

THIS IS ONE POINT IN CUMULATIVE GRADE

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B **Advanced Mathematics (polynomials)**
MEDIUM-HARD

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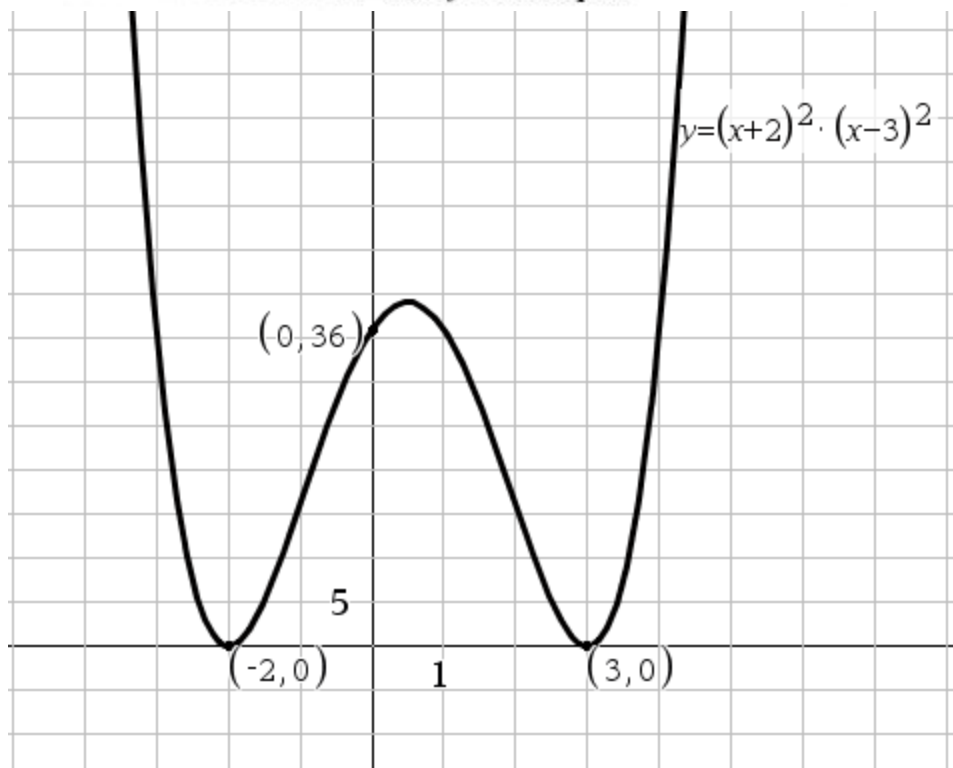
To find the y -intercept, set $x = 0$: $y = (0 + 2)^2(0 - 3)^2$

Simplify: $y = (2)^2(-3)^2 = (4)(9) = 36$

Therefore the y -intercept is at $(0, 36)$.

To find the x -intercepts, set $y = 0$: $0 = (x + 2)^2(x - 3)^2$

By the Zero Product Property, the only solutions to this equation are $x = -2$ and $x = 3$, so there are two x -intercepts and a total of three x - and y -intercepts.



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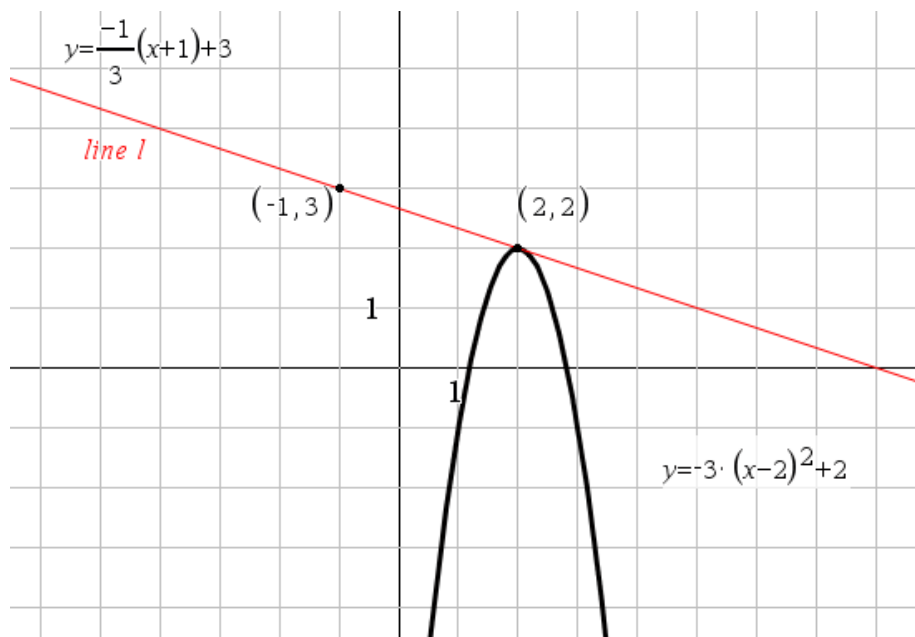
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Advanced Mathematics (parabolas)
MEDIUM

The vertex of a parabola with the equation $y = A(x - h)^2 + k$ is (h, k) . For this parabola, $h = 2$ and $k = 2$. So, the vertex is $(2, 2)$. The slope of the line that passes through $(-1, 3)$ and $(2, 2)$ is

$$\text{slope} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{3 - 2}{-1 - 2} = \frac{1}{-3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$



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A**Algebra (simplifying expressions)****MEDIUM-HARD**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2-x}$$

Substitute $\frac{1}{m}$ for x :

$$f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) = \frac{1}{2-\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)}$$

Simplify the denominator:

$$f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) = \frac{1}{2-\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{2m}{m} - \frac{1}{m}} = \frac{1}{\frac{2m-1}{m}}$$

Divide by multiplying by the reciprocal:

$$1 \div \frac{2m-1}{m} = 1 \times \frac{m}{2m-1} = \frac{m}{2m-1}$$

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C Special Topics (complex numbers) HARD

$$A(2 - i) = 2 + i$$

Divide by $(2 - i)$:

$$A = \frac{2+i}{2-i}$$

Multiply numerator and denominator by the conjugate

$(2 + i)$:

$$A = \frac{(2+i)(2+i)}{(2-i)(2+i)}$$

FOIL:

$$A = \frac{4 + 2i + 2i + i^2}{4 - i^2}$$

Combine terms:

$$A = \frac{4 + 4i + i^2}{4 - i^2}$$

Substitute $i^2 = -1$:

$$A = \frac{4 + 4i + (-1)}{4 - (-1)}$$

Simplify:

$$A = \frac{4 + 4i - 1}{4 + 1}$$

Combine terms:

$$A = \frac{3 + 4i}{5}$$

Distribute to express in standard $a + bi$ form:

$$A = \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{5}i$$