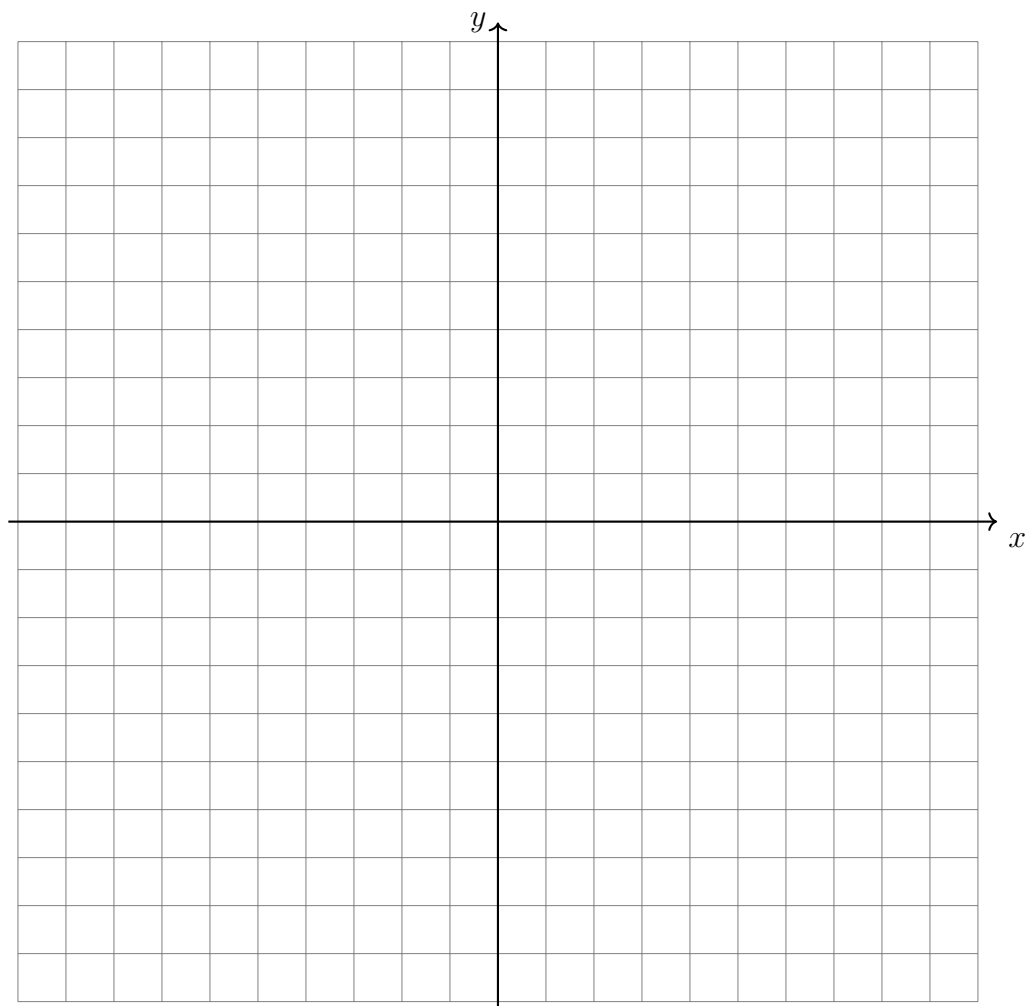


### 3.9 Do Now: Graphing 3rd order polynomials

1. Graph the cubic function  $f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 + 3x - 9$  on the grid below.
  - (a) Mark and label the  $x$ -intercepts.
  - (b) Write the function in factored form.
  - (c) Characterize the end behavior of the function. Use the notation “as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$   $y \rightarrow \pm\infty$ ”
  - (d) Over the interval  $-3 < x < -1$ , is the function increasing or decreasing?



2. In the following problems, solve for the value of  $x$ , then check your answer.

(a)  $\frac{1}{4}(x - 8) = 2$

(c)  $\frac{3}{4}(x + 2) = x - 1$

(b)  $\frac{1}{5}x - 3 = -1$

(d)  $\frac{3}{7x} = 6$

3. Factor each equation and solve for the values of  $x$ .

(a)  $x^2 - 9x + 14 = 0$

(b)  $x^2 + 14x + 49 = 0$

4. Solve  $1 = \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x} + \frac{x - 1}{x}$