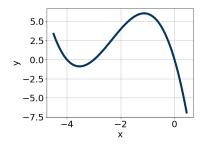
This key should allow you to understand why you choose the option you did (beyond just getting a question right or wrong). More instructions on how to use this key can be found here.

If you have a suggestion to make the keys better, please fill out the short survey here.

Note: This key is auto-generated and may contain issues and/or errors. The keys are reviewed after each exam to ensure grading is done accurately. If there are issues (like duplicate options), they are noted in the offline gradebook. The keys are a work-in-progress to give students as many resources to improve as possible.

26. Which of the following equations *could* be of the graph presented below?



The solution is $-12x^{7}(x+4)^{11}(x+3)^{5}$

A.
$$3x^{11}(x+4)^9(x+3)^7$$

This corresponds to the leading coefficient being the opposite value than it should be.

B.
$$-16x^5(x+4)^6(x+3)^9$$

The factor -4 should have been an odd power.

C.
$$13x^7(x+4)^8(x+3)^{11}$$

The factor (x + 4) should have an odd power and the leading coefficient should be the opposite sign.

D.
$$-12x^7(x+4)^{11}(x+3)^5$$

* This is the correct option.

E.
$$-8x^7(x+4)^4(x+3)^{10}$$

The factors -4 and -3 have have been odd power.

General Comments: Draw the x-axis to determine which zeros are touching (and so have even multiplicity) or cross (and have odd multiplicity).

27. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$2 + 5i$$
 and -1

The solution is $x^3 - 3x^2 + 25x + 29$

A.
$$b \in [0.34, 1.62], c \in [-2.4, 2], \text{ and } d \in [-2.7, -1.7]$$

 $x^3 + x^2 - x - 2$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - 2)(x + 1)$.

B.
$$b \in [0.34, 1.62], c \in [-4.5, -2.8], \text{ and } d \in [-6.2, -2.6]$$

 $x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 5, \text{ which corresponds to multiplying out } (x - 5)(x + 1).$

- C. $b \in [2.13, 4.2], c \in [22.8, 25.3]$, and $d \in [-31.7, -26.8]$ $x^3 + 3x^2 + 25x - 29$, which corresponds to multiplying out (x - (2 + 5i))(x - (2 - 5i))(x - 1).
- D. $b \in [-4, -2.79], c \in [22.8, 25.3], \text{ and } d \in [25.8, 29.8]$ * $x^3 - 3x^2 + 25x + 29$, which is the correct option.
- E. None of the above.

This corresponds to making an unanticipated error or not understanding how to use nonreal complex numbers to create the lowest-degree polynomial. If you chose this and are not sure what you did wrong, please contact the coordinator for help.

General Comments: Remember that the conjugate of a + bi is a - bi. Since these zeros always come in pairs, we need to multiply out (x - (2 + 5i))(x - (2 - 5i))(x - (-1)).

28. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$\frac{-1}{3}, \frac{6}{5}$$
, and $\frac{-4}{5}$

The solution is $75x^3 - 5x^2 - 82x - 24$

A. $a \in [73, 89], b \in [-9, -3], c \in [-92, -72], \text{ and } d \in [-25, -23]$ * $75x^3 - 5x^2 - 82x - 24$, which is the correct option.

B. $a \in [73, 89], b \in [-1, 6], c \in [-92, -72], \text{ and } d \in [23, 30]$ $75x^3 + 5x^2 - 82x + 24$, which corresponds to multiplying out (3x - 1)(5x + 6)(5x - 4).

C. $a \in [73, 89], b \in [-9, -3], c \in [-92, -72],$ and $d \in [23, 30]$ $75x^3 - 5x^2 - 82x + 24$, which corresponds to multiplying everything correctly except the constant term.

D. $a \in [73, 89], b \in [-58, -52], c \in [-64, -57], \text{ and } d \in [23, 30]$ $75x^3 - 55x^2 - 62x + 24$, which corresponds to multiplying out (3x + 3)(5x - 5)(5x - 5).

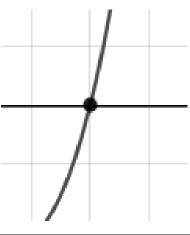
E. $a \in [73, 89], b \in [124, 136], c \in [16, 26], \text{ and } d \in [-25, -23]$ $75x^3 + 125x^2 + 22x - 24$, which corresponds to multiplying out (3x + 3)(5x + 5)(5x - 5).

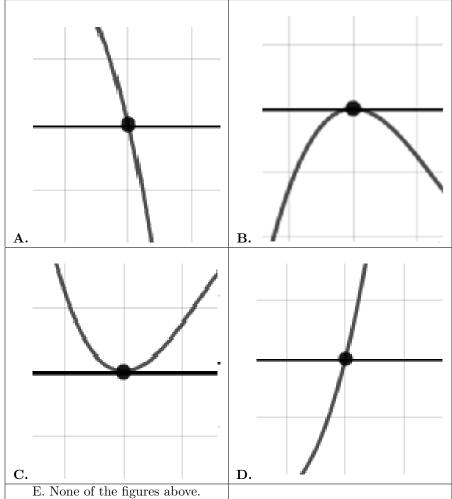
General Comments: To construct the lowest-degree polynomial, you want to multiply out (3x + 1)(5x - 6)(5x + 4)

29. Describe the zero behavior of the zero x=-5 of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = 4(x+8)^4(x-8)^2(x+5)^7(x-5)^4$$

The solution is



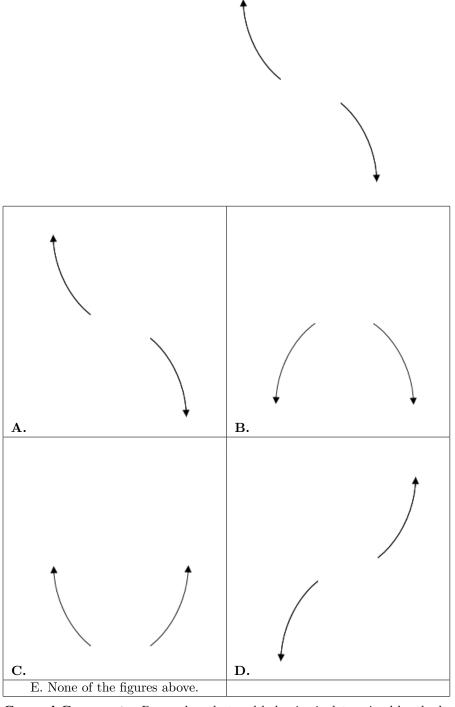


General Comments: You will need to sketch the entire graph, then zoom in on the zero the question asks about.

30. Describe the end behavior of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -3(x-5)^3(x+5)^4(x-6)^5(x+6)^7$$

The solution is



General Comments: Remember that end behavior is determined by the leading coefficient AND whether the **sum** of the multiplicities is positive or negative.

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