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4.1) Cubic graphs

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Worked example

Sketch the graph of:

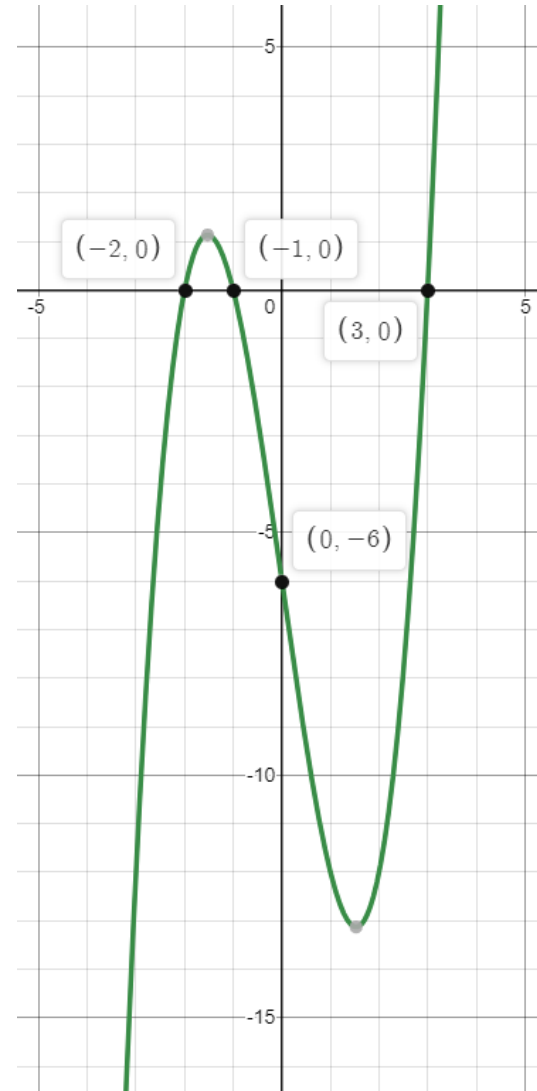
$$y = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$$

$$y = (x + 1)(x - 2)(x + 3)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 3)$$



Worked example

Sketch the graph of:

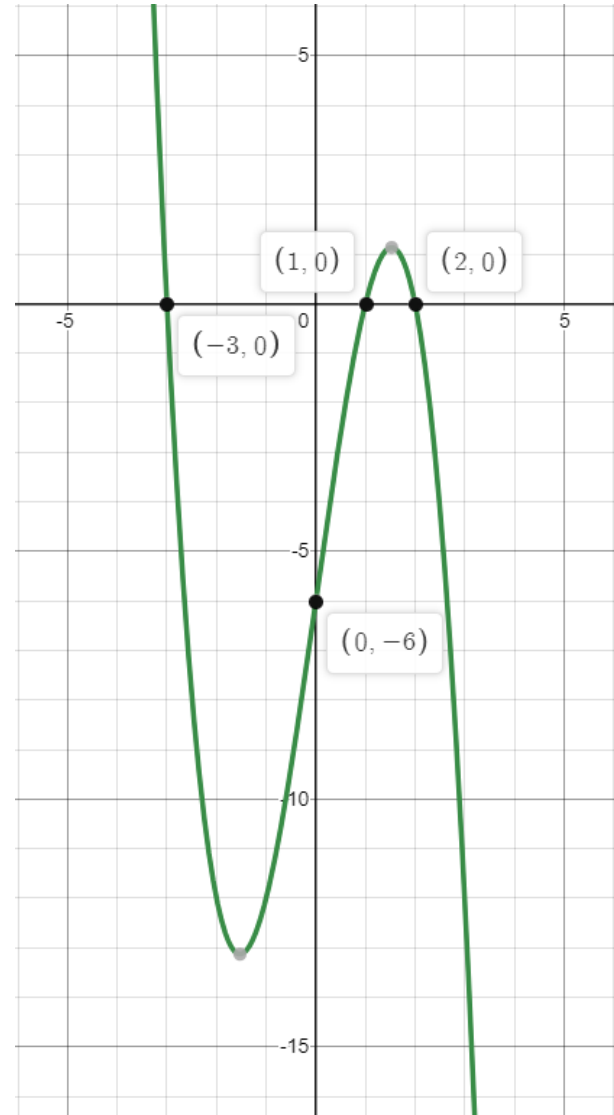
$$y = (x + 1)(x - 2)(3 - x)$$

$$y = (x - 1)(x - 2)(3 - x)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x - 1)(x + 3)(2 - x)$$



Worked example

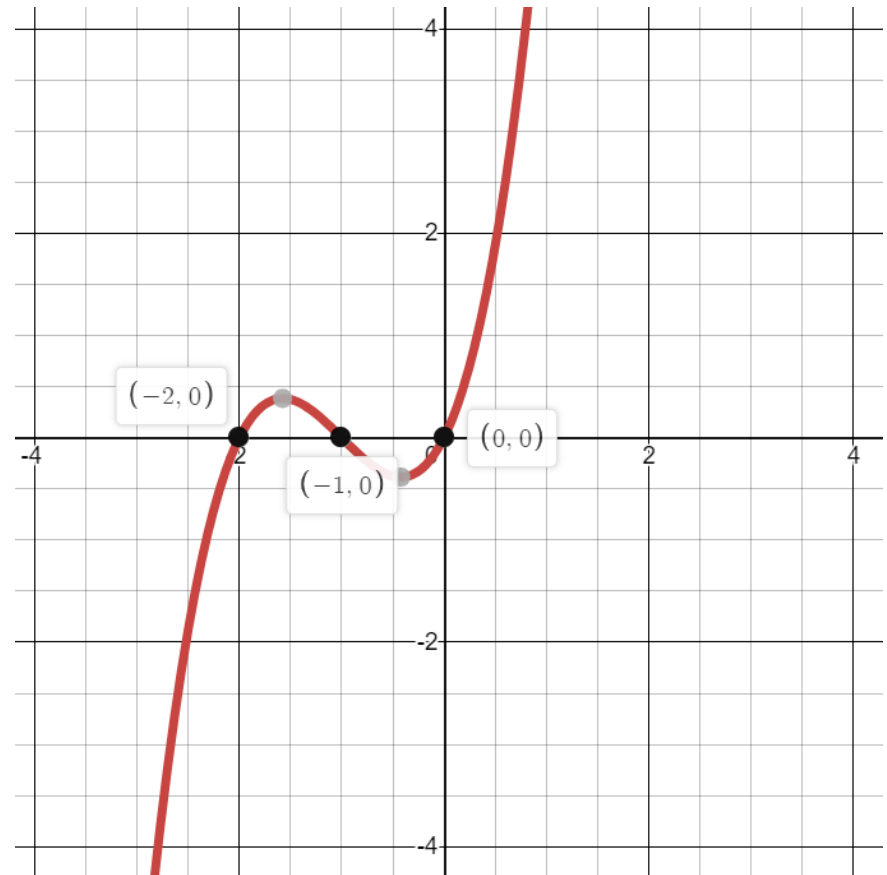
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x(x + 3)(x + 4)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x(x + 1)(x + 2)$$



Worked example

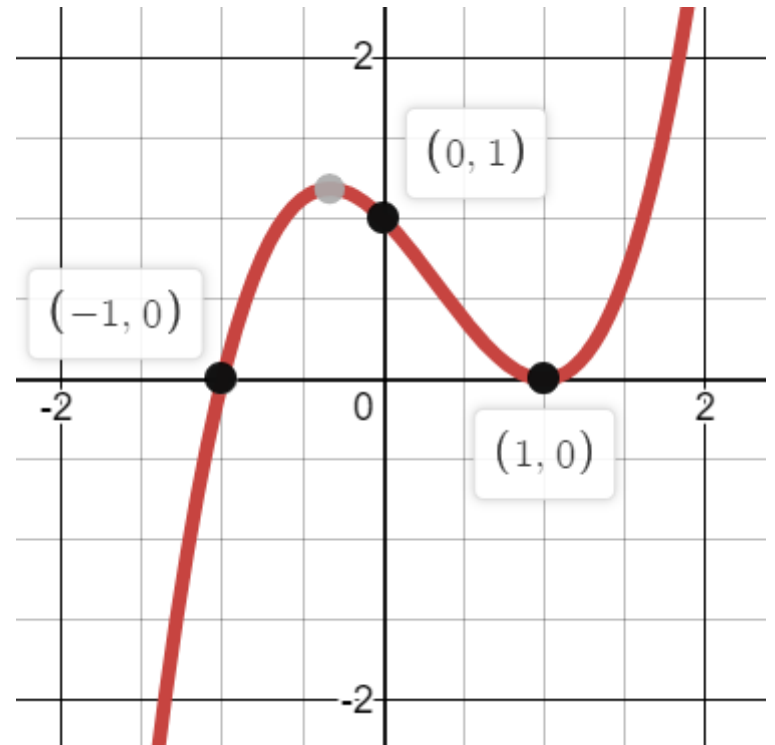
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 2)^2(x - 2)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x - 1)^2(x + 1)$$



Worked example

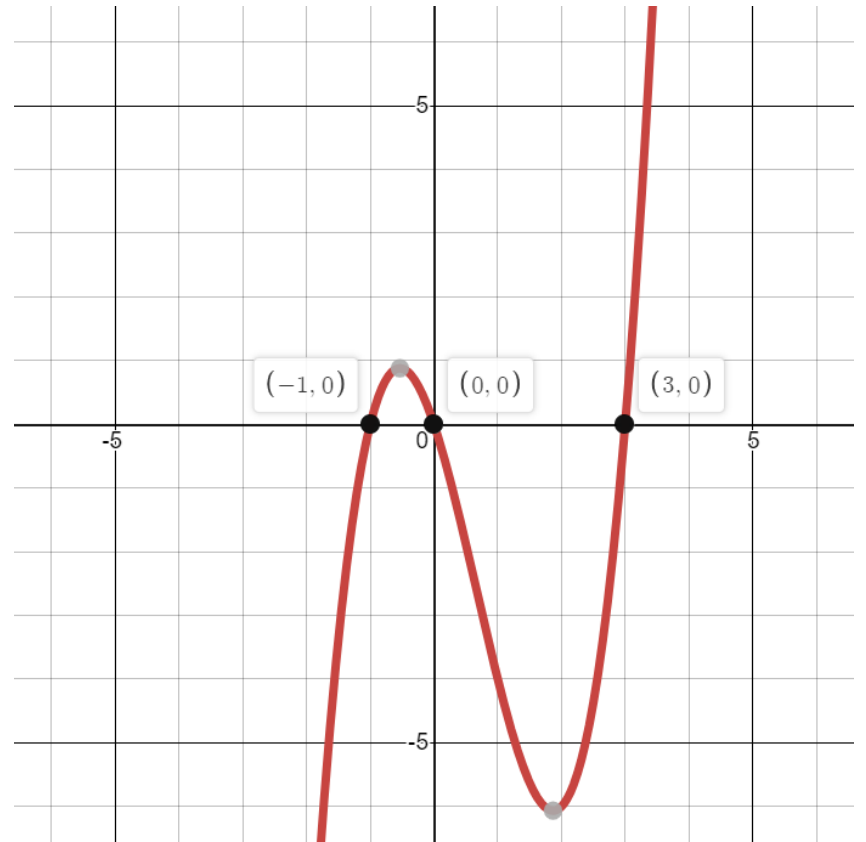
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x^2 - 4x^2 - 5x$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x$$



Worked example

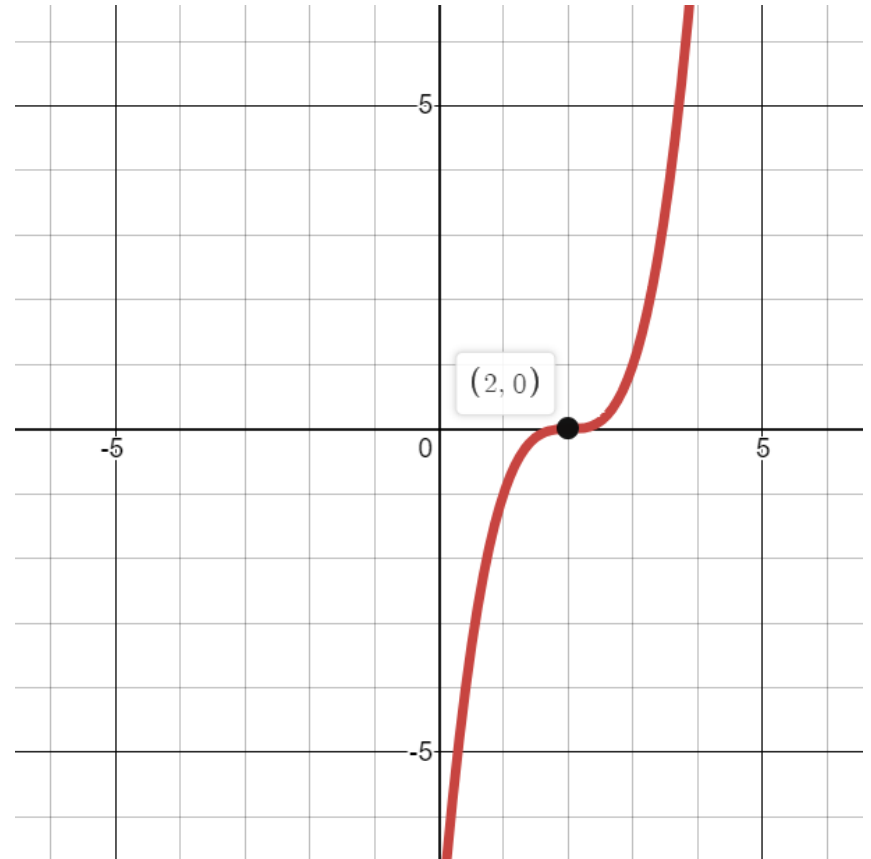
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 4)^3$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x - 2)^3$$



Worked example

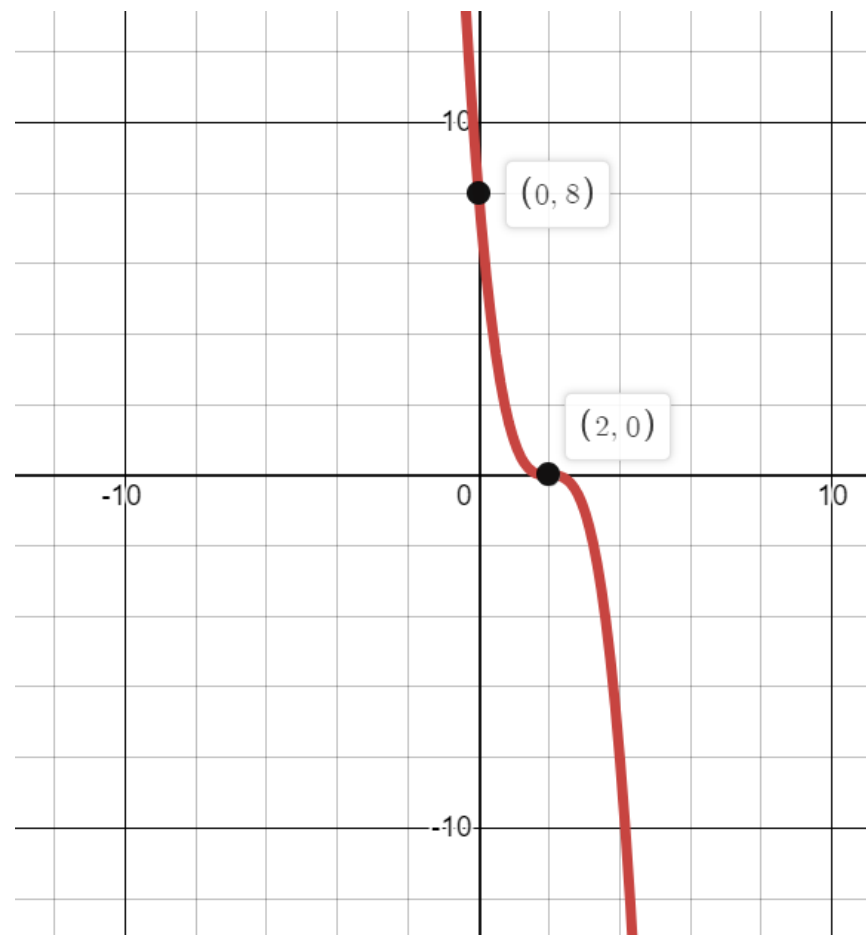
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = -(x + 4)^3$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = -(x - 2)^3$$



Worked example

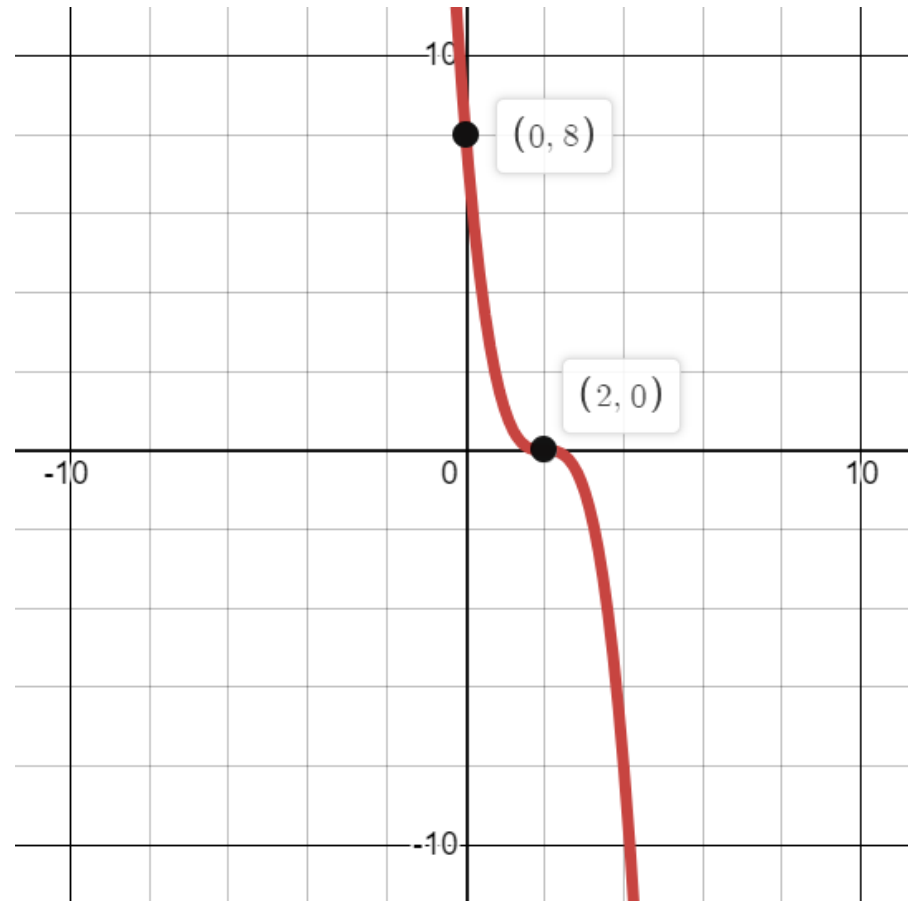
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (4 - x)^3$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (2 - x)^3$$



Worked example

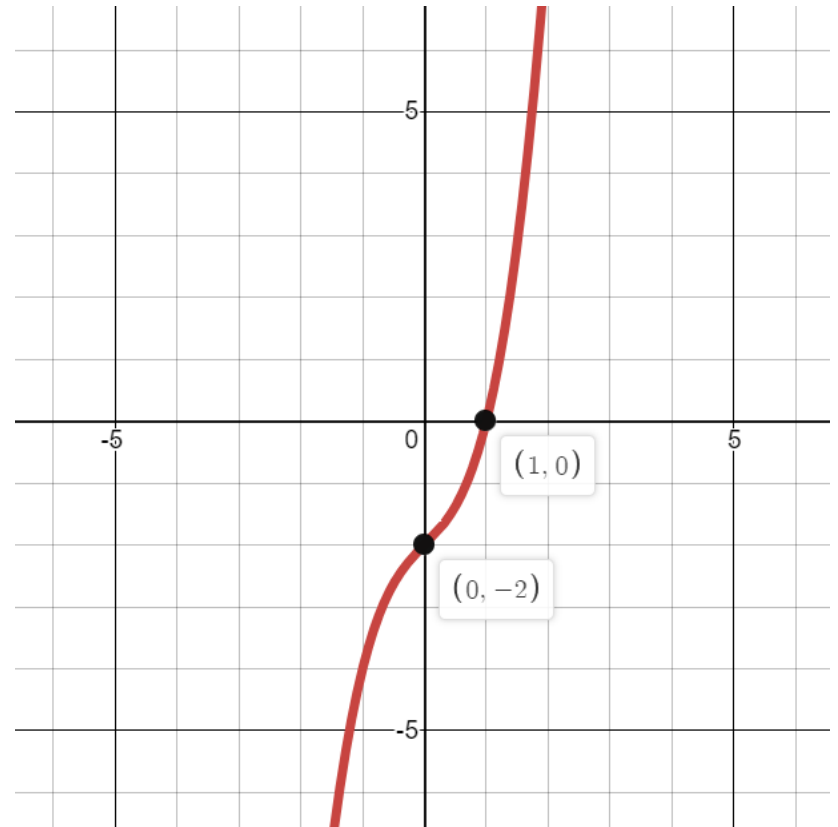
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x - 1)(x^2 + x + 2)$$



Worked example

Sketch the graphs of:

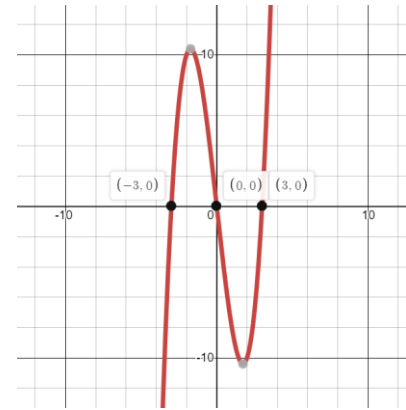
$$y = x^3 - 16x$$

$$y = x^3 - 16x^2$$

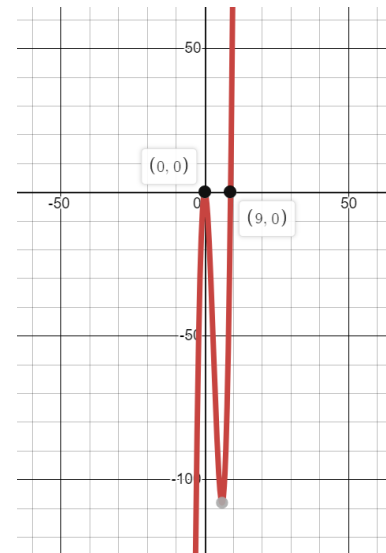
Your turn

Sketch the graphs of:

$$y = x^3 - 9x$$



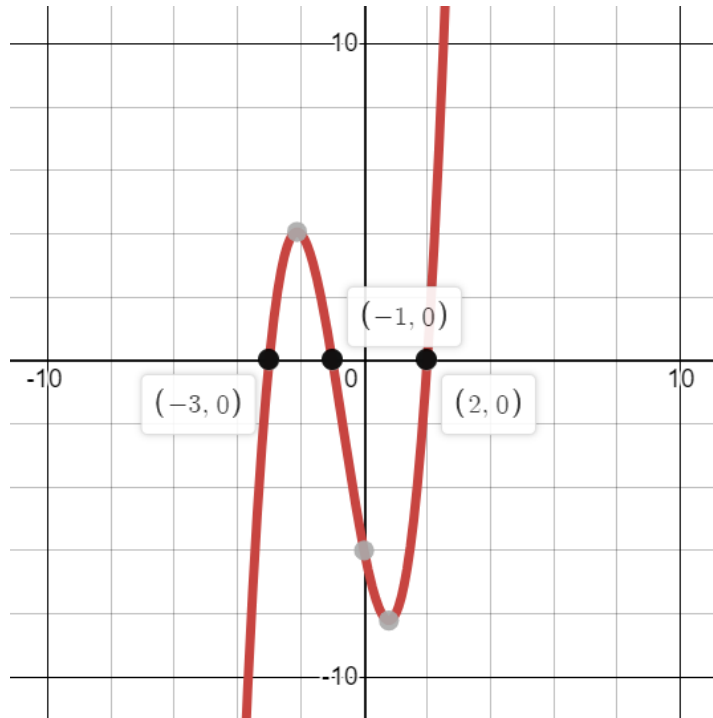
$$y = x^3 - 9x^2$$



Worked example

The graph of $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is shown where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$.

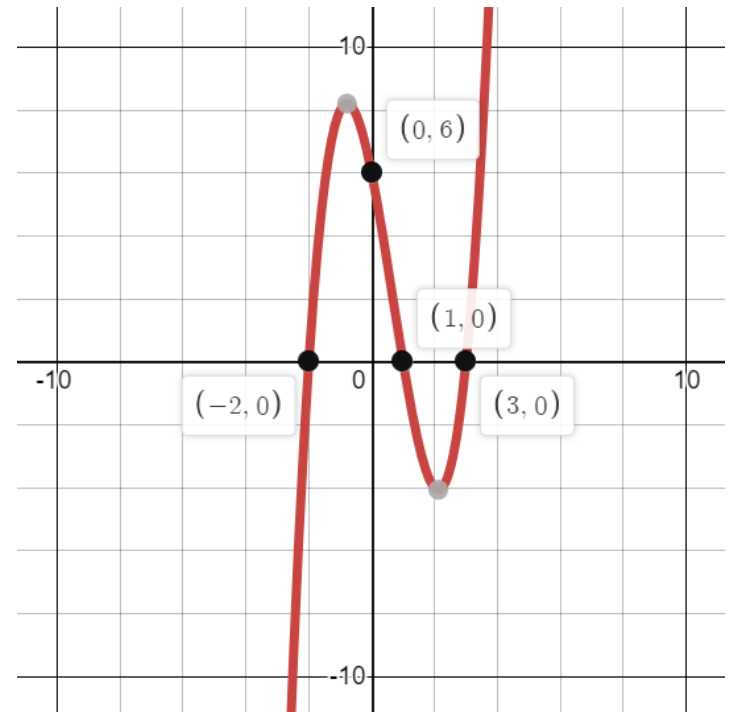
Find the value of a, b, c and d



Your turn

The graph of $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is shown where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$.

Find the value of a, b, c and d

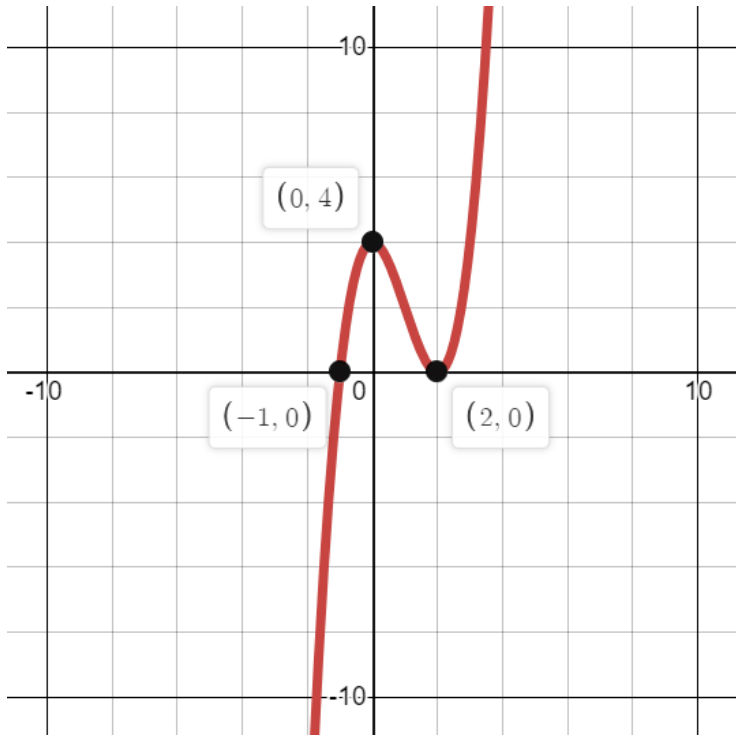


$$a = 1, b = -2, c = -5, d = 6$$

Worked example

The graph of $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is shown where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$.

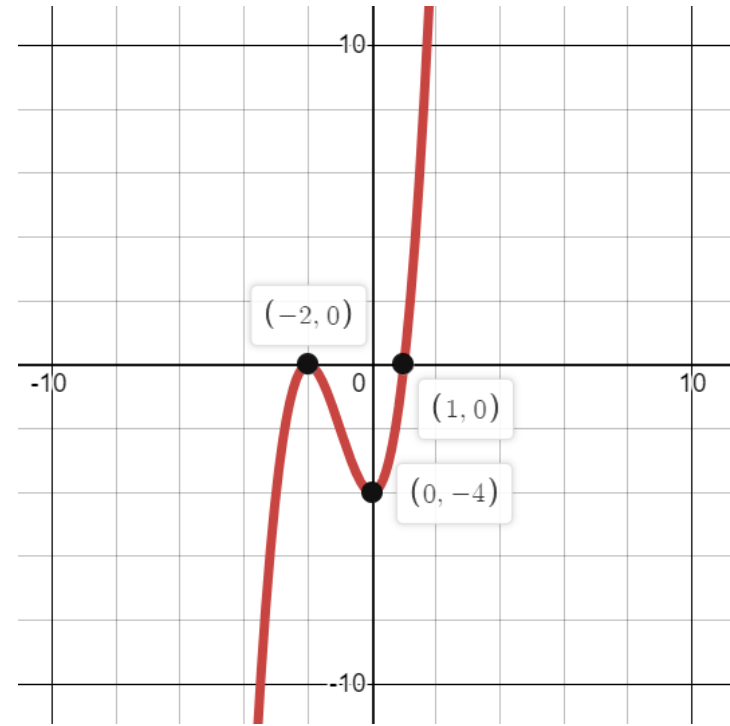
Find the value of a, b, c and d



Your turn

The graph of $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is shown where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$.

Find the value of a, b, c and d



$$a = 1, b = 3, c = 0, d = -4$$

Worked example

A curve is a positive cubic, touches the x -axis at 3 and crosses the x -axis at -2 .
Write a possible equation for the curve.

Your turn

A curve is a positive cubic, touches the x -axis at 3 and crosses the x -axis at -2 .
Write a possible equation for the curve.

$$y = (x - 3)^2(x + 2)$$

4.2) Quartic graphs

Worked example

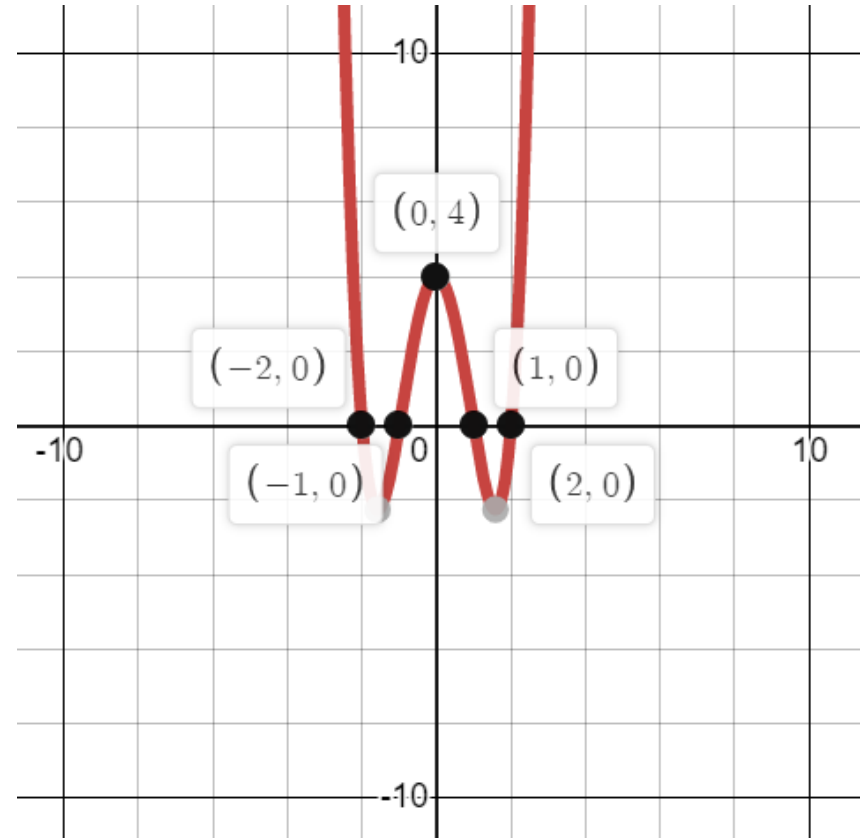
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 3)(x + 4)(x - 3)(x - 4)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 2)$$



Worked example

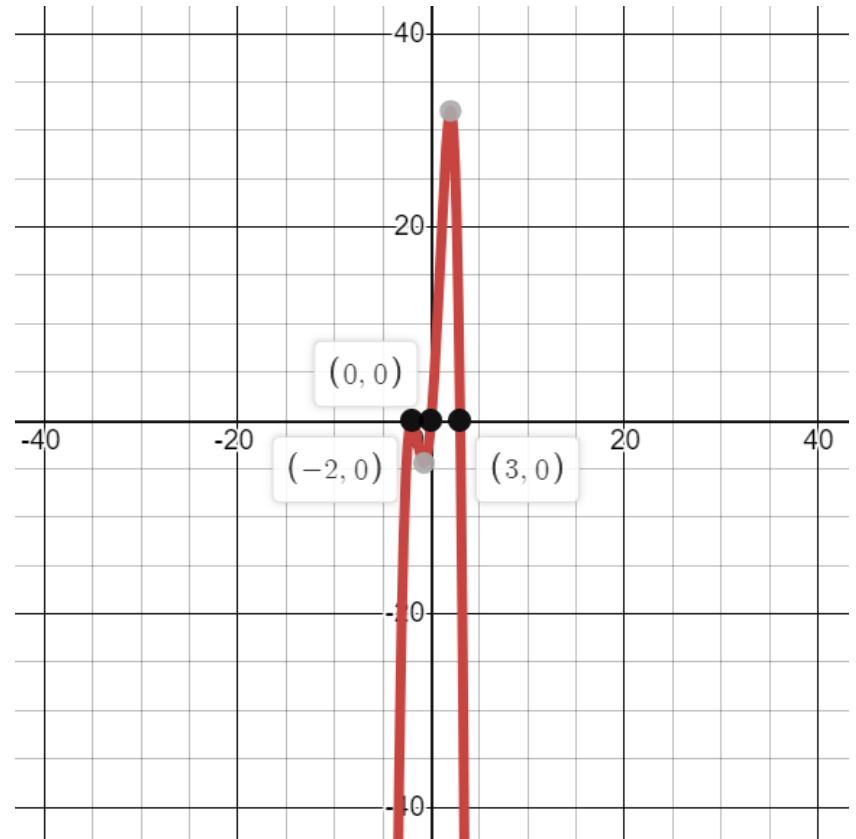
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x(x - 3)^2(2 - x)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x(x + 2)^2(3 - x)$$



Worked example

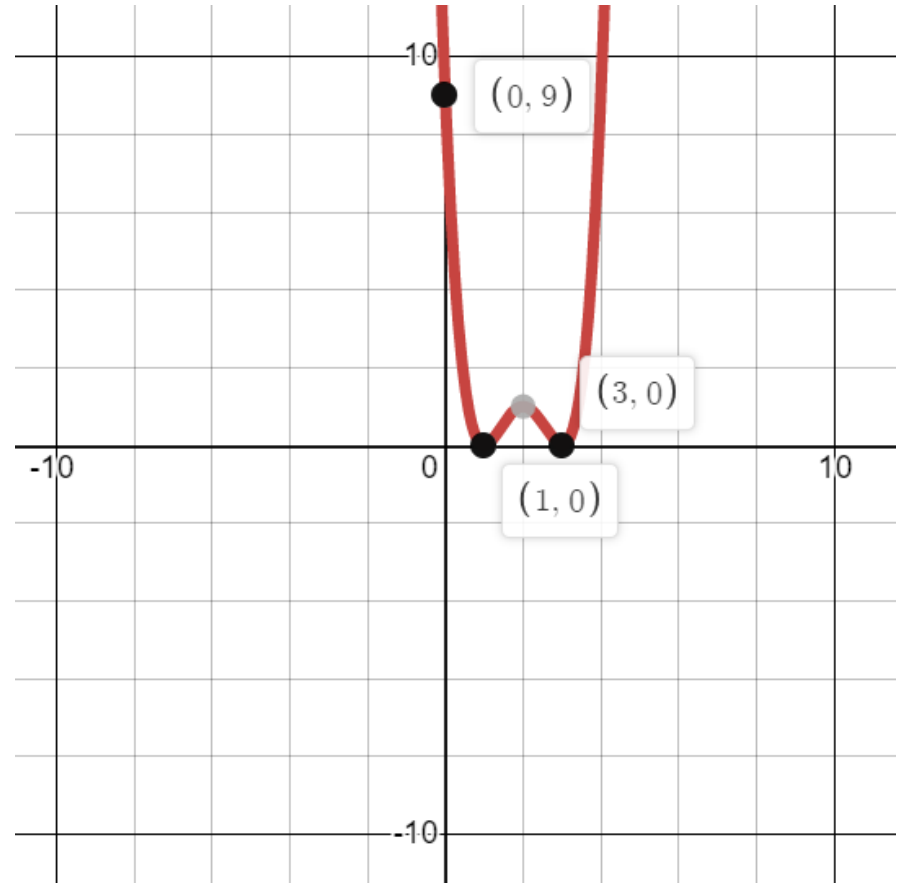
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 2)^2(x - 4)^2$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x - 1)^2(x - 3)^2$$



Worked example

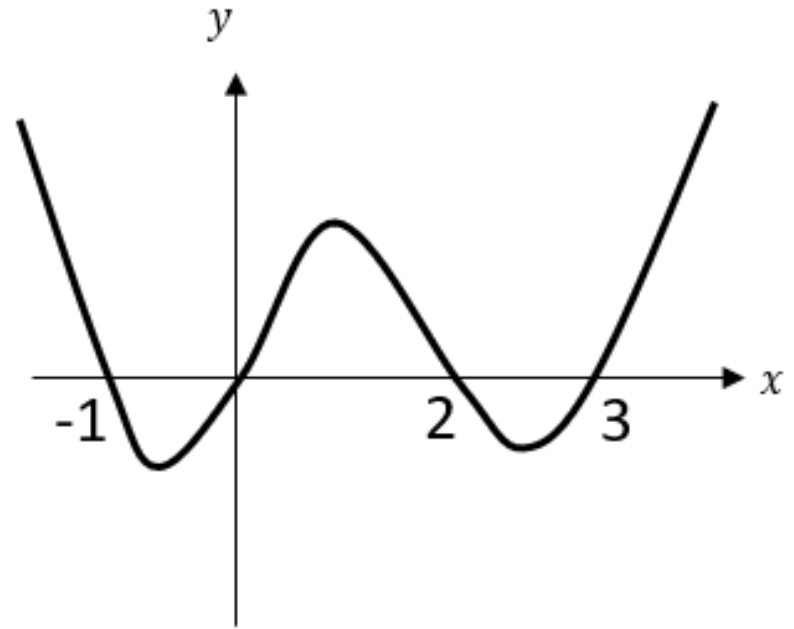
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x(x - 4)(x + 5)(x + 6)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 3)$$



Worked example

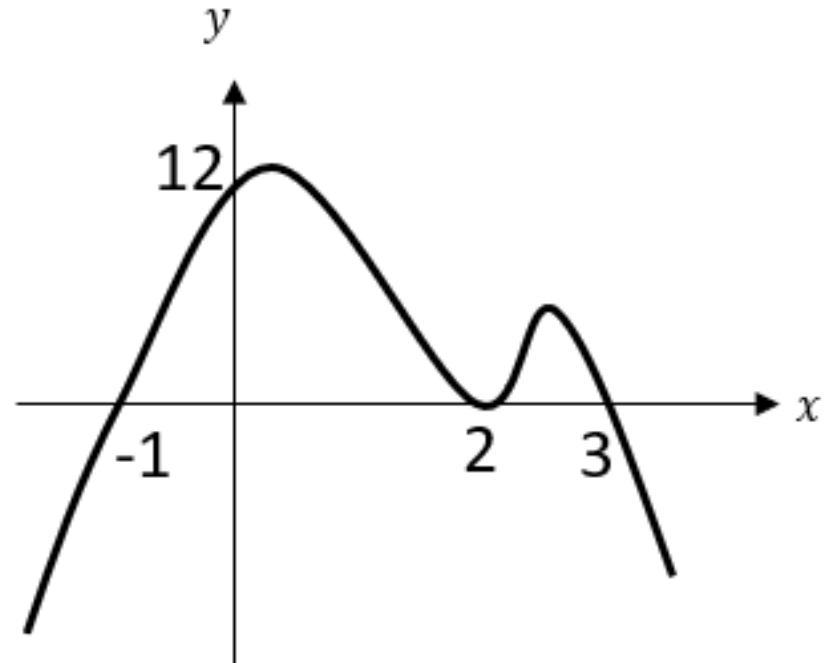
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 4)^2(x - 5)(6 - x)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

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



Worked example

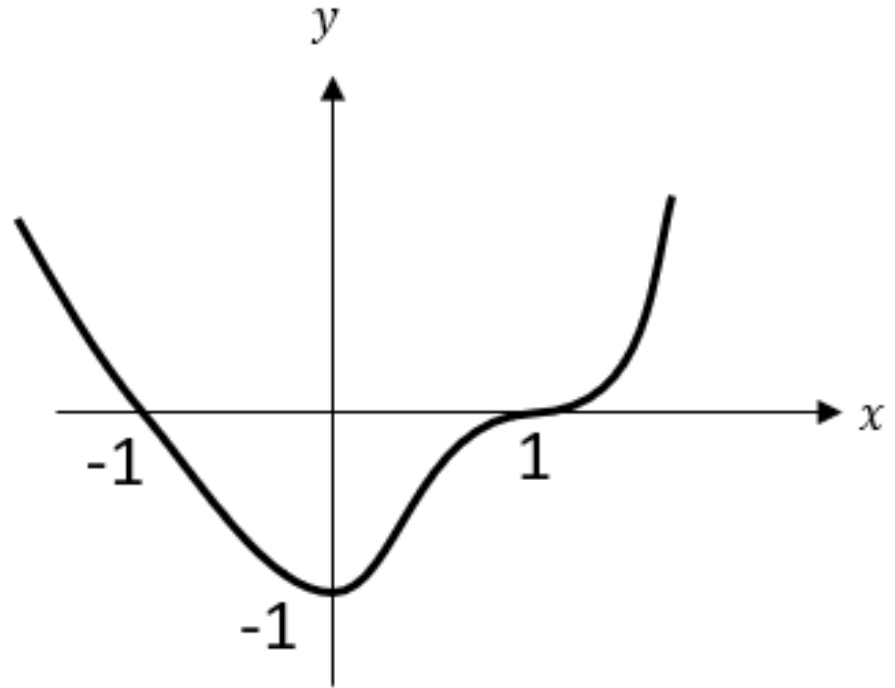
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x - 2)(x + 2)^3$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 1)(x - 1)^3$$



Worked example

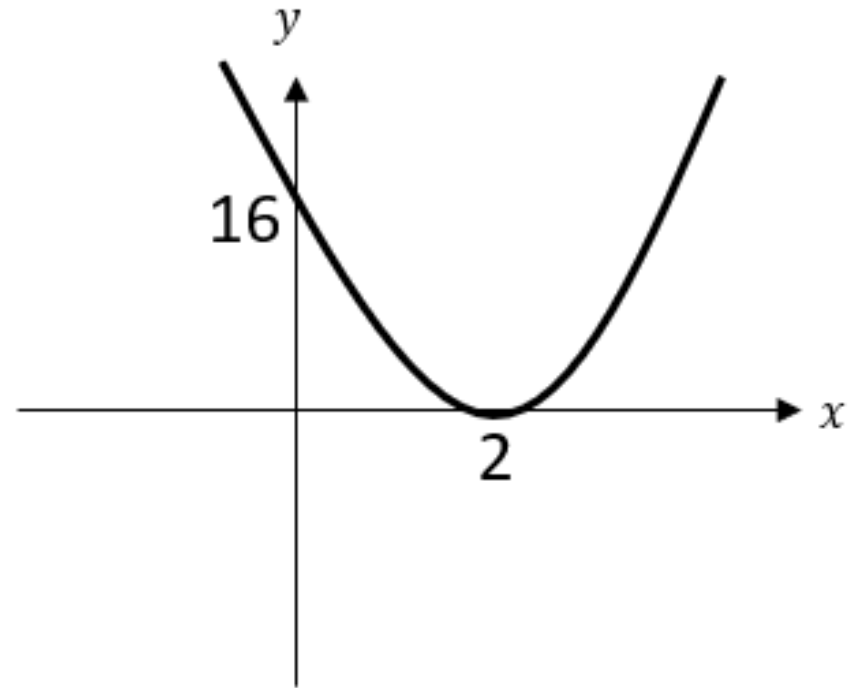
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x + 3)^4$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = (x - 2)^4$$



Worked example

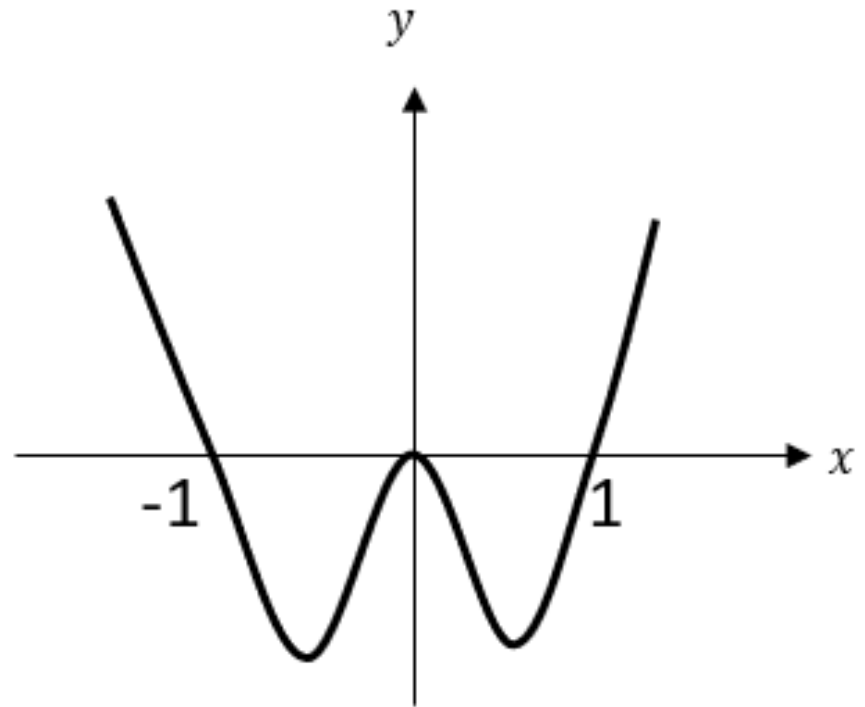
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x^2(x + 2)(x - 2)$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = x^2(x + 1)(x - 1)$$



Worked example

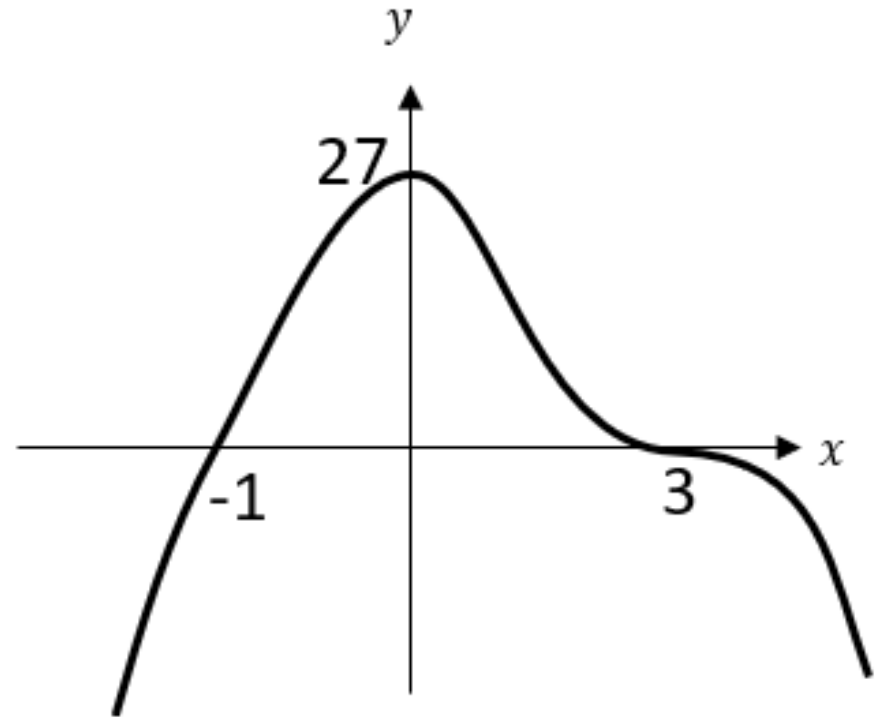
Sketch the graph of:

$$y = -(x - 4)(x + 2)^3$$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of:

$$y = -(x + 1)(x - 3)^3$$



4.3) Reciprocal graphs

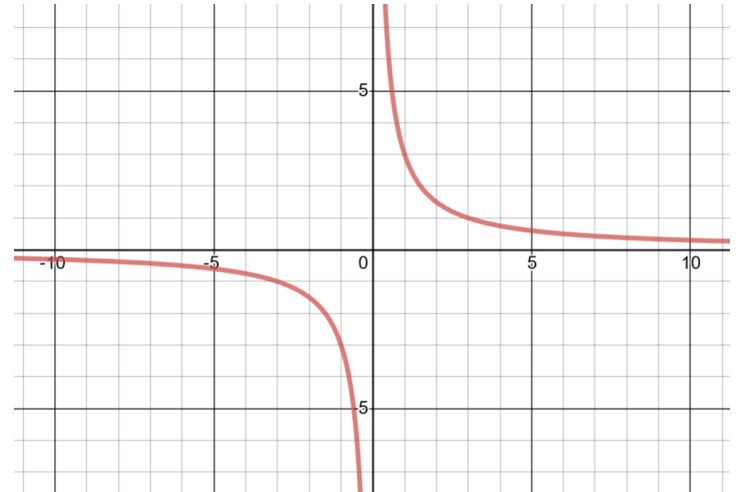
Worked example

Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{a}{x}$, $a > 0$

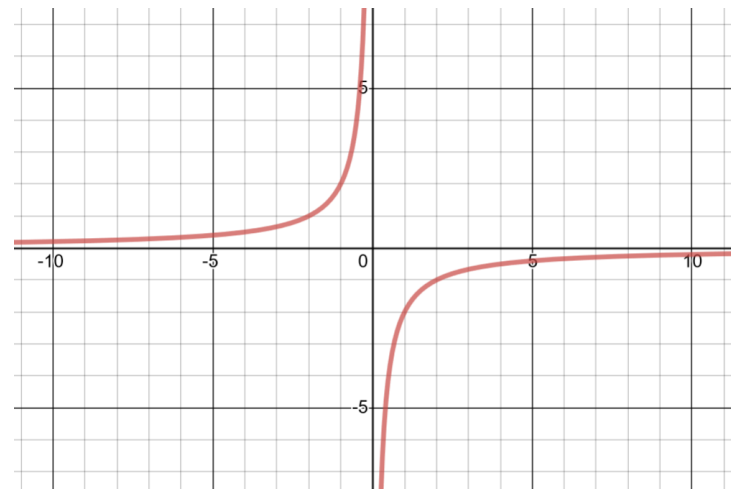
Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{a}{x}$, $a < 0$

Your turn

Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{3}{x}$



Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{-2}{x}$

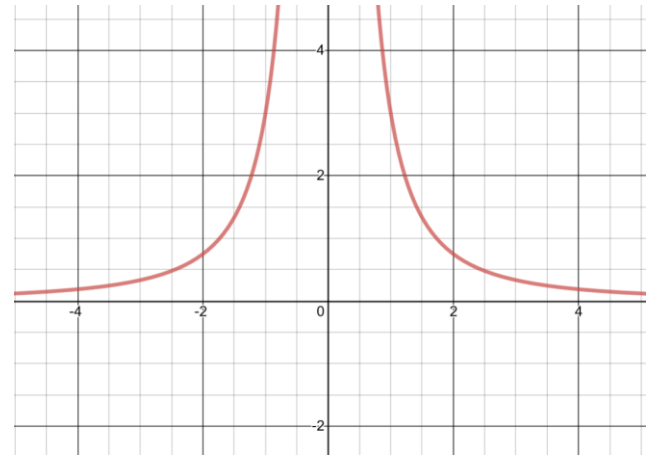


Worked example

Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{a}{x^2}$, $a > 0$

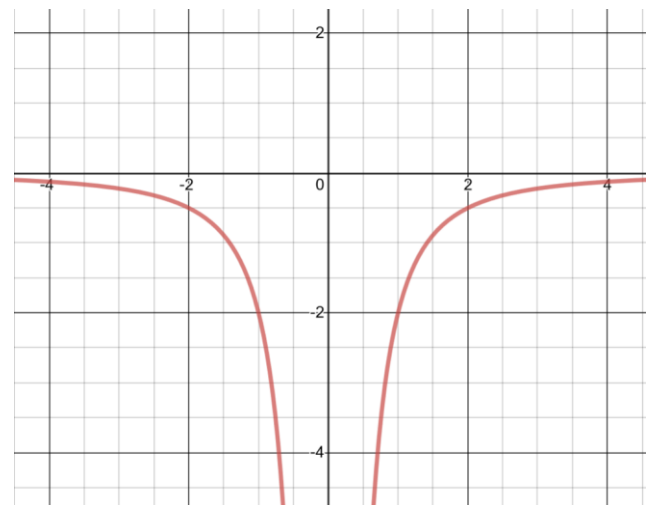
Your turn

Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{3}{x^2}$



Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{a}{x^2}$, $a < 0$

Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{-2}{x^2}$



Worked example

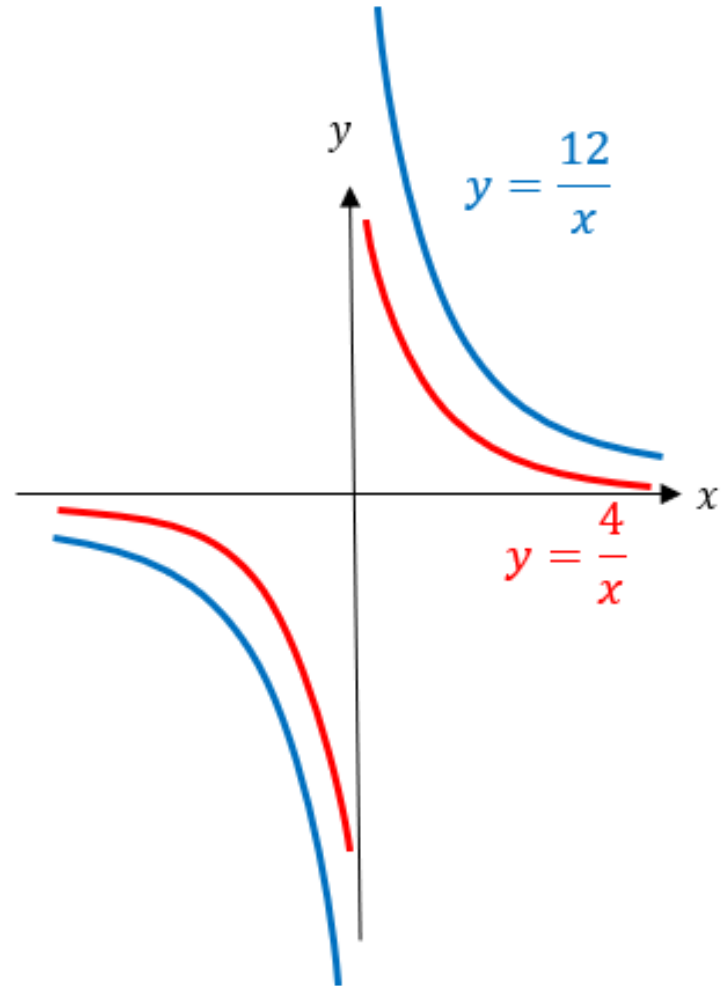
Sketch on the same diagram:

$$y = \frac{2}{x} \text{ and } y = \frac{8}{x}$$

Your turn

Sketch on the same diagram:

$$y = \frac{4}{x} \text{ and } y = \frac{12}{x}$$



Worked example

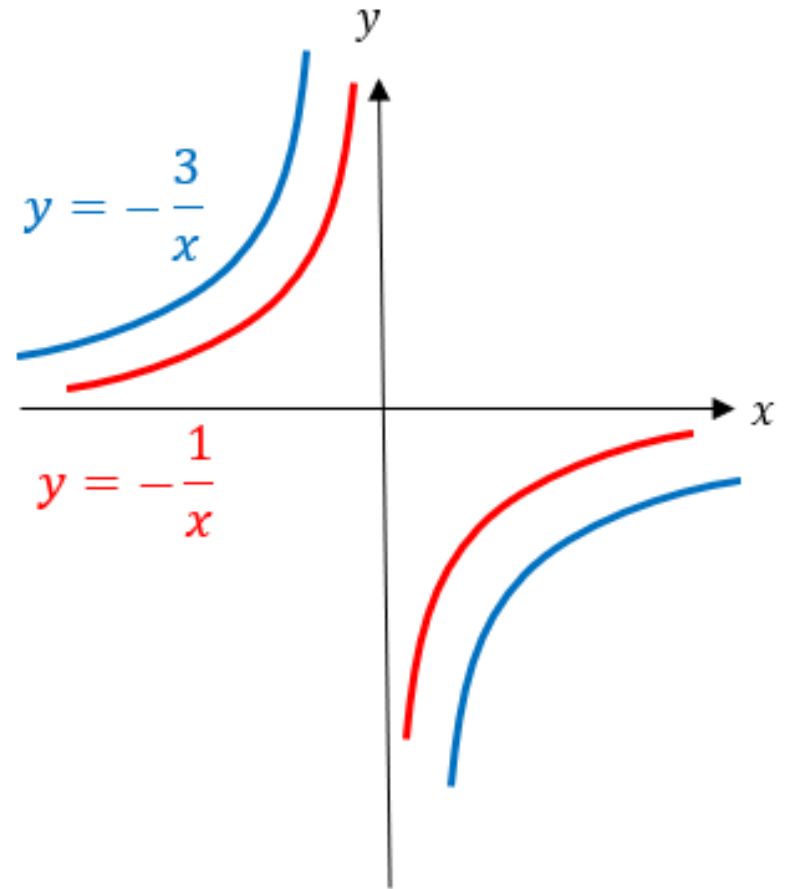
Sketch on the same diagram:

$$y = -\frac{2}{x} \text{ and } y = -\frac{8}{x}$$

Your turn

Sketch on the same diagram:

$$y = -\frac{1}{x} \text{ and } y = -\frac{3}{x}$$



Worked example

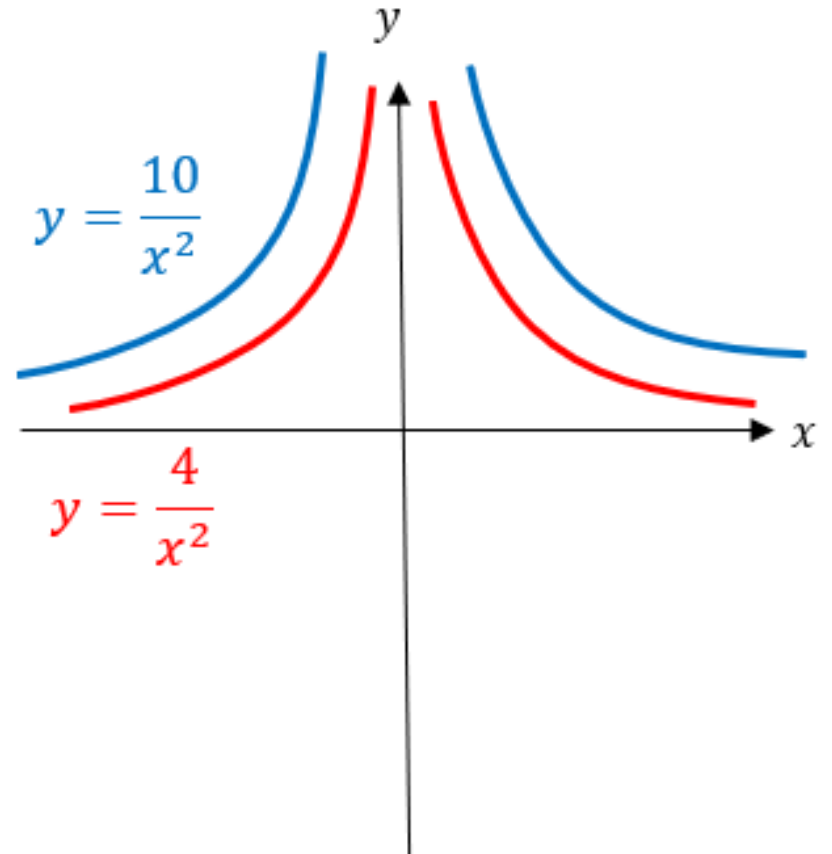
Sketch on the same diagram:

$$y = \frac{2}{x^2} \text{ and } y = \frac{7}{x^2}$$

Your turn

Sketch on the same diagram:

$$y = \frac{4}{x^2} \text{ and } y = \frac{10}{x^2}$$



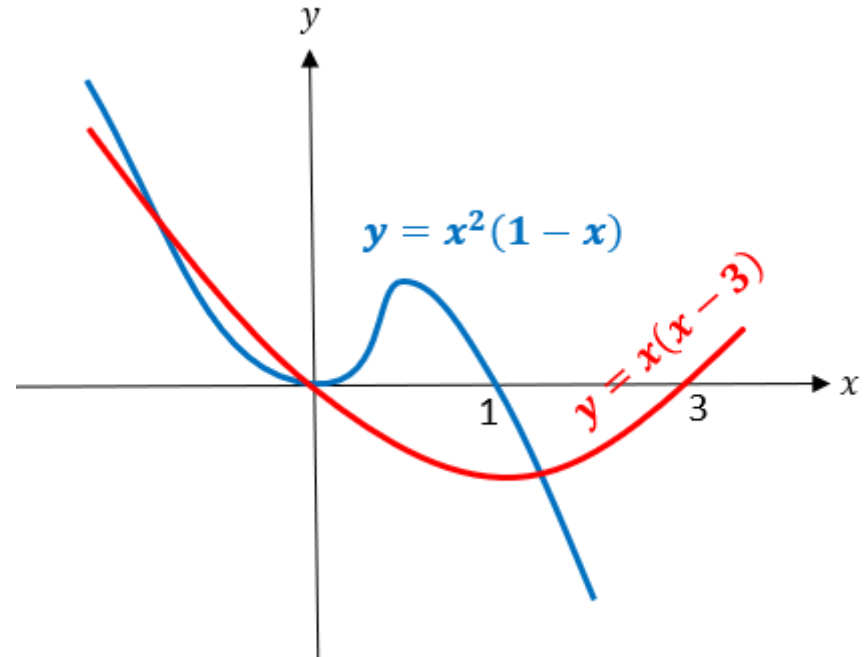
4.4) Points of intersection

Worked example

On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = x(x - 2)$ and $y = x^2(1 - x)$. Find the coordinates of their points of intersection.

Your turn

On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = x(x - 3)$ and $y = x^2(1 - x)$. Find the coordinates of their points of intersection.



$$\begin{aligned} &(-\sqrt{3}, 3 + 3\sqrt{3}), \\ &(0, 0), \\ &(\sqrt{3}, 3 - 3\sqrt{3}) \end{aligned}$$

Worked example

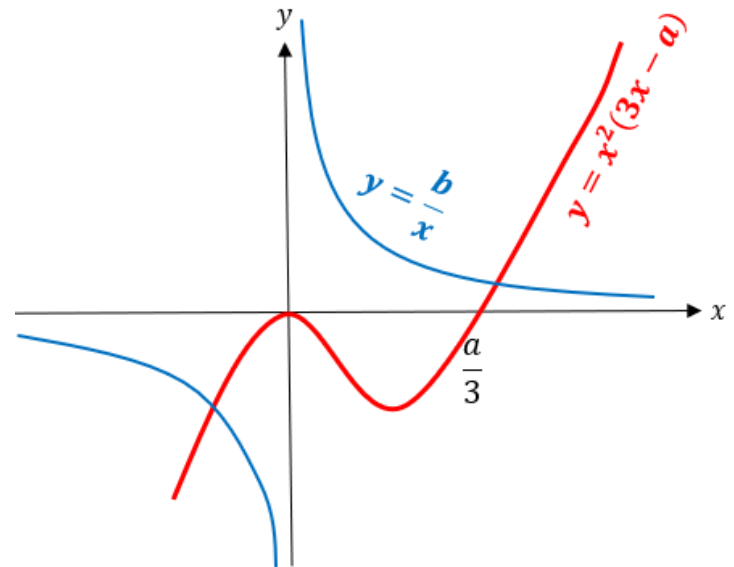
On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = -x^2(5x - a)$ and $y = -\frac{b}{x}$, where a, b are positive constants.

State, giving a reason, the number of real solutions to the equation $x^2(5x - a) + \frac{b}{x} = 0$

Your turn

On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = x^2(3x - a)$ and $y = \frac{b}{x}$, where a, b are positive constants.

State, giving a reason, the number of real solutions to the equation $x^2(3x - a) - \frac{b}{x} = 0$



2 points of intersection where

$$x^2(3x - a) = \frac{b}{x}$$

$$x^2(3x - a) - \frac{b}{x} = 0$$

\therefore 2 solutions

Worked example

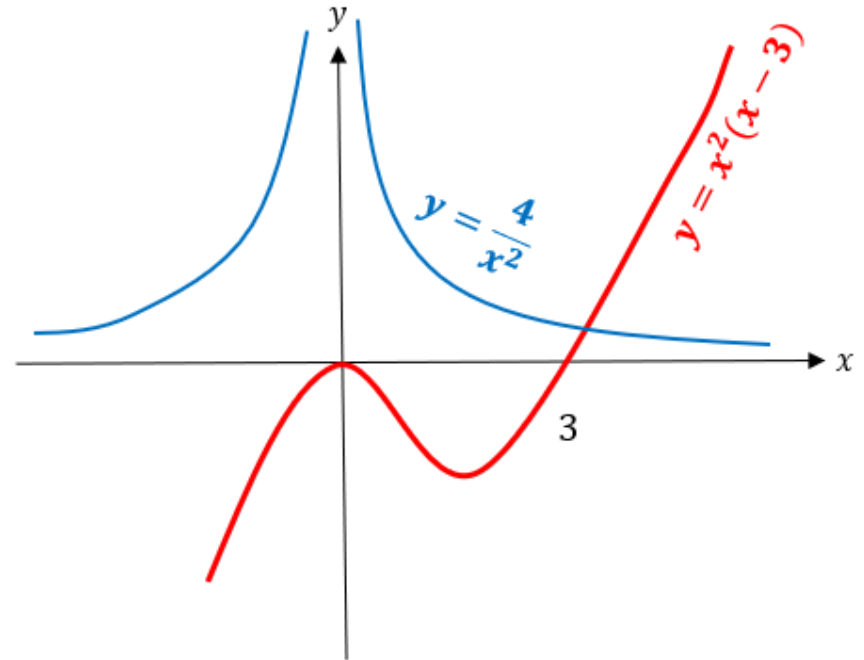
On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = \frac{3}{x^2}$ and $y = x^2(x - 4)$.

State, giving a reason, the number of real solutions to the equation $x^4(x - 4) - 3 = 0$

Your turn

On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = \frac{4}{x^2}$ and $y = x^2(x - 3)$.

State, giving a reason, the number of real solutions to the equation $x^4(x - 3) - 4 = 0$



1 point of intersection where

$$x^2(x - 3) = \frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$x^4(x - 3) = 4$$

$$x^4(x - 3) - 4 = 0$$

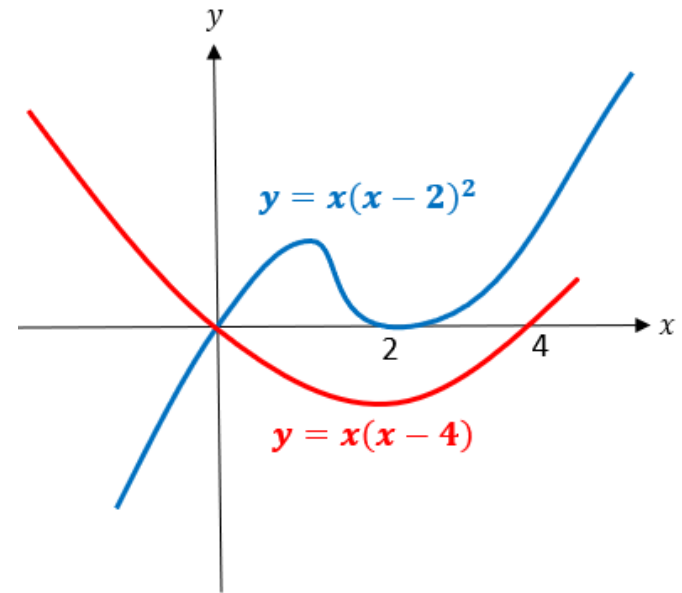
\therefore 1 real solution

Worked example

On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = x(x - 5)$ and $y = x(x - 3)^2$, and hence find the coordinates of any points of intersection.

Your turn

On the same diagram sketch the curves with equations $y = x(x - 4)$ and $y = x(x - 2)^2$, and hence find the coordinates of any points of intersection.



(0, 0) only as:

$$x(x - 2)^2 = x(x - 4)$$

$$x(x^2 - 4x + 4) = x^2 - 4x$$

$$x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x = x^2 - 4x$$

$$x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 5x + 8) = 0$$

$$\text{Discriminant of } x^2 - 5x + 8 = -7 < 0$$

Worked example

Work out the range of values of a such that the graphs of $y = x^2 + a$ and $3y = x - 2$ have two points of intersection

Your turn

Work out the range of values of a such that the graphs of $y = x^2 + a$ and $4y = x - 3$ have two points of intersection

$$a < -\frac{47}{72}$$

4.5) Translating graphs

Worked example

Describe the effect on the graph of $y = f(x)$ of:

$$f(x + 9)$$

$$f(x - 8)$$

$$f(x) + 7$$

$$f(x) - 6$$

Your turn

Describe the effect on the graph of $y = f(x)$ of:

$$f(x + 2)$$

Translation by vector $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f(x - 3)$$

Translation by vector $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f(x) + 4$$

Translation by vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f(x) - 5$$

Translation by vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$

Worked example

Sketch:

$$y = -x^2$$

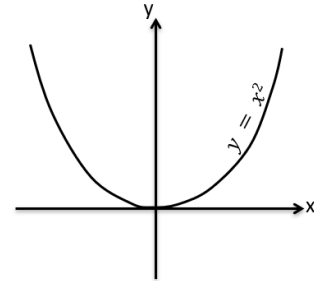
$$y = -x^2 - 3$$

$$y = -(x - 3)^2$$

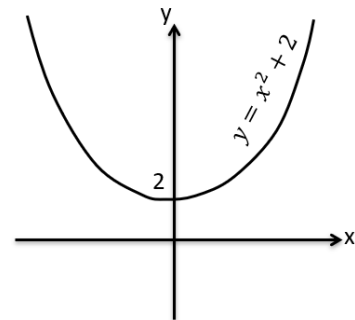
Your turn

Sketch:

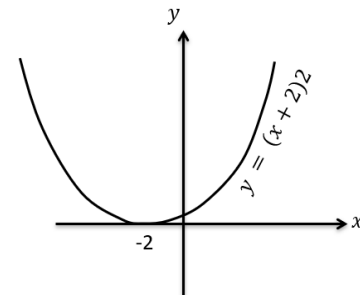
$$y = x^2$$



$$y = x^2 + 2$$



$$y = (x + 2)^2$$



Worked example

$$f(x) = -x^3$$

Sketch:

$$f(x - 3)$$

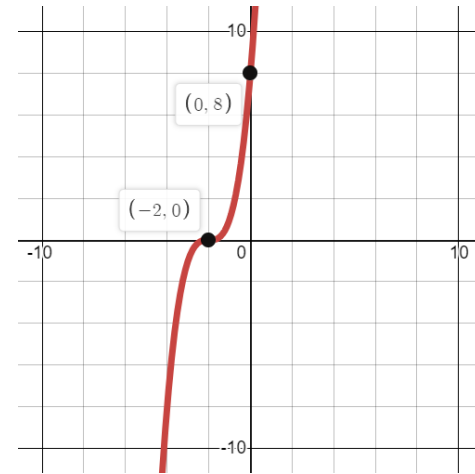
$$f(x) + 2$$

Your turn

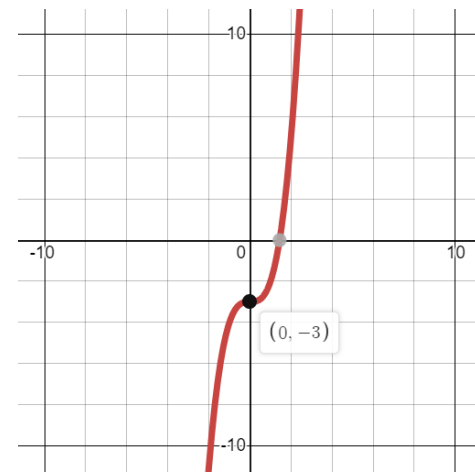
$$g(x) = x^3$$

Sketch:

$$g(x + 2)$$



$$g(x) - 3$$



Worked example

$$f(x) = x(x + 3)$$

Sketch:

$$f(x - 3)$$

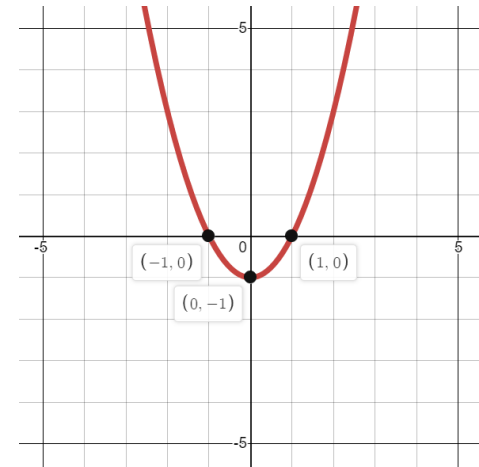
$$f(x) + 2$$

Your turn

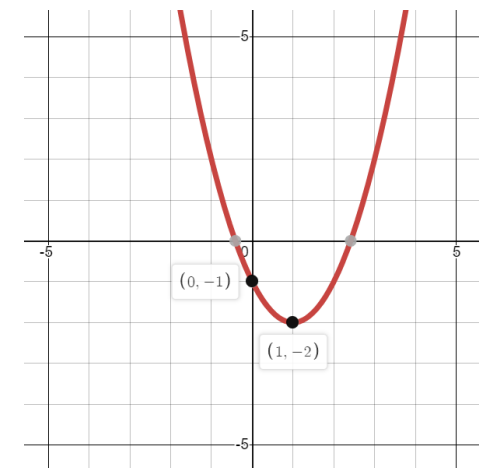
$$g(x) = x(x - 2)$$

Sketch:

$$g(x + 1)$$



$$g(x) - 1$$



Worked example

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

Sketch:

$$f(x - 3)$$

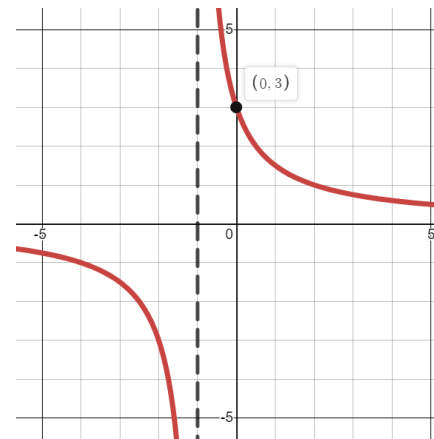
$$f(x) + 2$$

Your turn

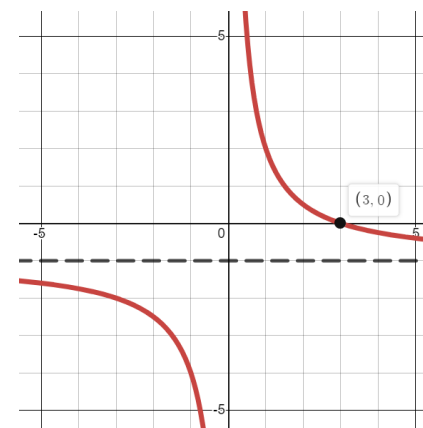
$$g(x) = \frac{3}{x}$$

Sketch:

$$g(x + 1)$$



$$g(x) - 1$$



Worked example

The point with coordinates $(-1.5, 0)$ lies on the curve with equation

$$y = (x + a)^3 + 6(x + a)^2 + 9(x + a)$$

where a is a constant. Find the two possible values of a

Your turn

The point with coordinates $(-2, 0)$ lies on the curve with equation

$$y = (x + a)^3 + 8(x + a)^2 + 16(x + a)$$

where a is a constant. Find the two possible values of a

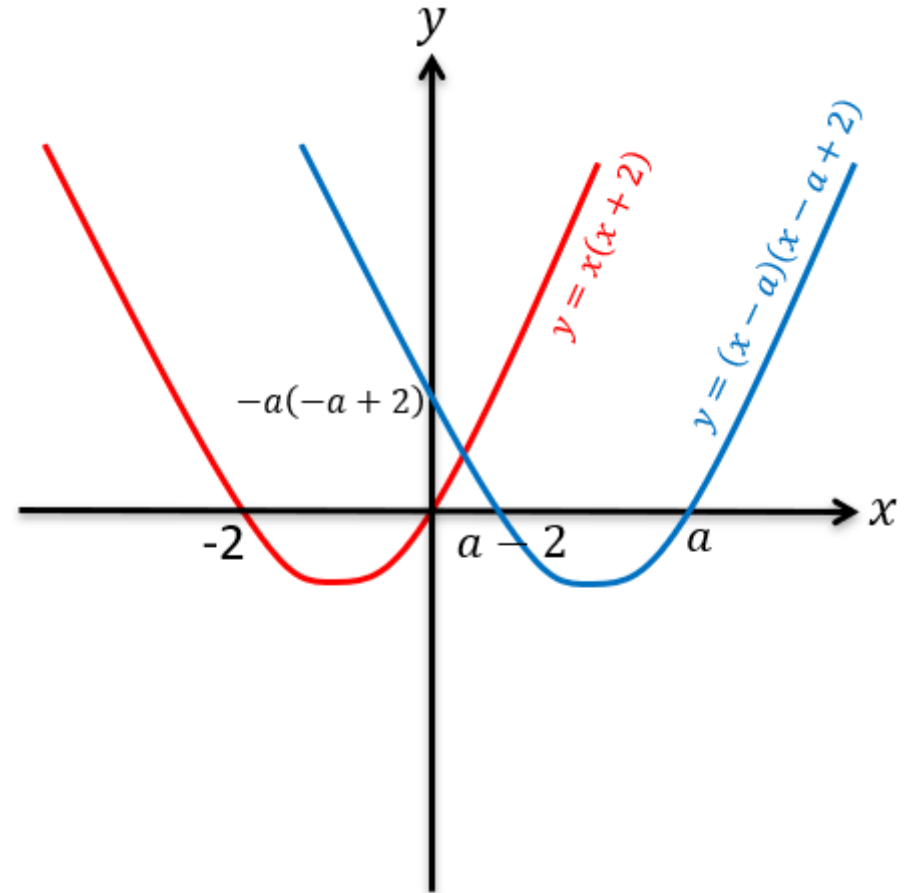
$$a = \pm 2$$

Worked example

Sketch $y = x(x - 3)$. On the same axes, sketch $y = (x + a)(x + a - 3)$, where $a > 3$.

Your turn

Sketch $y = x(x + 2)$. On the same axes, sketch $y = (x - a)(x - a + 2)$, where $a > 2$.



4.6) Stretching graphs

Worked example

Describe the effect on the graph of $y = f(x)$ of:

$$f(9x)$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{8}x\right)$$

$$7f(x)$$

$$\frac{1}{6}f(x)$$

Your turn

Describe the effect on the graph of $y = f(x)$ of:

$$f(2x)$$

Stretch, scale factor $\frac{1}{2}$, in the x -direction

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$$

Stretch, scale factor 3, in the x -direction

$$4f(x)$$

Stretch, scale factor 4, in the y -direction

$$\frac{1}{5}f(x)$$

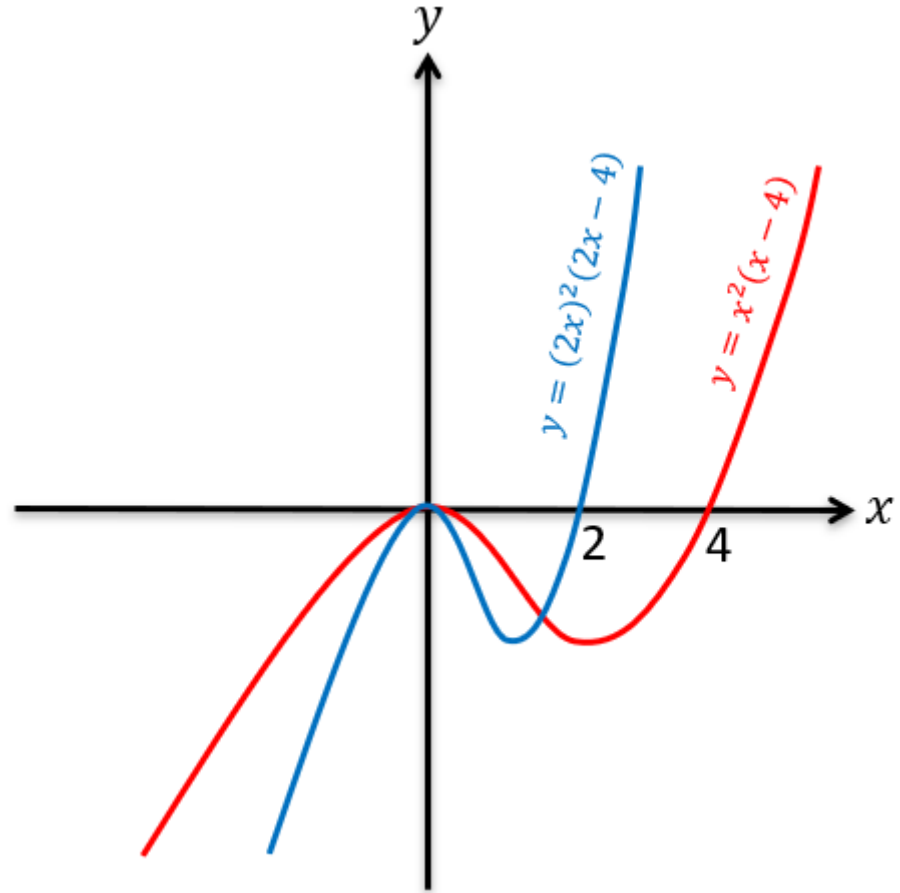
Stretch, scale factor $\frac{1}{5}$, in the y -direction

Worked example

Sketch $y = x^2(x + 8)$. On the same axes, sketch the graph with equation $y = (4x)^2(4x + 8)$

Your turn

Sketch $y = x^2(x - 4)$. On the same axes, sketch the graph with equation $y = (2x)^2(2x - 4)$

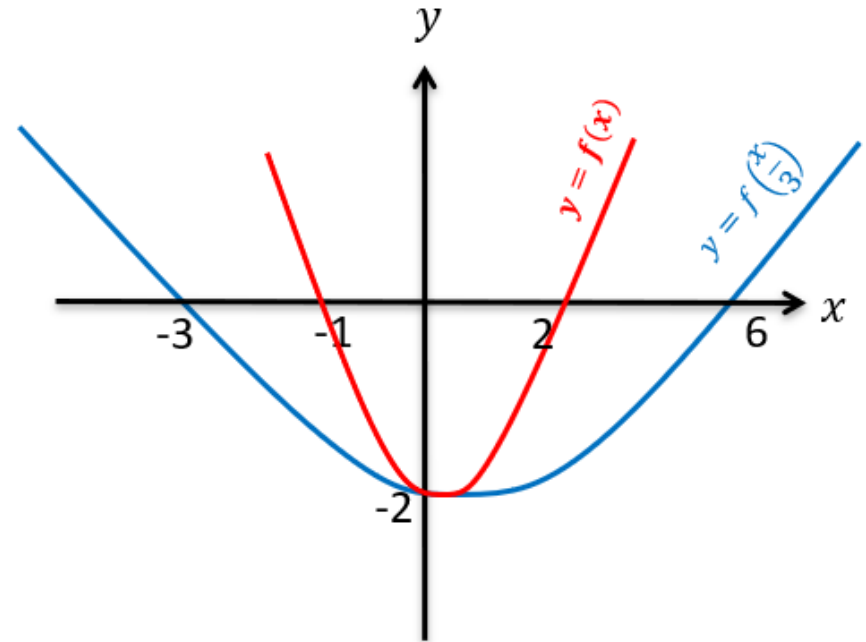


Worked example

If $y = (x + 2)(x - 1)$, sketch $y = f(x)$ and $y = f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$ on the same axes.

Your turn

If $y = (x + 1)(x - 2)$, sketch $y = f(x)$ and $y = f\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$ on the same axes.

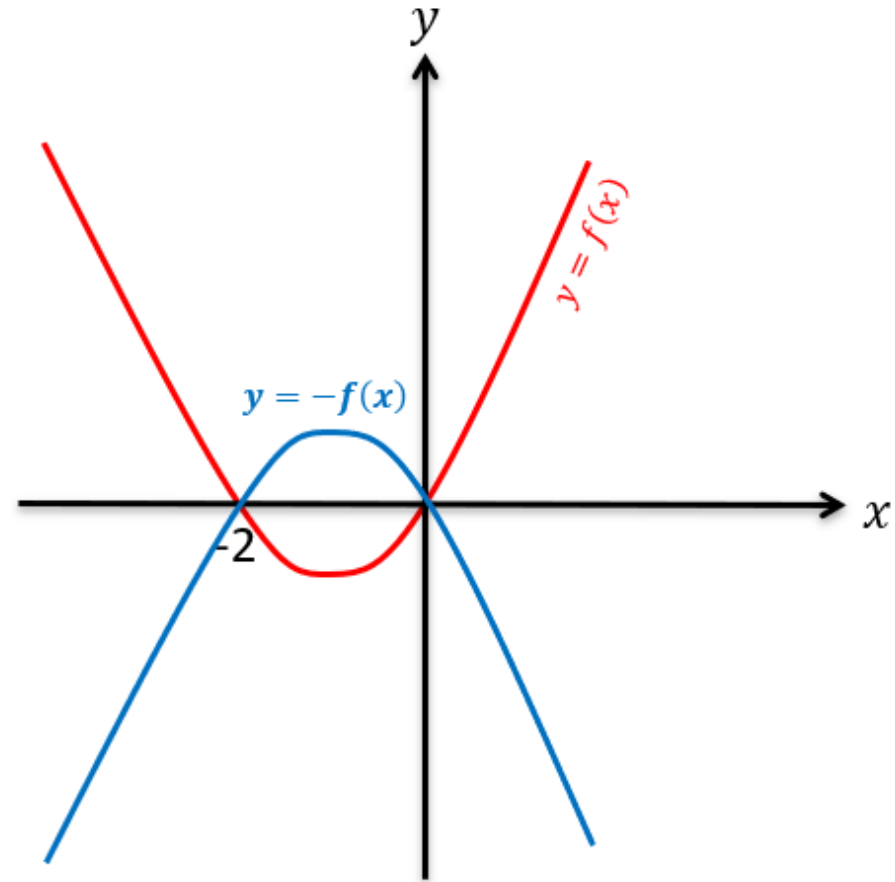


Worked example

If $y = x(x - 3)$, sketch
 $y = f(x)$ and $y = -f(x)$ on the same axes.

Your turn

If $y = x(x + 2)$, sketch
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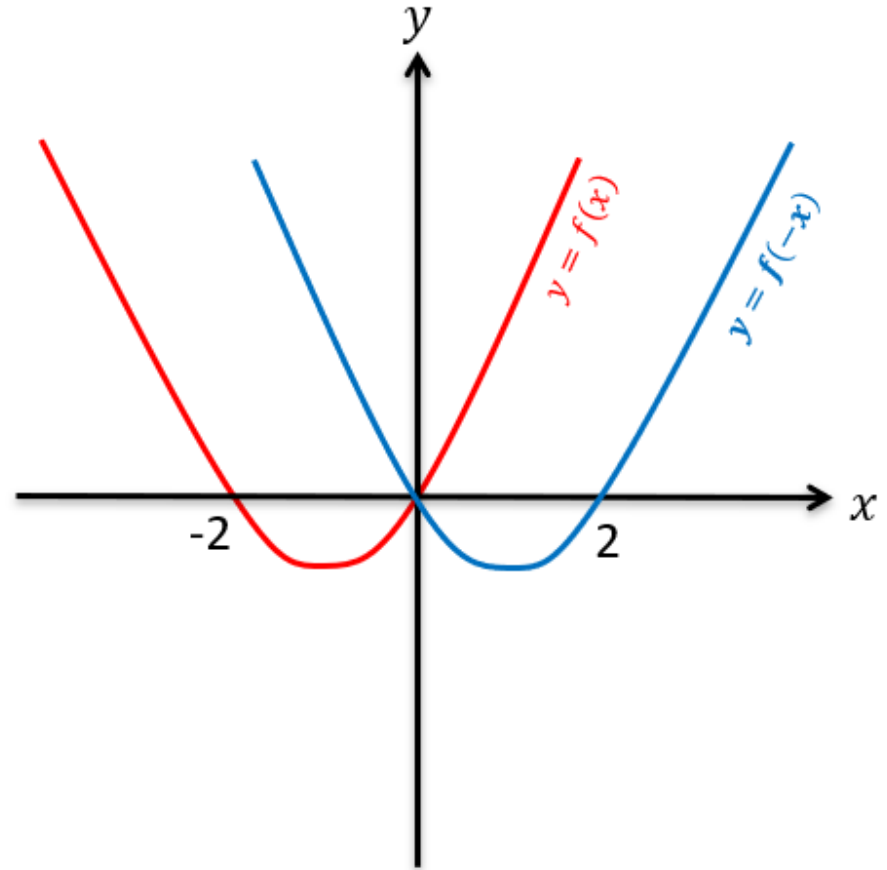


Worked example

If $y = x(x - 3)$, sketch
 $y = f(x)$ and $y = f(-x)$ on the same axes.

Your turn

If $y = x(x + 2)$, sketch
 $y = f(x)$ and $y = f(-x)$ on the same axes.



Worked example

On the same axes, sketch:

$$y = x(x + 2)(x - 1)$$

$$y = 4x(4x + 2)(4x - 1)$$

$$y = -x(x + 2)(x - 1)$$

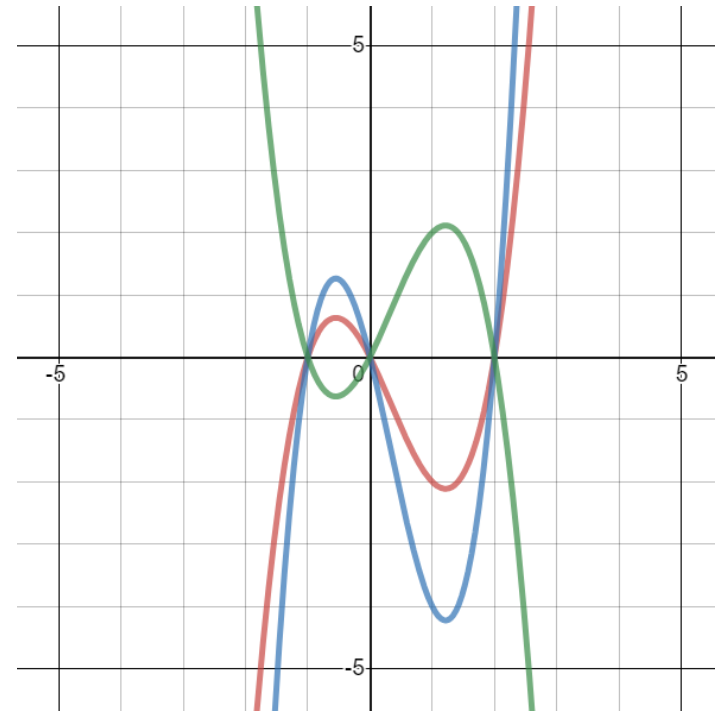
Your turn




On the same axes, sketch:

$$y = x(x - 2)(x + 1)$$

$$y = 2x(2x - 2)(2x + 1)$$

$$y = -x(x - 2)(x + 1)$$



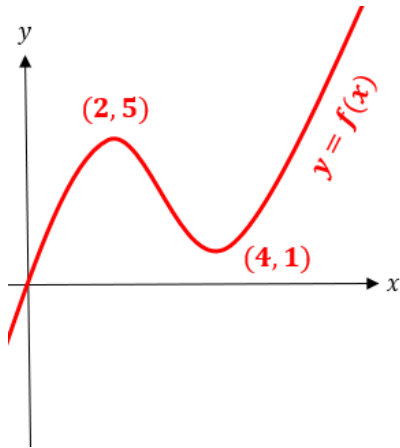
-  $x(x - 2)(x + 1)$
-  $2x(x - 2)(x + 1)$
-  $-x(x - 2)(x + 1)$

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Worked example

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.

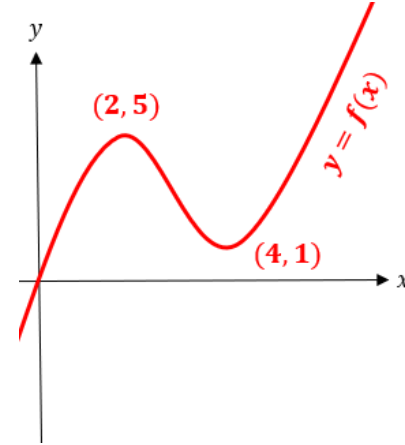


Sketch:

$$y = f(x - 3)$$

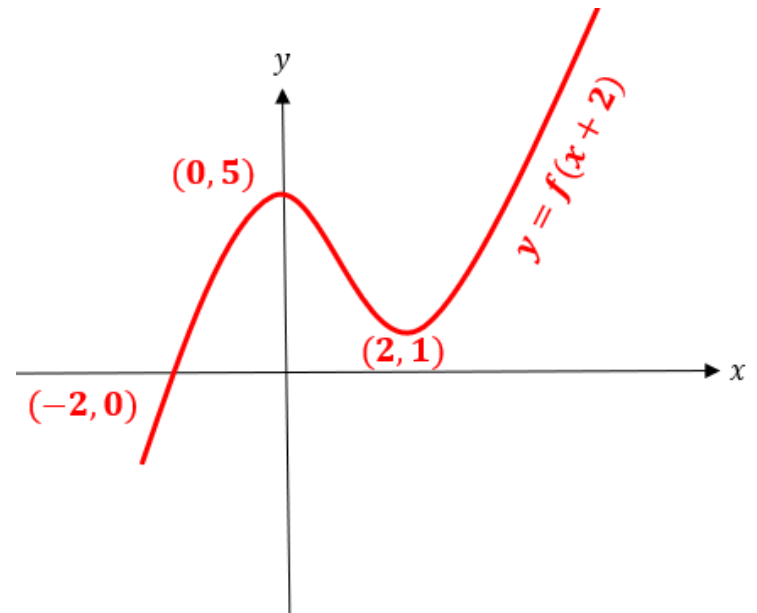
Your turn

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.



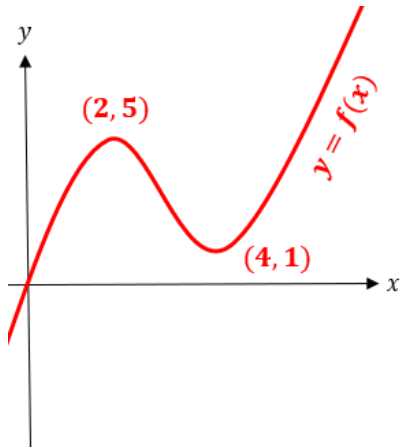
Sketch:

$$y = f(x + 2)$$



Worked example

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.

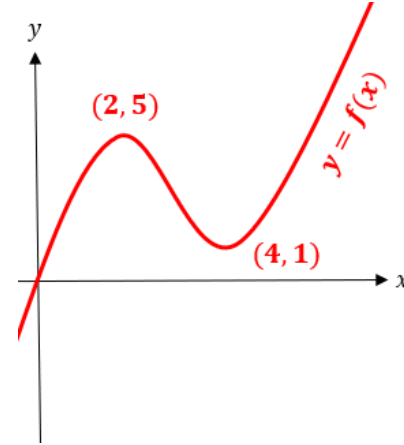


Sketch:

$$y = f(x) - 3$$

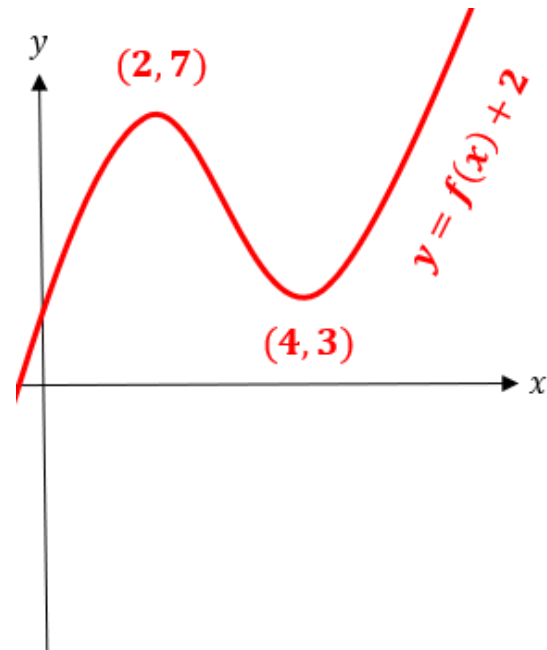
Your turn

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.



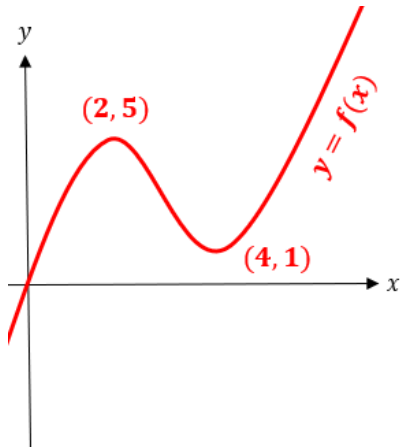
Sketch:

$$y = f(x) + 2$$



Worked example

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.

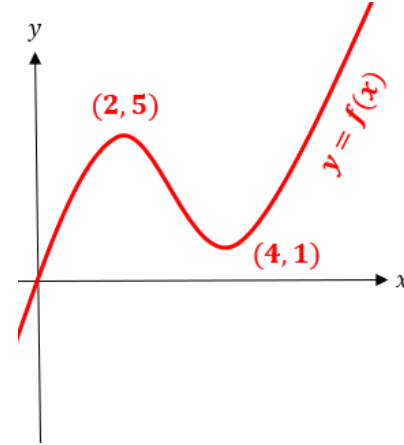


Sketch:

$$y = f(4x)$$

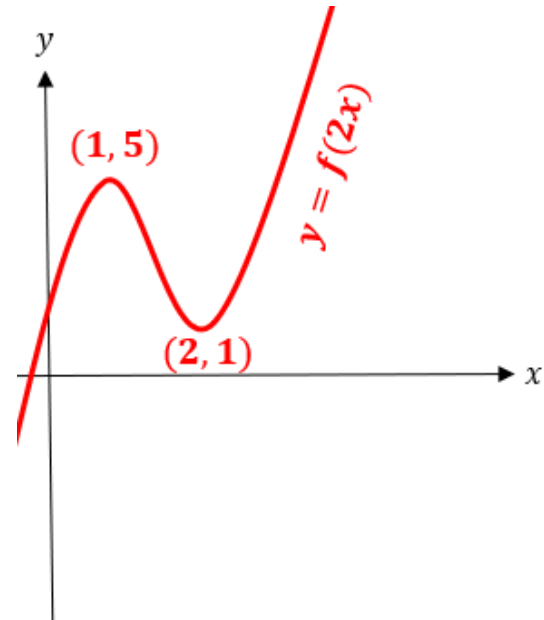
Your turn

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.



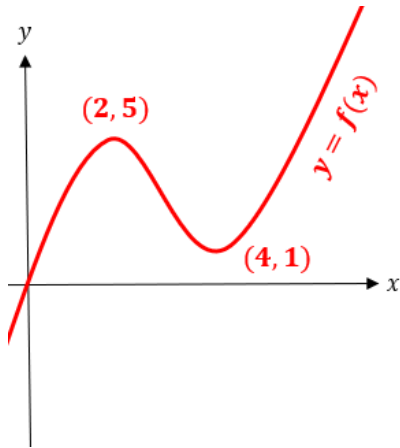
Sketch:

$$y = f(2x)$$



Worked example

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.

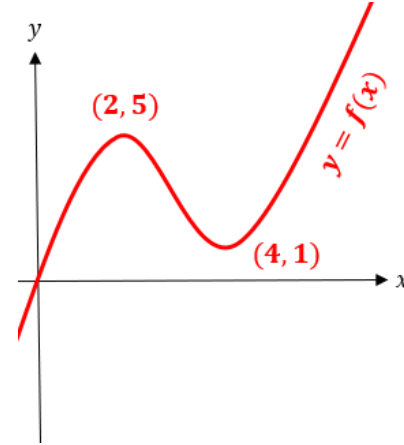


Sketch:

$$y = f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$$

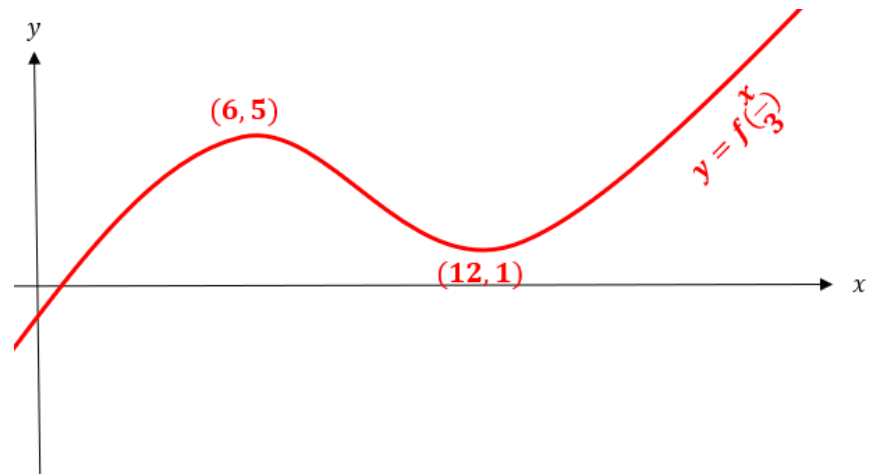
Your turn

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.



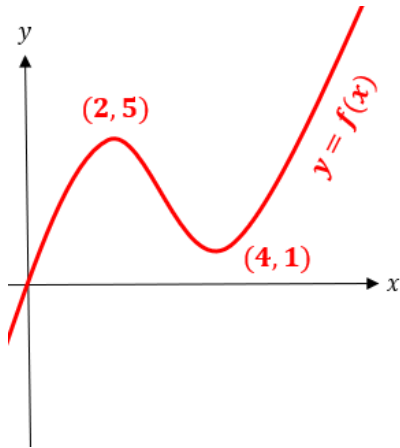
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Worked example

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.

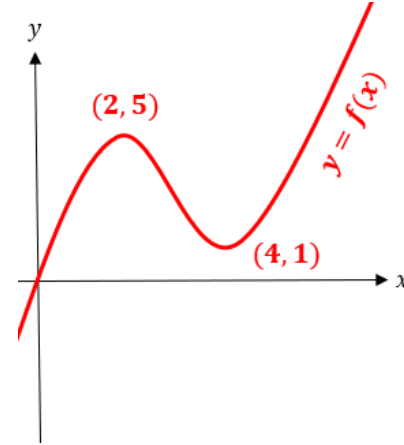


Sketch:

$$y = f(-x)$$

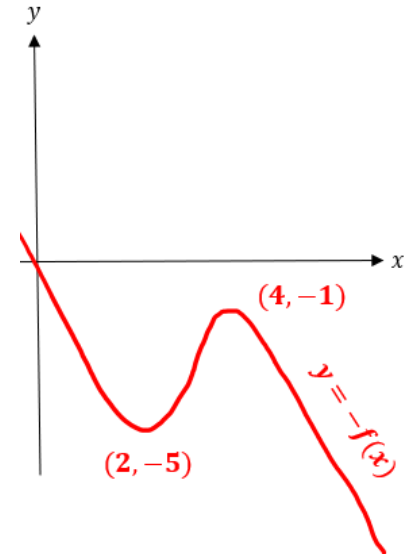
Your turn

A sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$ is shown.



Sketch:

$$y = -f(x)$$



Worked example

Find the new coordinates under the transformations

$y = f(x)$	$(-6, 4)$	$(0, 1)$
$y = f(x + 2)$		
$y = f(x) - 2$		
$y = f(3x)$		
$y = 4f(x)$		
$y = f\left(\frac{x}{5}\right)$		
$y = 6f(x)$		
$y = -f(x)$		
$y = f(-x)$		

Your turn

Find the new coordinates under the transformations

$y = f(x)$	$(6, -4)$	$(1, 0)$
$y = f(x + 1)$	$(5, -4)$	$(0, 0)$
$y = f(x) - 1$	$(6, -5)$	$(1, -1)$
$y = f(2x)$	$(3, -4)$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$
$y = 3f(x)$	$(6, -12)$	$(1, 0)$
$y = f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$	$(24, -4)$	$(4, 0)$
$y = \frac{1}{5}f(x)$	$(6, -0.8)$	$(1, 0)$
$y = -f(x)$	$(6, 4)$	$(1, 0)$
$y = f(-x)$	$(-6, -4)$	$(-1, 0)$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = 2f(x) + 3$$

$$y = 3f(x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = 5f(x) - 6$$

$$(3, 14)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = f(2x) + 3$$

$$y = f(3x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = f(5x) - 6$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{5}, -2\right)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = -f(x) + 3$$

$$y = -f(x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = -f(x) - 6$$

$$(3, -10)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = f(-x) + 3$$

$$y = f(-x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = -f(-x) - 6$$
$$(-3, -10)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = -2f(x) + 3$$

$$y = -3f(x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = -5f(x) - 6$$

$$(3, -26)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = 2f(-x) + 3$$

$$y = 3f(-x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = 5f(-x) - 6$$

$$(-3, 14)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = -2f(-x) + 3$$

$$y = -3f(-x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = -5f(-x) - 6$$

$$(-3, -26)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = 3f(2x) + 7$$

$$y = 7f(5x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = 5f(3x) - 7$$

(1, 13)

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = -3f(2x) + 7$$

$$y = -7f(5x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = -5f(3x) - 7$$

$$(1, -27)$$

Worked example

The point $A(2, 5)$ is the minimum of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of the new minimum of the curve:

$$y = -3f(-2x) + 7$$

$$y = -7f(-5x) - 2$$

Your turn

The point $A(3, 4)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$. Write the new coordinates of A after the transformation:

$$y = -5f(-3x) - 7$$

$$(-1, -27)$$