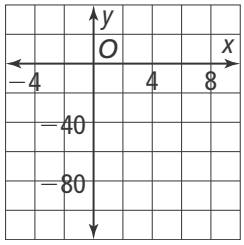
3-5 Additional Practice

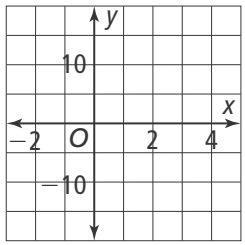
Zeros of Polynomial Functions

Sketch the graph of the function by finding the zeros. List the zeros.

1. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 12x^2 - 6x$



2. $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 6$



Find the zeros of each function and describe the behavior of the graph of the function at each zero.

3. $x^3 - 8x^2 + 18x$

4. $x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1$

Determine all the real and complex zeros of each polynomial function.

5. $f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 4x - 28$

6. $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 8$

7. A company that sells toys models their profit with the function $P(x) = -4x^3 + 32x^2 - 64$. Their profit P, in thousands of dollars, is a function of the number of toys sold x measured in hundreds. What do the key features of the graph reveal about the profits? What is the maximum profit the company can make?

Solve each inequality.

8. $x^3 - 27x < 0$

9. $x^3 + 9x^2 - 10x > 0$

10. Use your graphing calculator to determine if $f(x) = (x - 1)(x - 6)(x + 3)$ is the correct factorization of $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x - 12$. Explain.