

Practice 3 - Solutions

① Vertex Formula : $\left(\boxed{-\frac{b}{2a}}, \boxed{f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)} \right)$

$\nearrow$ x vertex $\nearrow$ y vertex

$a = 3$; $b = 6$; $c = 9$.

$x_{\text{vertex}} = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{6}{2 \cdot (3)} = \boxed{-1}$

$y_{\text{vertex}} = 3 \cdot (-1)^2 + 6(-1) + 9 = 3 - 6 + 9 = \boxed{6}$

plug x_{vertex} into formula

Vertex is $\boxed{(-1, 6)}$

② (a) $a = 3$; $b = -18$; $c = -1$

Since $a > 0$, the function has a **minimum** value.

(Parabola is upward $\cup$ when $a > 0$)

(b) Minimum Value = y_{vertex} . It occurs at $x = x_{\text{vertex}}$.

So, we just need to find the vertex.

$x_{\text{vertex}} = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{(-18)}{2(3)} = 3$

$y_{\text{vertex}} = 3 \cdot (3)^2 - 18(3) - 1 = -28$

So, the minimum value is $\boxed{-28}$. It occurs at $x = \boxed{3}$

(c) The domain of f is $\boxed{(-\infty, \infty)}$

The range of f is $\boxed{(-28, \infty)}$

(Range = $(y_{\text{vertex}}, \infty)$ if $a > 0$.
Range = $(-\infty, y_{\text{vertex}})$ if $a < 0$.)

③ (a) $a = -3$; $b = 18$; $c = -9$.

Since $a < 0$, the function has a **maximum** value.

(Parabola is downward $\cap$ when $a < 0$.)

(b) $x_{\text{vertex}} = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{18}{2(-3)} = 3$.

$$y_{\text{vertex}} = -3(3)^2 + 18(3) - 9 = 18$$

So, the maximum value is 18 . It occurs at $x = 3$

(c) The domain of f is $(-\infty, \infty)$

The range of f is $(-\infty, 18)$ (If $a < 0$, then the range is $(-\infty, y_{\text{vertex}})$)

(4) $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$.

If $a > 0$, then f has a minimum that occurs at $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$.

This minimum value is $f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$

If $a < 0$, then f has a maximum that occurs at $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$.

This maximum value is $f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$

(5) $f(x) = 3x^6 + 5x^7$

It is a polynomial. Degree = 7

(degree = highest power of x)

(6) $f(x) = 6x^7 - 2x^6 + 2x + 5$.

Degree = 7 (odd). leading coefficient = 6 (positive)

So, Falls left, rises right.

(7) To find the zeros, set $f(x) = 0$.

$$-7(x-3)^{\boxed{1}}(x-4)^{\boxed{2}} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x-3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (x-4)^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{x=3} \quad \text{or} \quad x-4 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{x=4}.$$

multiplicity (1)

odd

crosses x-axis at $x=3$

$$\rightarrow x=4.$$

multiplicity (2)

even

touches x-axis
and turns around
at $x=2$

(8) $f(x) = x^4 - 9x^2$

- (a) Degree = 4 (Even). leading coefficient = 1 (positive)
→ Graph rises left and rises right.

(b) x-intercepts: Set $f(x) = 0$. $x^4 - 9x^2 = 0$
→ $x^2(x^2 - 9) = 0$ → $x^2(x-3)(x+3) = 0$

→ $x^2 = 0$ or $x-3 = 0$ or $x+3 = 0$

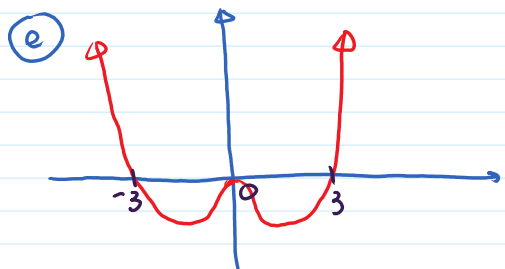
→ $x = 0$		$x = 3$		$x = -3$
(Multiplicity 2)		(Multiplicity 1)		(Multiplicity 1)

So, at $x = \boxed{3, -3}$: The graph crosses the x-axis. (odd multiplicity)

at $x = \boxed{0}$: The graph touches the x-axis and turns around. (even multiplicity)

(c) y-intercept: Put $x=0$ → $f(0) = (0)^4 - 9(0)^2 = \boxed{0}$

(d) Even; y-axis symmetry.



(9) $x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x + 1$ divided by $x-3$.

First step:
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 1 & 5 & -4 & 1 \end{array}$$