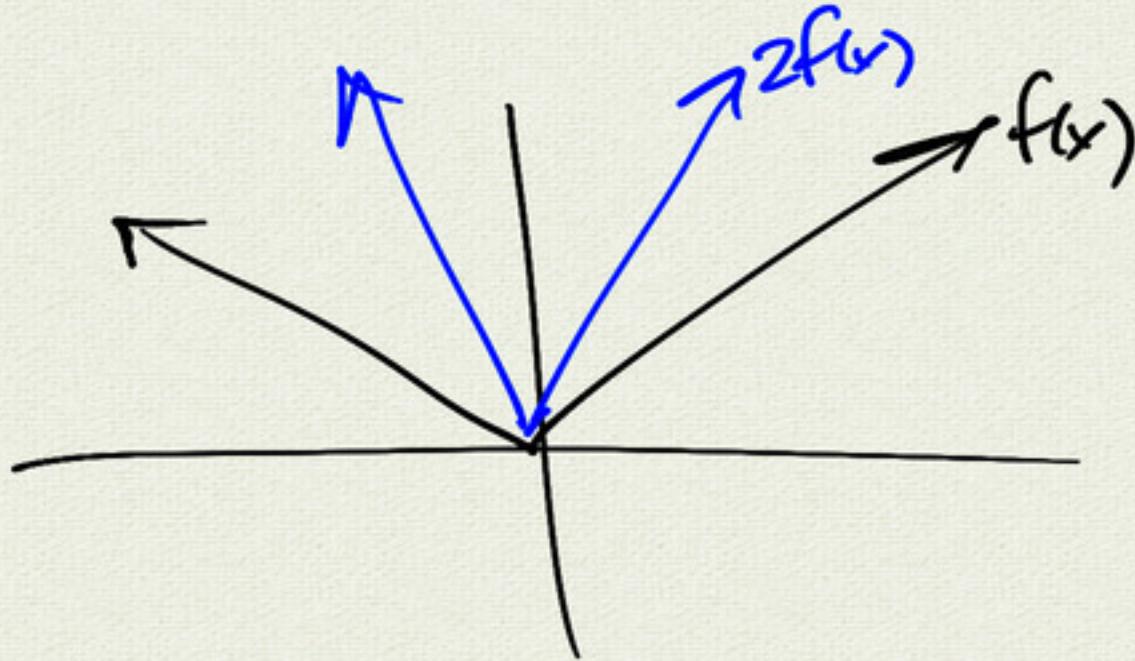


② 3)  $f(x) = |x|$

$$2f(x)$$



## 4.3 Polynomials

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

domain =  $\mathbb{R}$

range =  $[-4, \infty)$

bounded below

increasing on  $[0, \infty)$

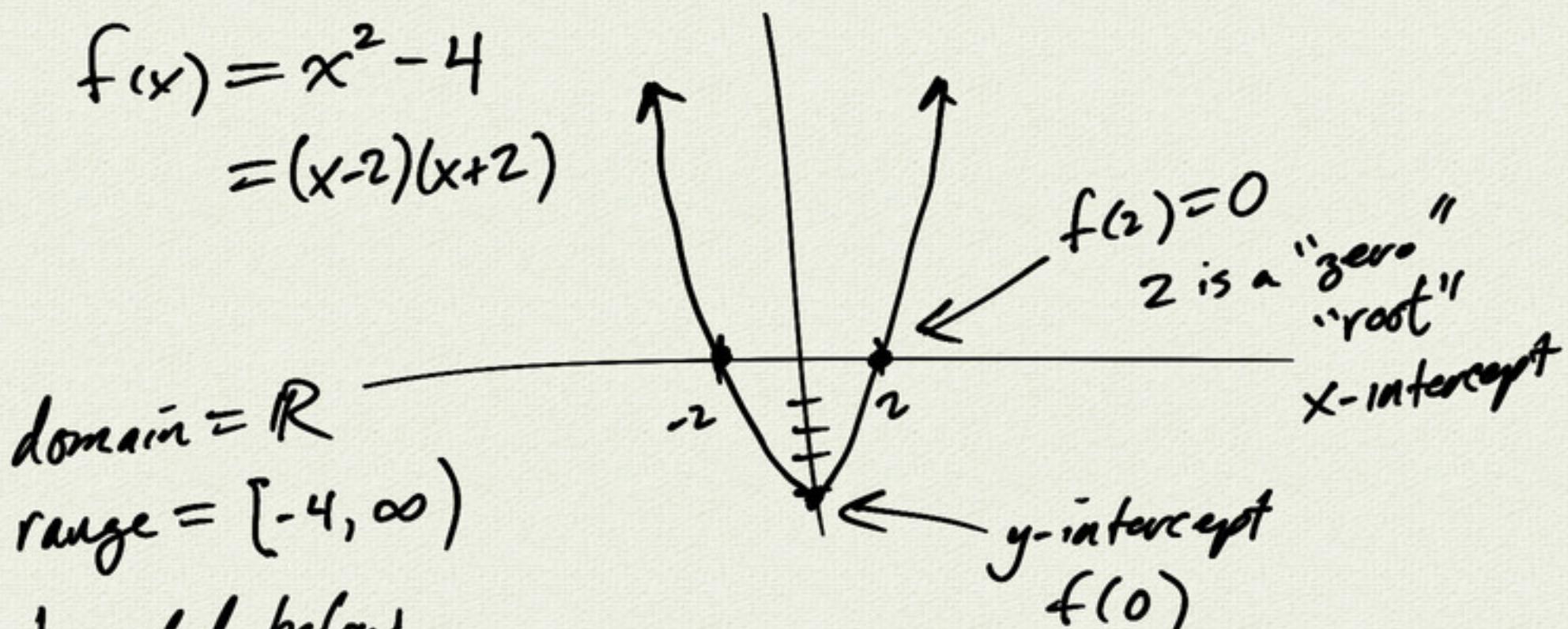
decreasing  $(-\infty, 0]$

global min at  $x=0$

no local max

end behavior:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty$



even symmetry:

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

$$\text{check: } f(-x) = (-x)^2 - 4$$

$$= x^2 - 4$$

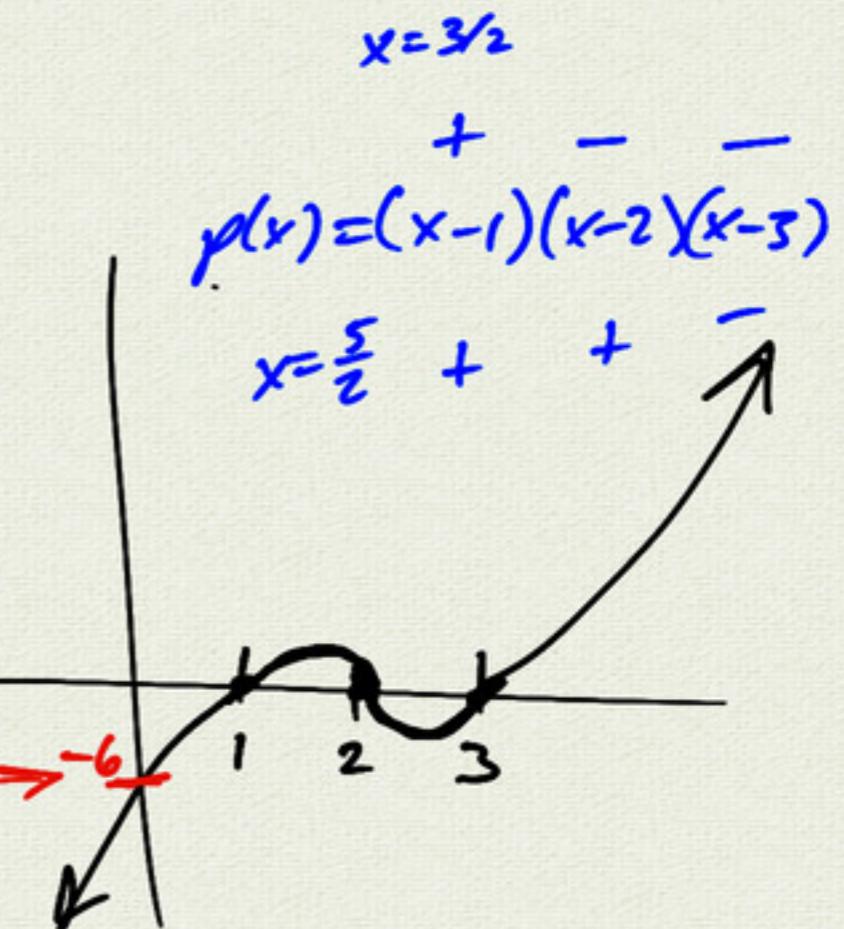
$$= f(x) \checkmark$$

another example:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= (x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \\ &= (x-1)(x^2 - 5x + 6) \\ &= x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x \\ &= \boxed{x^3} - 6x^2 + 11x \cancel{- 6} \end{aligned}$$

zeros:  $x=1, 2, 3$

leading term  $\Rightarrow$  end behavior



$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} p(x) &= \infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} p(x) &= -\infty \end{aligned}$$

constant term  $\Rightarrow$  y-intercept

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polynomial division:

$$\begin{array}{r} x-1 \\ \hline (x^3 - 5x^2 + 11x - 6) \\ \overline{x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x} \\ \hline -x^2 + 5x - 6 \\ \hline -x^2 + 5x - 6 \\ \hline 0 \leftarrow \text{remainder} \end{array}$$

$$p(x) = (x-1)(x^2 - 5x + 6) + 0$$

quotient divisor remainder

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elementary school:  $53 \div 5$

$$53 = 10 \cdot 5 + 3$$

quotient divisor remainder

$$p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$$

$$d(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6$$

$$h(x) = p(x) + (x+1)$$

$$= x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 5$$

$$h(x) \div d(x)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (x-1) \text{ quotient } \\ \hline x^2 - 5x + 6 ) x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 5 \\ x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x \\ \hline -x^2 + 6x - 5 \\ -x^2 + 5x - 6 \\ \hline x+1 \text{ remainder } r(x) \end{array}$$

divisor  
 $d(x)$

result:

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 5 &= (x-1)(x^2 - 5x + 6) + (x+1) \\ p(x) &= q(x) \cdot d(x) + r(x) \end{aligned}$$

or:

$$\frac{p(x)}{d(x)} = q(x) + \frac{r(x)}{d(x)}$$

degree 1

$$\frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 5}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = \underbrace{x-1}_{\text{quotient}} + \underbrace{\frac{x+1}{x^2 - 5x + 6}}_{\text{remainder as a fraction}}$$

degree 2

$$53 = 10 \cdot 5 + 3$$

$$\frac{53}{5} = 10 + \frac{3}{5}$$

quotient  $\frac{\text{remainder}}{\text{as a fraction}}$

notation:

polynomial

$$p(x) = \underbrace{(a_n)x^n}_{\text{leading coefficient}} + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + \underbrace{a_0}_{\text{constant term}}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\text{degree}(p) = n$

$\rightarrow$  end behavior

$\downarrow$   
 $y$ -intercept

division: given  $p(x)$  polynomial  
 $d(x)$  divisor (polynomial)

we can write

$$p(x) = \underbrace{q(x)}_{\substack{\text{polynomial} \\ \text{quotient}}} d(x) + r(x)$$

$d(x)$  divisor

$r(x)$  remainder

with  $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(d(x))$

$$p(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \text{ factored} \rightarrow \text{zeros at } x=1, 2, 3$$

$\deg(p) = 3 \Rightarrow \text{at most 3 zeros}$

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$$\deg(p) = n \Rightarrow \text{at most } n \text{ zeros}$$


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$(x-a)$  factor of  $p(x) \Rightarrow x=a$  is a zero  
 $p(a) = 0$

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Remainder Theorem:

polynomial  $p(x)$

consider  $x=a$

divide  $p(x)$  by  $x-a$ :

$$p(x) = q(x) \underbrace{(x-a)}_{\text{divisor}} + r(x)$$

$\nwarrow \deg(r) < 1$   
 $\downarrow \deg(r) = 0$   
 $r \text{ constant}$

$$p(x) = q(x)(x-a) + r$$

$$\Rightarrow p(a) = r$$


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example:  $p(x) = (x-1)(x-2) + 3$   
 $= x^2 - 3x + 2 + 3$   
 $= x^2 - 3x + 5$

$$\underline{x=1}$$

$$\frac{p(x)}{x-1} = x-2 + \frac{3}{x-1} \quad \text{remainder}$$

also:  $p(1) = 3$

Factor Theorem:

Suppose  $p(x)$  polynomial  
and  $p(a) = 0$

$x-a$  is a factor of  $p(x) \Rightarrow p(a) = 0$   
before  $\nearrow$   $a$  is a zero root

then  
 $p(x) = q(x)(x-a) + r$   
 $p(a) = r = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x-a \text{ divides } p(x) \text{ evenly}$   
 $x-a$  is a factor

now:  
 $p(a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x-a$  is a factor  
 $a$  is a zero  
 $a$  is a root  
 $x-a | p(x)$   
"  $x-a$  divides  $p(x)$ "

Synthetic division : division by  $x-a$  | linear = deg 1

$$p(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(x-3)$$
$$= x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$$

divide by  $x-3$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \hline 1 & -6 & 11 & -6 \\ & 3 & -9 & 6 \\ \hline 1 & -3 & 2 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

quotient      remainder

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

divide by  $x-1$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \hline 1 & -6 & 11 & -6 \\ & \boxed{1} & -5 & 6 \\ \hline 1 & -5 & 6 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

divide by  $x-2$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \hline 1 & -6 & 11 & -6 \\ & 2 & -8 & 6 \\ \hline 1 & -4 & 3 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$