ $(0, -4)$
 Since $f(-5) > 0$ and $f(0) < 0$ we can conclude that there is at least one zero from $[-5, 0]$

2. Determine if $f(x) = 3x^2 + 4x - 4$ crosses the x-axis between $x = 1$ and $x = 5$.

$f(1) = 3$
 $f(5) = 3(5)^2 + 4(5) - 4 = 91$
 Cannot conclude ~~No~~, because $f(1) > 0$ and $f(5) > 0$ thus

the y -values are only guaranteed to be between 3 and 91.