

1. Solve each equation. State the number and type of roots.

a. $0 = x^2 + 6x + 9$

$$0 = (x+3)(x+3)$$

$$x = -3$$

double zero

b. $x^3 + 25x = 0$

$$x(x^2 + 25) = 0$$

$$x = 0, \pm 5i$$

one real and 2 imaginary

A n th degree polynomial has n zeros.

KeyConcept Descartes' Rule of Signs

Let $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ be a polynomial function with real coefficients. Then

- the number of positive real zeros of $P(x)$ is the same as the number of changes in sign of the coefficients of the terms, or is less than this by an even number, and
- the number of negative real zeros of $P(x)$ is the same as the number of changes in sign of the coefficients of the terms of $P(-x)$, or is less than this by an even number.

2. State the possible number of positive, real zeros, negative real zeros, and imaginary zeros of $f(x) = x^6 + 3x^5 - 4x^4 - 6x^3 + x^2 - 8x + 5$. 6 zeros

positive

$$f(x) = x^6 + 3x^5 - 4x^4 - 6x^3 + x^2 - 8x + 5$$

Arrows indicate sign changes between terms: $+$ to $-$ (1), $-$ to $-$ (2), $-$ to $+$ (3), $+$ to $-$ (4).

4 changes in sign

negative

$$f(-x) = (-x)^6 + 3(-x)^5 - 4(-x)^4 - 6(-x)^3 + (-x)^2 - 8(-x) + 5$$

$$f(-x) = x^6 - 3x^5 - 4x^4 + 6x^3 + x^2 + 8x + 5$$

Arrows indicate sign changes between terms: $+$ to $-$ (1), $-$ to $+$ (2).

2 changes in sign

4 pos	2 neg		
2 pos	2 neg	2 imaginary	
0 pos	2 neg	4 imaginary	
0 pos	0 neg	6 imaginary	
4 pos	0 neg	2 imaginary	
2 pos	0 neg	4 imaginary	

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3. State the possible number of positive, real zeros, negative real zeros, and imaginary zeros of $f(x) = 2x^5 + x^4 + 3x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 9$. 5 zeros

pos
 $f(x) = 2x^5 + x^4 + 3x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 9$

2 changes in sign

neg
 $f(-x) = 2(-x)^5 + (-x)^4 + 3(-x)^3 - 4(-x)^2 - (-x) + 9$
 $= -2x^5 + x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 9$

3 changes in sign

2 pos	3 neg		
0 pos	3 neg	2 imaginary	
2 pos	1 neg	2 imaginary	0 pos 1 neg 4 imaginary

4. State the possible number of positive, real zeros, negative real zeros, and imaginary zeros of $f(x) = -x^5 + 14x^3 + 18x - 36$. 5 zeros

pos
 $f(x) = -x^5 + 14x^3 + 18x - 36$

2 changes

neg
 $f(-x) = -(-x)^5 + 14(-x)^3 + 18(-x) - 36$
 $= x^5 - 14x^3 - 18x - 36$

1 change

2 pos	1 neg	2 imaginary
0 pos	1 neg	4 imaginary

5. State the possible number of positive, real zeros, negative real zeros, and imaginary zeros of $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - 5x + 19$. 4 zeros

pos
 $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - 5x + 19$

2 changes

neg
 $f(-x) = (-x)^4 - 2(-x)^2 - 5(-x) + 19$
 $= x^4 - 2x^2 + 5x + 19$

2 changes

2 pos	2 neg	
0 pos	2 neg	2 imaginary
2 pos	0 neg	2 imaginary
0 pos	0 neg	4 imaginary

Key Concept Complex Conjugates Theorem

Words Let a and b be real numbers, and $b \neq 0$. If $a + bi$ is a zero of a polynomial function with real coefficients, then $a - bi$ is also a zero of the function.

Example If $3 + 4i$ is a zero of $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 13x + 50$, then $3 - 4i$ is also a zero of the function.

6. Write a polynomial function of least degree with integral coefficients, the zeros of which include -1 and $5 - i$.

so $5+i$ also zero

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (x+1)(x-(5-i))(x-(5+i)) \\
 &= (x+1)(x-5+i)(x-5-i) \\
 &= (x+1)((x-5)+i)((x-5)-i) \\
 &= (x+1)((x-5)^2 - i^2) \quad \star \text{ difference of 2 perfect squares} \\
 &= (x+1)((x-5)^2 - (-1)) \\
 &= (x+1)(x^2 - 10x + 25 + 1) \\
 &= (x+1)(x^2 - 10x + 26) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 26x + x^2 - 10x + 26 = \boxed{x^3 - 9x^2 + 16x + 26}
 \end{aligned}$$

7. Write a polynomial function of least degree with integral coefficients, the zeros of which include -1 and $1 + 2i$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (x+1)(x-(1+2i))(x-(1-2i)) \\
 &= (x+1)(x-1-2i)(x-1+2i) \\
 &= (x+1)[(x-1)-2i][(x-1)+2i] \\
 &= (x+1)[(x-1)^2 - (2i)^2] \\
 &= (x+1)(x^2 - 2x + 1 - 4i^2) \\
 &= (x+1)(x^2 - 2x + 1 + 4) \\
 &= (x+1)(x^2 - 2x + 5) \\
 &= x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x + x^2 - 2x + 5 \\
 &= \boxed{x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 5}
 \end{aligned}$$

8. Write a polynomial function of least degree with integral coefficients, the zeros of which include -3 , 1 , and $-3i$ and $3i$

$$f(x) = (x+3)(x-1)(x-(-3i))(x-3i)$$

$$= (x+3)(x-1)(x+3i)(x-3i)$$

$$= (x+3)(x-1)(x^2 - 9i^2)$$

$$= (x+3)(x-1)(x^2 + 9)$$

$$= (x^2 + 2x - 3)(x^2 + 9)$$

$$= x^4 + 9x^2 + 2x^3 + 18x - 3x^2 - 27$$

$$= \boxed{x^4 + 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 18x - 27}$$