

6.1A - Sketching Graphs of Polynomials Using X-Intercepts

Sketch each polynomial using the x-intercepts and your graphing calculator. Label each x-intercept on the graph as an ordered pair (x, 0) and list it in the box with its multiplicity.

1. $y = -2(x-2)(x+7)^2$
 $y = -2(x-2)(x+7)(x+7)$
 $x = 2 \quad x = -7 \quad x = -7$

$d = \text{odd}$
 $LC = -$

x-intercepts and their multiplicity:
 (2, 0) - 1
 (-7, 0) - 2

2. $y = x(x+1)(x-3)(x-1)$
 $x = 0 \quad x = -1 \quad x = 3 \quad x = 1$

$d = \text{even}$
 $LC = +$

x-intercepts and their multiplicity:
 (0, 0) - 1
 (-1, 0) - 1
 (1, 0) - 1
 (3, 0) - 1

3. $f(x) = (x+1)(x+2)(x-1)$
 $x = -1 \quad x = -2 \quad x = 1$

$d = \text{odd}$
 $LC = +$

x-intercepts and their multiplicity:
 (-1, 0) - 1
 (-2, 0) - 1
 (1, 0) - 1

4. $g(x) = -x(x+2)^3(x-1)$
 $g(x) = -x(x+2)(x+2)(x+2)(x-1)$
 $x = 0 \quad x = -2 \quad x = -2 \quad x = -2 \quad x = 1$

$d = \text{odd}$
 $LC = -$

x-intercepts and their multiplicity:
 (0, 0) - 1
 (-2, 0) - 3
~~(1, 0) - 1~~
 (1, 0) - 1

5. $f(x) = -2(x+1)^2(x-2)^2$
 $f(x) = -2(x+1)(x+1)(x-2)(x-2)$
 $x = -1 \quad x = -1 \quad x = 2 \quad x = 2$

$d = \text{even}$
 $LC = -$

x-intercepts and their multiplicity:
 (-1, 0) - 2
 (2, 0) - 2

6. $g(x) = (x+2)^2(x-1)$
 $g(x) = (x+2)(x+2)(x-1)$
 $x = -2 \quad x = -2 \quad x = 1$

x-intercepts and their multiplicity:
 (-2, 0) - 2
 (1, 0) - 1