

### Critical Numbers

Find the critical numbers of the function  $y = f(x) = (x + 5)^2(x + 5) - 3x$

**FEEDBACK** By definition, a critical number  $c$  is a number in the domain of  $f$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  is undefined.

Since  $f$  is a polynomial, the domain of  $f$  is  $D_f = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

Furthermore,  $f'(x)$  is defined for all values of  $x$ . Thus, to find the critical numbers of  $f$  it is only necessary to solve  $f'(x) = 0$ .

**DIRECTIONS** Write your answer using set notation; for example,  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  or  $\{-3, -2, 5\}$ .

Use curly braces, no spaces, commas separating the elements, and the elements in increasing order. No spaces.

**ANSWER:**  $\{-6, -4\}$