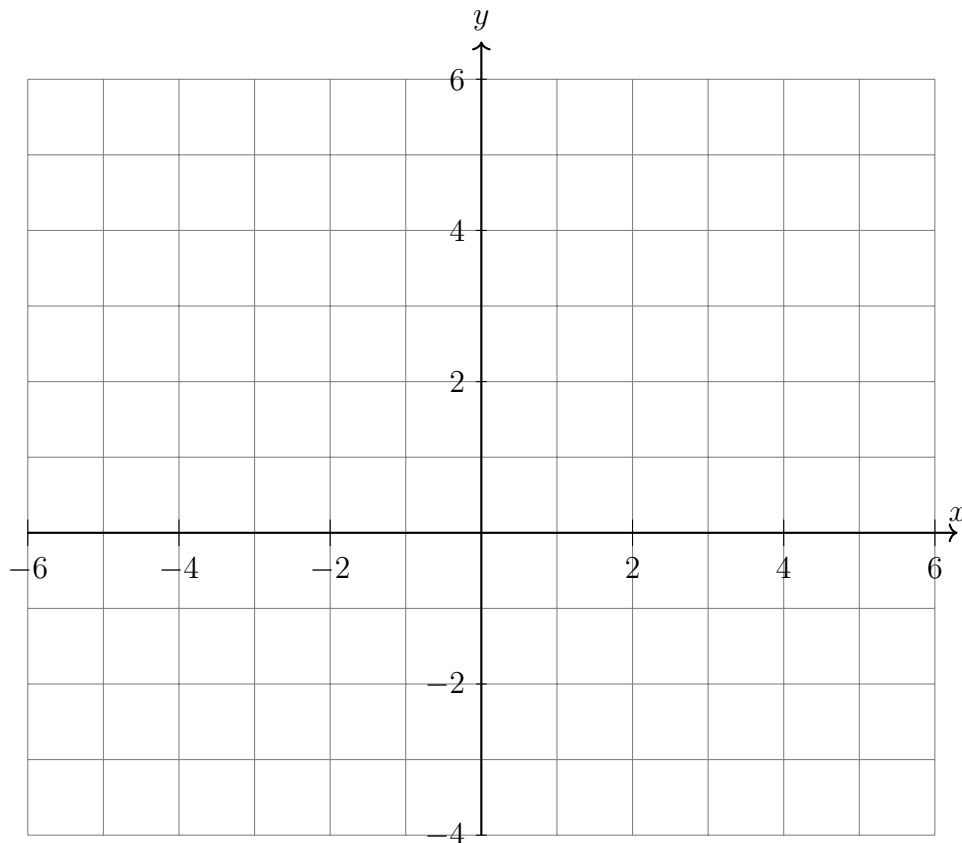


**Prep #28 Polynomial functions**

1. Given the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$ . Graph  $f$  on the axes below.
  - (a) Write down the zeros of the function.
  - (b) Write an equation to represent  $f(x)$  in factored form.
  - (c) Which factor has a multiplicity of 2?
  - (d) Find the average rate of change of the function over the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ .



2. Tony is evaluating his retirement savings. He currently has \$318,000 in his account, which earns an interest rate of 7% compounded annually. He wants to determine how much he will have in the account in the future, even if he makes no additional contributions to the account.
- (a) Write a function,  $A(t)$ , to represent the amount of money that will be in his account in  $t$  years.
- (b) Graph  $A(t)$  where  $0 \leq t \leq 20$  on the set of axes below.
- (c) Find how many years it would take for Tony's account to reach \$1,000,000, to the *nearest year*.

