

# Warm up Solutions

$$f(x) = x^4 - 7x^2 + 6x$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x(x^3 - 7x + 6) \\ &= x(x^3 + 0x^2 - 7x + 6) \end{aligned}$$

If Factorable & integer roots  
then roots come from the  
following list

$$\{ \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6 \}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & -7 & 6 & & \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & -6 & & \\ & & -6 & 6 & & \end{array} \end{array}$$

← from  $x^3 - 0x^2 - 7x + 6$

So we know  $x^3 - 0x^2 - 7x + 6 = (x-1)(x^2 + 1x - 6)$

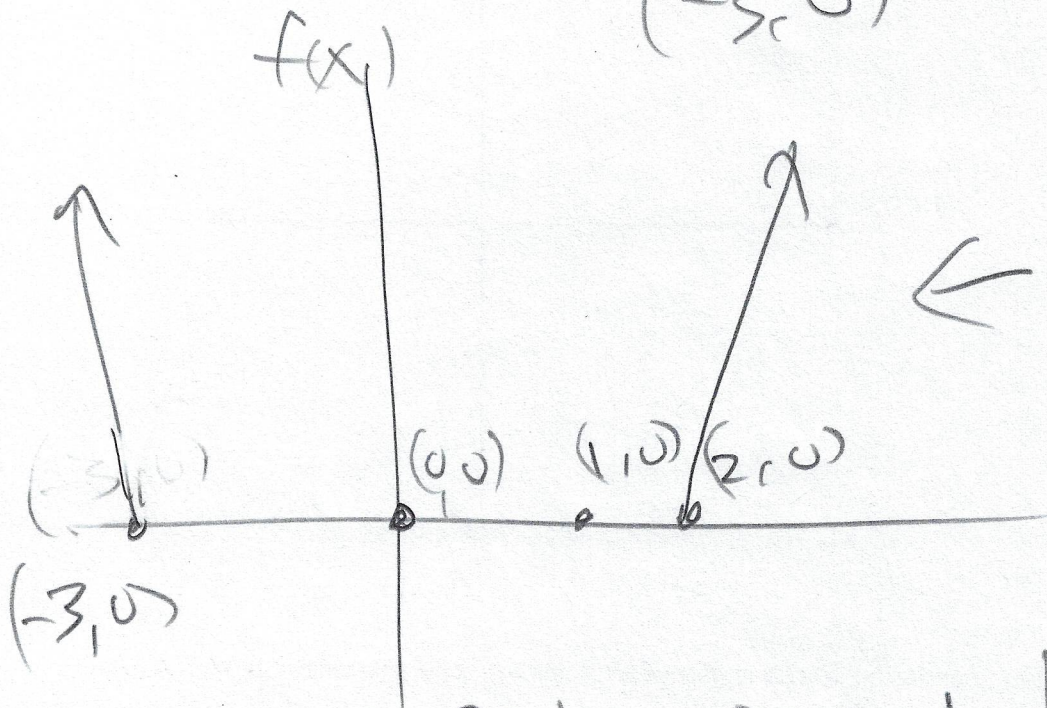


Now  $x^2 + 1x - 6$  is  
facto-able

$$x^2 + 1x - 6 = (x + 3)(x - 2)$$

So  $f(x) = (x)(x - 1)(x - 2)(x + 3)$

Roots are  $(0, 0) \rightarrow$  also y-intercept  
 $(1, 0)$   
 $(2, 0)$   
 $(-3, 0)$



$\leftarrow$  we know this now

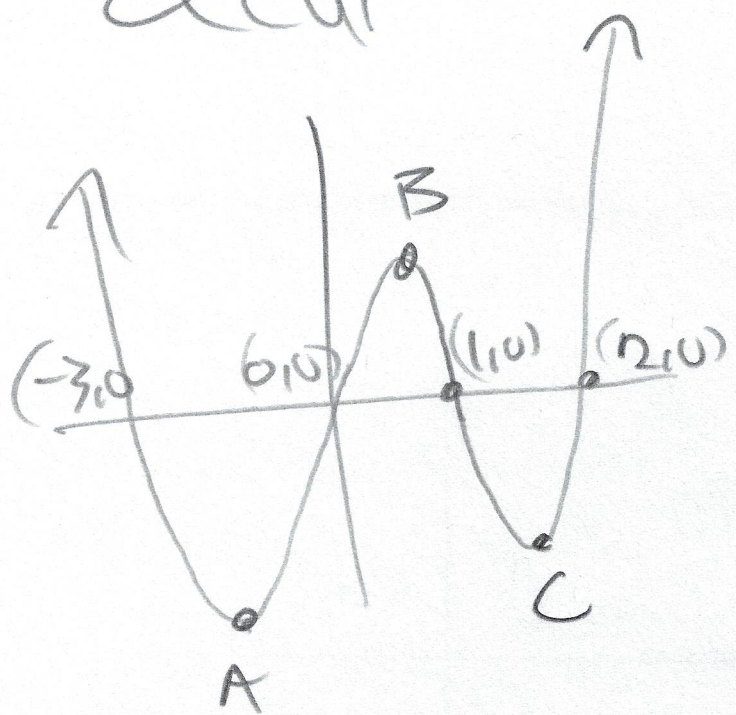
because

lead coefficient is positive  
an even degree

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  } end behavior  
as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  }



Without calculus or  
a graphing calculator  
we only know three  
local extremes could  
occur



$$A \in (-3, 0)$$

$$B \in (0, 2)$$

$$C \in (1, 2)$$

A or C could be global  
extremes but B must be  
a local max only



We can describe behavior  
w/o knowing  $A, B, C$  values

for  $x \in (-\infty, A)$   $f(x)$  decreases

$x \in (A, B)$   $f(x)$  increases

$x \in (B, C)$   $f(x)$  decreases

$x \in (C, \infty)$   $f(x)$  increases

$f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup$   
 $(0, 1) \cup$   
 $(2, \infty)$

$f(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (-3, 0) \cup$   
 $(1, 2)$



$$f(x) = x^4 - 7x^2 + 6x$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 14x + 6$$

local extremes occur when

$$f'(x) = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad f''(x) = 0$$

is tough to find without

IVT or graphing calculator

IVT Intermediate Value Theorem  
basically states over a closed  
interval if  $f(a) > 0$  then it  
also becomes  $f(b) < 0$  for  
a continuous function

Then for some  $c \in (a, b)$

$$f(c) = 0$$

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CALCULUS SPOKEN HERE



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$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -3 & 1 & 0 & -7 & -6 & 0 \\ & \downarrow & -3 & 9 & -6 & 0 \\ \hline & 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x+3)(x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x) \\ &= x(x+3)(x^2 - 3x + 2) \\ &= x(x+3)(x-1)(x-2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 2 & 1 & 0 & -7 & -6 & 0 \\ & \downarrow & 2 & 4 & -6 & \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-2)(x^3 + 2x - 3) \\ &= x(x-2)(x^2 + 2x - 3) = x(x-2)(x+3)(x-1) \end{aligned}$$



$$f(x) = x^4 - 7x^2 + 6x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \\ 1 \quad 0 \quad -7 \quad +6 \quad 0 \\ \downarrow \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad -6 \quad 0 \\ \hline 1 \quad 1 \quad -6 \quad 0 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-1)(x^3 + 1x^2 - 6x) \\ &= x(x-1)(x^2 + 1x - 6) \\ &= x(x-1)(x+3)(x-2) \end{aligned}$$