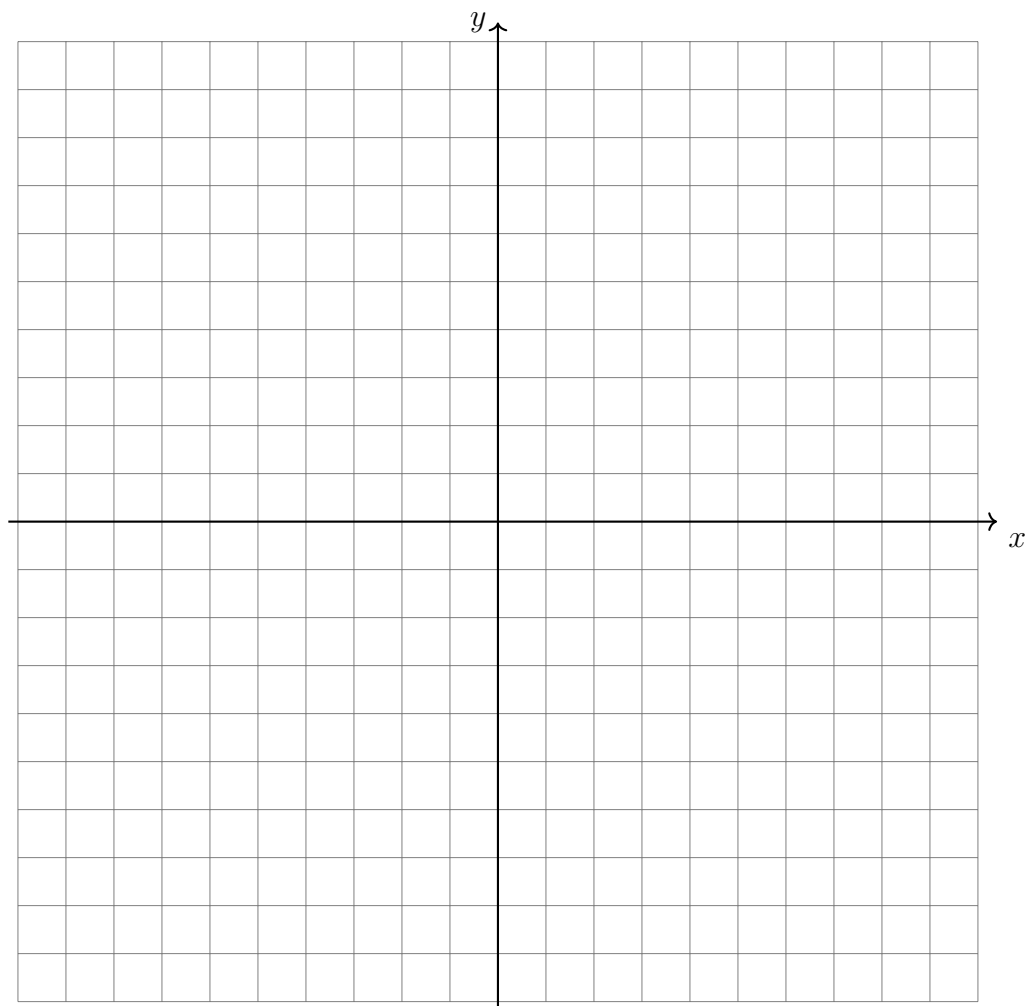


### 3.8 Do Now: Graphing 3rd order polynomials

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  $\frac{1}{6x^2} = \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{6x^2}$