

Section 2.1 Quadratic equations

2. Use the quadratic formula to solve each of the following, giving your answers correct to one place of decimals:

(a) (i) $x^2 - 2x - 2 = 0$

$a = 1$
 $b = -2$
 $c = -2$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+8}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$x_1 = 1 + \sqrt{3} = 2.7$$

$$x_2 = 1 - \sqrt{3} = -0.7$$

Remember...

If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



3. Use the quadratic formula to solve each of the following, leaving your answers in surd form:

(a) (i) $3x^2 + 4x - 5 = 0$

$a = 3$
 $b = 4$
 $c = -5$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(3)(-5)}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{19}}{6} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{19}}{3}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{19}}{3}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-2 - \sqrt{19}}{3}$$

Remember...

If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



4. Solve the following equations:

(a) (i) $\frac{x+7}{3} + \frac{2}{x} = 4$

multiply by LCM = $3x$

$$x(x+7) + 3(2) = 4(3x)$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 6 = 12x$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = 2 \quad | \quad x = 3$$

5. By finding a suitable substitution, solve each of the following:

(c) $\left(y + \frac{4}{y}\right)^2 - 9\left(y + \frac{4}{y}\right) + 20 = 0$

let $x = y + \frac{4}{y} \Rightarrow$ Rewrite as $x^2 - 9x + 20 = 0$

$$(x-4)(x-5) = 0$$

$$x = 4 \quad | \quad x = 5$$

Sub back in

$$4 = y + \frac{4}{y}$$

$$4y = y^2 + 4$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = 0$$

$$(y-2)(y-2) = 0$$

$$y = 2 \quad | \quad y = 2$$

$$5 = y + \frac{4}{y}$$

$$5y = y^2 + 4$$

$$y^2 - 5y + 4 = 0$$

$$(y-4)(y-1) = 0$$

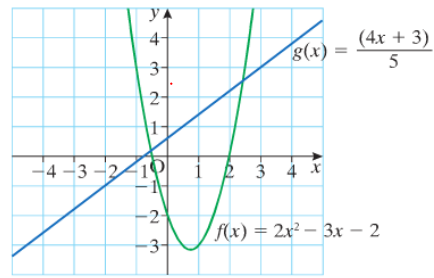
$$y = 4 \quad | \quad y = 1$$

10. The graphs of the functions

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x - 2 \text{ and } g(x) = \frac{4x + 3}{5}$$

are drawn as shown. Using the graphs, estimate the solutions of the following equations

- (a) $f(x) = 0$ where green curve cuts x-axis
- (b) $g(x) = 0$ where blue line cuts x-axis
- (c) $f(x) = g(x)$. Intersection of blue line and green curve



- (a) $x = -0.5$ and $x = 2$
- (b) $x = -0.7$
- (c) $x = -0.6$ and $x = 2.4$

Section 2.2 Nature of quadratic roots

9. Prove that the equation $(k - 2)x^2 + 2x - k = 0$ has real roots, whatever the value of k .

- 1. If $(b^2 - 4ac) > 0$ → two different (distinct) real roots
- 2. If $(b^2 - 4ac) = 0$ → two equal real roots
- 3. If $(b^2 - 4ac) < 0$ → two imaginary roots
- 4. If $(b^2 - 4ac)$ is a perfect square → rational roots

Remember...
The square of a real number ≥ 0
 $x^2 \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= k-2 \\
 b &= 2 \\
 c &= -k
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left| \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 b^2 - 4ac &= (2)^2 - 4(k-2)(-k) = 4 + 4k^2 - 8k \\
 &= 4(k^2 - 2k + 1) \\
 &= 4(k-1)(k-1) = 4(k-1)^2 \geq 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \text{it has real roots}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the discriminant of each of the following equations and state if the roots are

(a) real and different

(b) real and equal

(c) imaginary.

(i) $2x^2 + x + 5 = 0$

(ii) $-2x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$

(iii) $3x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$

(iv) $-3 + 2x - x^2 = 0$

(v) $x^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$

(vi) $25 - 10x + x^2 = 0$

Remember...

Discriminant = Δ

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$



(i) $a=2, b=1, c=5$

$$\Delta = (1)^2 - 4(2)(5)$$

$$= 1 - 40$$

$$= -39 < 0$$

imaginary roots

(ii) $a=-2, b=3, c=1$

$$\Delta = (3)^2 - 4(-2)(1)$$

$$= 9 + 8$$

$$= 17 > 0$$

real and different

(iii) $a=3, b=2, c=-1$

$$\Delta = (2)^2 - 4(3)(-1)$$

$$= 4 + 12$$

$$= 16 > 0$$

real and different

(v) $a=1, b=8, c=16$

$$\Delta = (8)^2 - 4(1)(16)$$

$$= 64 - 64$$

$$= 0$$

real and equal

(iv) $a=-1, b=2, c=-3$

$$\Delta = (2)^2 - 4(-1)(-3)$$

$$= 4 - 12$$

$$= -8 < 0$$

imaginary roots

(vi) $a=1, b=-10, c=25$

$$\Delta = (-10)^2 - 4(1)(25)$$

$$= 100 - 100$$


$$= 0$$

real and equal

10. Find the value of k for which the equation $(k-2)x^2 + x(2k+1) + k = 0$ has equal roots.


Remember...

Discriminant = Δ

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$


Remember...

When roots are equal

$$\Delta = 0$$


$$a = k - 2$$

$$b = 2k + 1$$

$$c = k$$

$$\Rightarrow (2k+1)^2 - 4(k-2)(k) = 0$$

$$4k^2 - 4k + 1 - 4k^2 + 8k = 0$$


$$1 = 12k$$

$$k = \frac{1}{12}$$

13. Show that the equation $x^2 - 2px + 3p^2 + q^2 = 0$ cannot have real roots for $p, q \in R$.


Remember...

Discriminant = Δ

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$


Remember...

When roots are real

$$\Delta \geq 0$$


$$a = 1 \quad b = -2p \quad c = 3p^2 + q^2$$

$$\Delta = (-2p)^2 - 4(1)(3p^2 + q^2)$$

$$= 4p^2 - 12p^2 - 4q^2$$

$$= -8p^2 - 4q^2 \leq 0$$

imaginary roots

Section 2.3 Solving quadratic and linear equations

Solve: **12.** $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y + 3 = 0$
 $x - y + 3 = 0$ Step 1: Rewrite linear $\Rightarrow x = y - 3$

Step 2: Sub into quadratic & solve

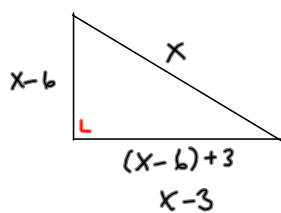
$$\begin{aligned}(y-3)^2 + y^2 + 2(y-3) - 4y + 3 &= 0 \\ y^2 - 6y + 9 + y^2 + 2y - 6 - 4y + 3 &= 0 \\ 2y^2 - 8y + 6 &= 0 \\ y - 4y + 3 &= 0 \\ (y-1)(y-3) &= 0 \\ y = 1 \quad | \quad y = 3\end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Sub values into linear to find points

$$\begin{aligned}x &= y - 3 \\ x &= 1 - 3 = -2 \\ &\quad (-2, 1) \\ x &= 3 - 3 = 0 \\ &\quad (0, 3)\end{aligned}$$

Section 2.4 Quadratic and linear equations in context

- 10.** The hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle is 6 cm longer than the shortest side.
 The third side is 3 cm longer than the shortest side. Find the length of the shortest side.



Remember...

Pythagoras

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2$$



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

$$x^2 = x^2 - 12x + 36 + x^2 - 6x + 9$$

$$x^2 - 18x + 45 = 0$$

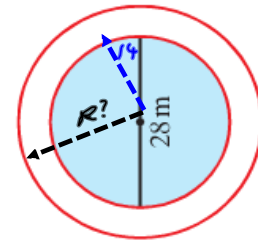
$$(x-3)(x-15) = 0$$

$$x = 15 \quad | \quad x = 3 \quad \text{this answer implies one side is 0 so it doesn't make sense.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{hypotenuse} = 15 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{shortest side} = 15 - 6 = 9 \text{ cm}$$

13. A circular swimming pool with a diameter of 28 metres has a wooden deck around its edge. If the deck has an area of $60\pi\text{m}^2$, find the width of the deck.



$$\text{Pool Area} = \pi (14)^2 = 196\pi$$

R = Radius of pool + deck?

$$\text{Pool + Deck Area} = 196\pi + 60\pi = 256\pi$$

$$256\pi = \pi R^2$$

$$R = \sqrt{256} = 16$$

$$\text{Width of deck} = 16 - 14 = 2\text{ m}$$

Remember...

$$\text{Area of a disc} = \pi r^2$$



Section 2.5 Forming quadratic equations from their roots

1. State (i) the sum and (ii) the product of the roots of each of the following quadratic equations.

(a) $x^2 + 9x + 4 = 0$

(i) $r_1 + r_2 = -9$

(ii) $r_1 r_2 = 4$

(b) $x^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$

(i) $r_1 + r_2 = 2$

(ii) $r_1 r_2 = -5$

Remember...

$$x^2 - (\text{Sum of Roots})x + (\text{Product of Roots}) = 0$$



3. Find the quadratic equations that have the following pairs of roots (r_1, r_2) .

(iv) $(\sqrt{5}, 4)$

$$X^2 - (4 + \sqrt{5})X + 4\sqrt{5} = 0$$

Remember...

$$X^2 - (\text{Sum of Roots})X + (\text{Product of Roots}) = 0$$



(viii) $(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{5})$

$$X^2 - (\frac{5}{2} + \frac{3}{5})X + (\frac{5}{2})(\frac{3}{5}) = 0$$

$$X^2 - (\frac{25+6}{10})X + \frac{15}{10} = 0$$

$$10X^2 - 31X + 15 = 0$$

Section 2.6 Max and Min of Quadratic graphs

3. Write each of the following in the form $(x - p)^2 + q = 0$.

(i) $x^2 + 4x - 6 = 0$

	x	2
x	x^2	$2x$
2	$2x$	4

$$\underbrace{x^2 + 4x + 4}_{(x+2)^2} - \underbrace{6 - 4}_{-2} = 0$$

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

9. If $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 7$, find
- the smallest possible value of $f(x)$
 - the value of x at which this smallest value occurs
 - the greatest possible value of $\frac{1}{(x^2 + 4x + 7)}$.

min. pt.?

	x	2
x	x^2	$2x$
2	$2x$	4

$$f(x) = \underline{x^2 + 4x + 4} + \underline{7 - 4}$$

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

min. pt. $(-2, 3)$

(i) 3

(ii) -2

- (iii) the greatest possible value of $\frac{1}{(x^2 + 4x + 7)}$.

the value of this fraction is greatest when the denominator has its minimum value

this occurs at $x = -2$ so sub in

$$\frac{1}{(-2)^2 + 4(-2) + 7} = \frac{1}{4 - 8 + 7} = \frac{1}{3}$$

4. The graph of $y = a(x - p)^2 + q$ has a minimum point (p, q) .
By completing the square, find the minimum point of each of the following quadratic equations:

(ii) $3x^2 - 6x - 1 = 0$ $y = 3 \left[x^2 - 2x - \frac{1}{3} \right]$

	x	-1
x	x^2	$-x$
-1	$-x$	1

$$= 3 \left[\underbrace{x^2 - 2x + 1}_{(x-1)^2} - \frac{1}{3} - 1 \right]$$

$$= 3 \left[(x-1)^2 - \frac{4}{3} \right]$$

$$= 3(x-1)^2 - 4$$

$$\text{min. pt.} = (1, -4)$$

Section 2.7 Surds

2. Express each of the following in its simplest form:

(i) $2\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2}$

$$= 8\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 5\sqrt{2}$$

(ii) $2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{18}$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{9(2)}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 5\sqrt{2}$$

5. By rationalising the denominator, express each of the following in its simplest form.

$$(ii) \frac{12}{3 - \sqrt{2}}$$

Remember...

When dividing by a Compound Surd
multiply above and below
by its conjugate

Remember...

Conjugate of
(a + √b) is (a - √b)

$$= \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{2})}{(3 - \sqrt{2})(3 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{2})}{9 - 2} = \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{2})}{7}$$

↑
notice difference of 2 squares

Section 2.8 Algebraic surd equations

4. Show that $\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$. easy way is to multiply by LCD

if its true then

$$\begin{aligned} -1 + \sqrt{3} &= (2 - \sqrt{3})(1 + \sqrt{3}) \\ &= 2 - 2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} - 3 \\ &= -1 - \sqrt{3} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

7. Solve the following equations and check your solutions in each case:

- If there is **only one surd**, isolate it on one side and then square both sides and solve.
- If there are **two surds**, move one to each side of the equation. Square both sides and isolate any remaining surds. Square both sides again to remove any remaining surd.
- Solve the resulting equation.
- Check your answers.

(iv) $\sqrt{3x-5} = x-1$

SQUARE BOTH SIDES

$$3x-5 = x^2-2x+1$$

$$x^2-5x+6 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x=3 \quad | \quad x=2$$

Check: $\sqrt{3(3)-5} \stackrel{?}{=} 3-1$

$$\sqrt{9-5} \stackrel{?}{=} 2$$

$$\sqrt{4} \stackrel{?}{=} 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sqrt{3(2)-5} \stackrel{?}{=} 2-1$$

$$\sqrt{6-5} \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$\sqrt{1} \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \quad \checkmark$$

both answers are valid

8. Solve each of these equations and check each solution:

(iv) $\sqrt{3x-2} = \sqrt{x-2} + 2$

SQUARE BOTH SIDES

$$3x-2 = (x-2) + 4\sqrt{x-2} + 4$$

$$3x-2 = x + 4\sqrt{x-2} + 2$$

$$2x-4 = 4\sqrt{x-2}$$

SQUARE BOTH SIDES

Remember...

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$



$$4x^2 - 16x + 16 = 16(x-2)$$

$$4x^2 - 16x + 16 = 16x - 32$$

$$4x^2 - 32x + 48 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 12 = 0$$

$$(x-6)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x=6 \quad | \quad x=2$$

Section 2.9 The factor theorem

6. Show that $(2x - 1)$ is a factor of $2x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x - 3$.

Remember...

If $(x - a)$ is a factor

$$f(a) = 0$$



if $(2x - 1)$ is a factor

then $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$

check: $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 7\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 3$

$$= \frac{2}{8} + \frac{7}{4} + 1 - 3$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{4} - 2 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

15. Factorise fully $x^3 - x^2 - 14x + 24$.

Hence solve the equation $x^3 - x^2 - 14x + 24 = 0$.

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - (1)^2 - 14(1) + 24 > 0$$

$$f(2) = (2)^3 - (2)^2 - 14(2) + 24 = 0$$

So $(x - 2)$ is a factor

Remember...

If $f(a) = 0$

then $(x - a)$ is a factor



DIVIDE

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + x - 12 \\
 x-2 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 - 14x + 24} \\
 \underline{+x^3 + 2x^2} \\
 x^2 - 14x \\
 \underline{+x^2 + 2x} \\
 -12x + 24 \\
 \underline{+12x + 24} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

FACTORISE

$$\begin{aligned}
 &x^2 + x - 12 \\
 &(x - 3)(x + 4)
 \end{aligned}$$

FACTORS ARE:

$$(x - 2)(x - 3)(x + 4)$$

SOLUTIONS ARE

$$x = 2, \quad x = 3, \quad x = -4$$

20. If $(x + 2)$ and $(x - 3)$ are both factors of $2x^3 + ax^2 - 17x + b$, find the values of a and b .

Hence find the third factor.

$$f(-2) = 2(-2)^3 + a(-2)^2 - 17(-2) + b = 0$$

$$-16 + 4a + 34 + b = 0$$

$$4a + b = -18$$

$$f(3) = 2(3)^3 + a(3)^2 - 17(3) + b = 0$$

$$54 + 9a - 51 + b = 0$$

$$9a + b = -3$$

Remember...

If $(x - a)$ is a factor

$$f(a) = 0$$



$$9a + b = -3$$

$$-4a - b = 18$$

$$\hline 5a = 15$$

$$a = 3$$

$$4(3) + b = -18$$

$$12 + b = -18$$

$$b = -30$$

$$2x^3 + 3x^2 - 17x - 30$$

multiply given factors : $(x+2)(x-3) = x^2 - 3x + 2x - 6 = x^2 - x - 6$

divide

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x + 5 \\
 x^2 - x - 6 \overline{) 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 17x - 30} \\
 \underline{+ 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x} \\
 5x^2 - 5x - 30 \\
 \underline{+ 5x^2 - 5x + 30} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

other factor is

$$(2x + 5)$$

Section 2.10 Graphs of cubic polynomials

7. Given $f(x) = (x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 3)$, find the values of $f(0)$, $f(\frac{1}{2})$ and $f(2)$.

Hence draw a rough sketch of the curve.

$$f(0) = (0 + 2)(0 - 1)(0 - 3) = (2)(-1)(-3) = 6$$

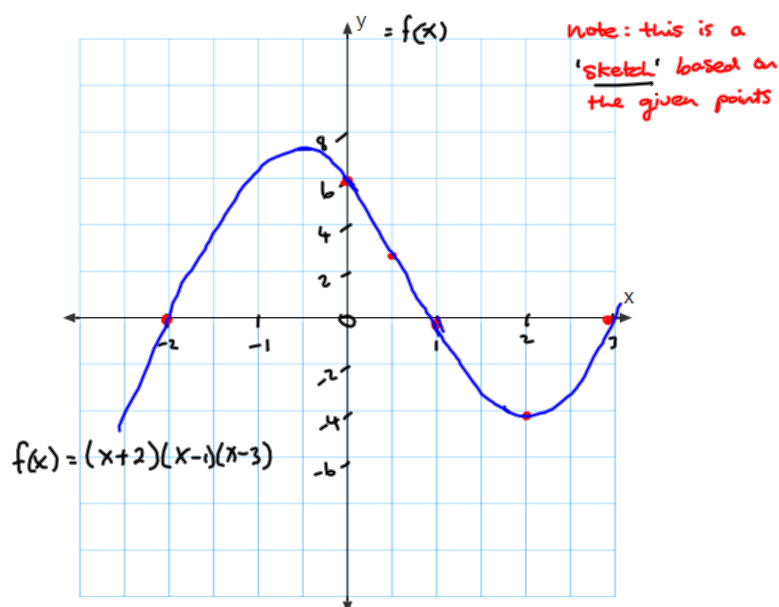
$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2} - 3\right) = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{25}{8} = 3\frac{1}{8}^*$$

* Answer in the book is incorrect

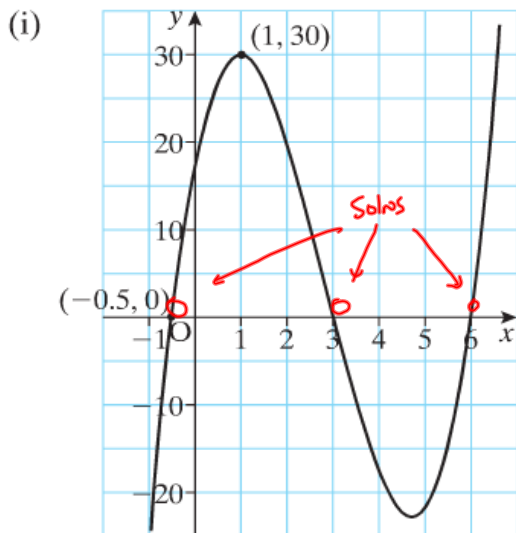
$$f(2) = (2 + 2)(2 - 1)(2 - 3) = (4)(1)(-1) = -4$$

* from factors we know $(-2, 0)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$ are points on the curve

x	$f(x)$
-2	0
0	6
$\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{8}$
1	0
2	-4
3	0



11. Find a cubic expression for each of the following curves.



$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-6)(x+\frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

Is $f(x) = (x-3)(x-6)(x+\frac{1}{2})$?

Check: $f(1) = (1-3)(1-6)(1+\frac{1}{2})$
 $= (-2)(-5)(1.5) = 15 \neq 30$

Scale factor of 2 needed.

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 2(x-3)(x-6)(x+\frac{1}{2})$$

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

Expand...

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 17x^2 + 27x + 18$$

11. Find a cubic expression for each of the following curves.

$$(x+4)(x+\frac{1}{2})(x-2\frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

Is $f(x) = (x+4)(x+\frac{1}{2})(x-2\frac{1}{2})$

check $f(0) = (0+4)(0+\frac{1}{2})(0-2\frac{1}{2})$
 $= (4)(\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{5}{2}) = -5 \neq 20$

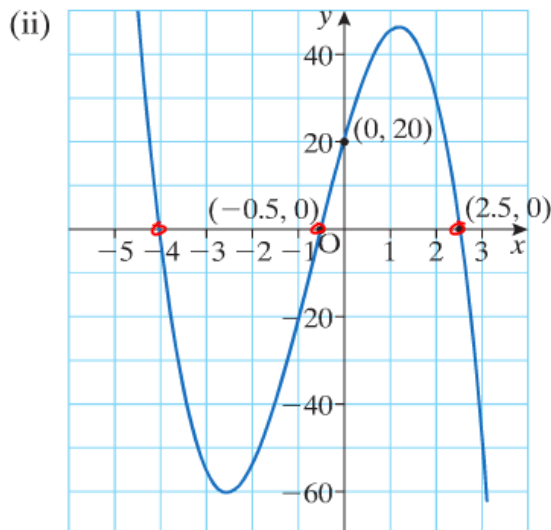
Scale factor of -4 needed

$$f(x) = -4(x+4)(x+\frac{1}{2})(x-2\frac{1}{2})$$

$$= (x+4)(2x+1)(5-x)$$

expand ...

$$f(x) = -4x^3 - 8x^2 + 37x + 20$$



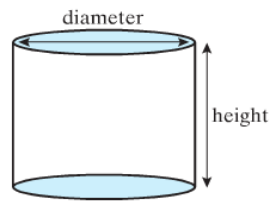
15. The volume of a cylinder is given by $V = \pi r^2 h$, where r is the radius and h is the height. Given that the diameter is equal to the height, show that the volume can be written as

$$V = ah^3.$$

Taking $\pi = 3.14$, find the value of a correct to two places of decimals.

Using this function, calculate the volume of a cylinder with a diameter of 11 cm.

Find the diameter of a cylinder whose volume is 215.58 cm^3 , correct to one place of decimals.



$$2r = h$$

$$r = \frac{h}{2}$$

$$V = \pi \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 h = \frac{\pi}{4} h^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{\pi}{4} = 0.79$$

$$V = 0.79 d^3$$

$$\text{Diameter} = 11$$

$$V = 0.79(11)^3 = 1051.49 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$V = 0.79 d^3$$

$$215.58 = 0.79 d^3$$

$$d^3 = 215.58 / 0.79 =$$

$$d = \sqrt[3]{215.58 / 0.79} = 6.5 \text{ cm}$$