

3.8 Do Now: Graphing 3rd order polynomials

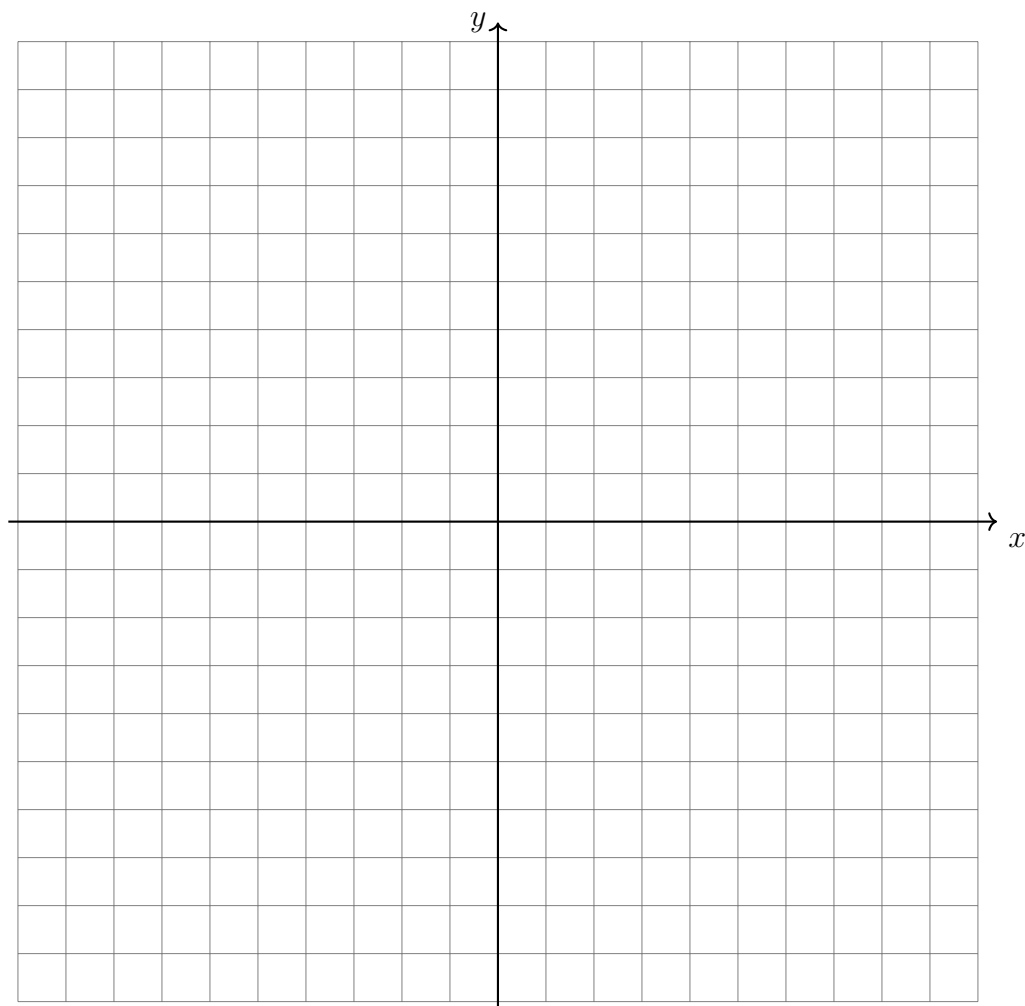
1. Graph the cubic function $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2 - 4x + 8$ on the grid below.

(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 $0 < x < 1$, is the function increasing or decreasing?



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

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

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

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

(d) $\frac{4}{5x} = 8$

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

(a) $x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$

(b) $x^2 + 7x + 10 = 0$

4. Solve $\frac{1}{6x^2} = \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{7}{6x^2}$