

**Unit 3 Practice Test**  
**Learning Targets: 3A-3D**

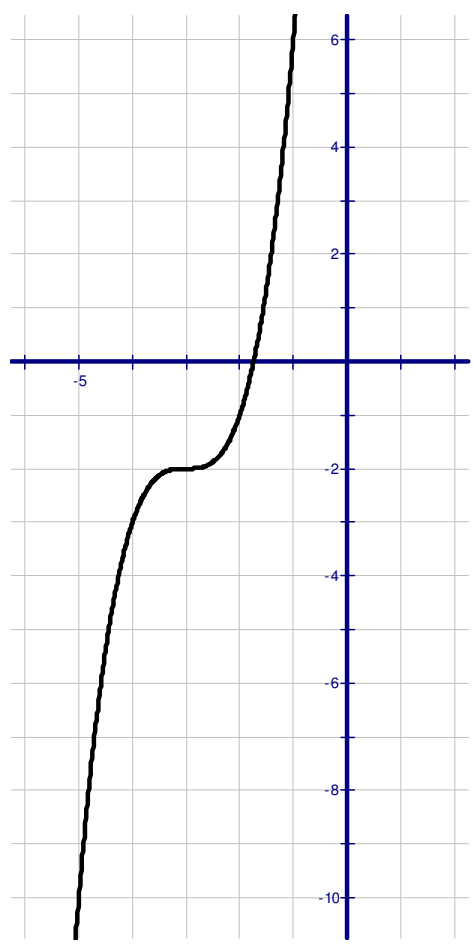
*Complete the problems below, show your work, and write your answer in the blank provided.*

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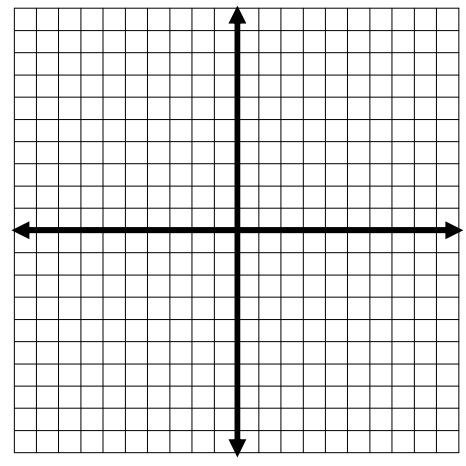
**Target 3A – No Calculator**

*I can represent and apply power functions, with integer and rational powers, as equations and graphs.*

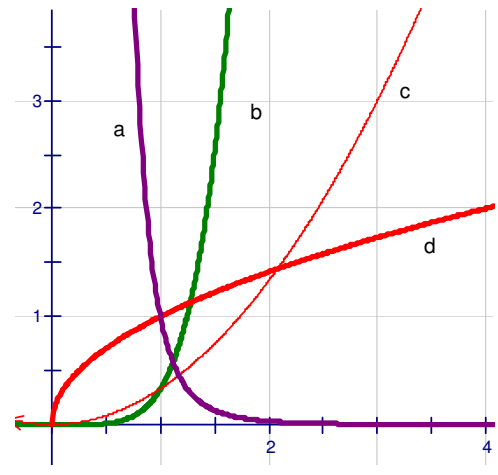
- Find the values of  $m$  and  $n$  that would produce the graph to the right in the function  $f(x) = (x - m)^3 + n$ .
- A certain power function of the form  $f(x) = kx^a$  for some integer  $a$ . The graph contains the point  $(0,0)$  and the rest of the graph is in quadrant II and quadrant IV.



- Graph  $y = 2x^{1/3}$



- Which graph(s) below would have an equation of the form  $y = x^{1/n}$  for some integer  $n$ ?

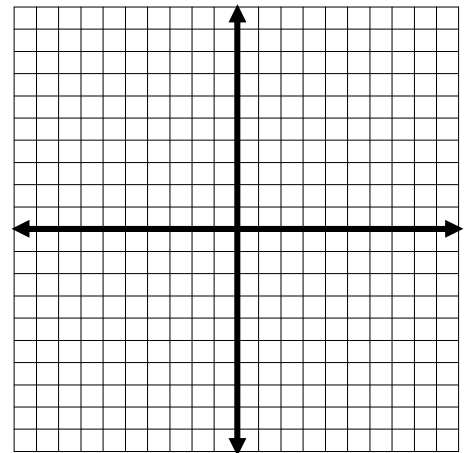


**Target 3B**

*I can identify the extrema, symmetry, and zeros of polynomial functions and use them to graph and model with these functions.*

5. Write the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 7x - 6$  in completely factored form using your calculator, synthetic division and/or factoring.

6. Sketch a complete graph of the function  $f(x)$ . List the exact coordinates of the  $x$ -intercepts,  $y$ -intercepts, and zeros.



7. Consider the function  $g(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x - 12$ .
- a. Completely factor  $g(x)$ .

- b. Find all the zeros (real and imaginary) for  $g(x)$ .

**Target 3C**

*I can describe and apply the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra to find real and complex solutions of polynomial equations*

8. What is the fundamental theorem of Algebra?
9. Use your calculator to find the approximate real solutions to the equation
- $$2x^4 - 3x^3 + 2 = 0$$

Are there any complex solutions to this equation (you don't need to find them if there are)?  
If so, how many? Explain how you know.

***Solve the equations. You may use your calculator (to start), synthetic division, factoring, or the quadratic formula. Leave answers as exact answers in simplified form.***

10.  $x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4 = 0$ .

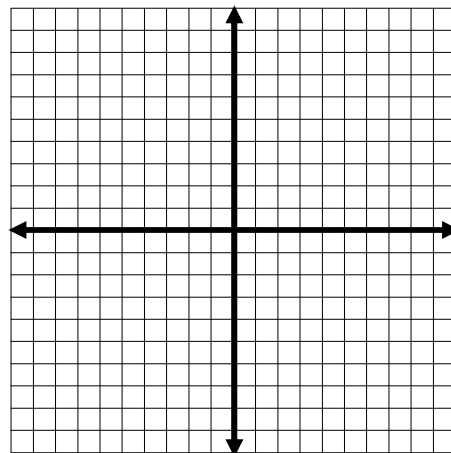
11.  $x^3 - 3x^2 = -5x + 15$

**Target 3D – No Calculator**

*I can graph rational functions and identify their asymptotes.*

12. Consider  $g(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3} = \frac{(x-3)(2x+1)}{(x-3)(x+1)}$

- State the domain of  $g(x)$ .
- Find the hole(s) in the graph and write your answer(s) as an equation.
- Determine the roots (or zeros) of the function and write them as ordered pairs.
- Determine the vertical asymptote(s) and write the equations of the asymptote(s).
- Graph the function, its roots, and its asymptotes (as dotted lines). Be sure and indicate any holes in the graph. Label your graph.



### Applications

13. Use the table below to find a *power regression* model and predict the value of the function when  $x = 20$ .

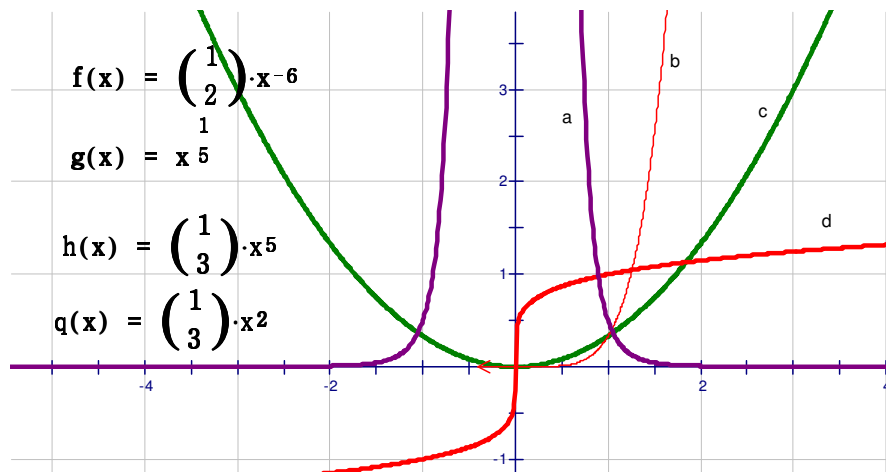
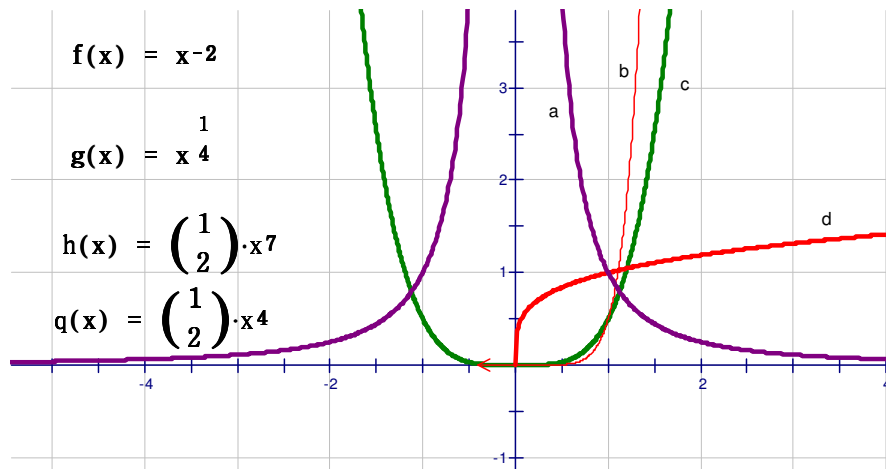
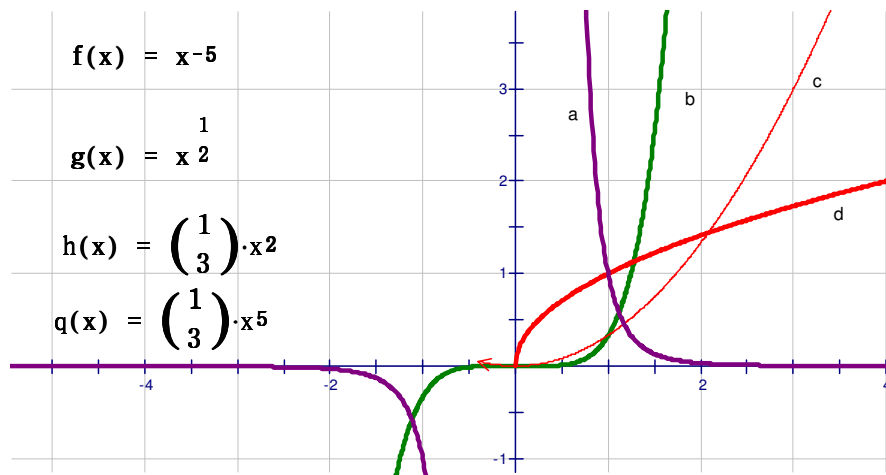
$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$y$	1.5	1.8	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.5

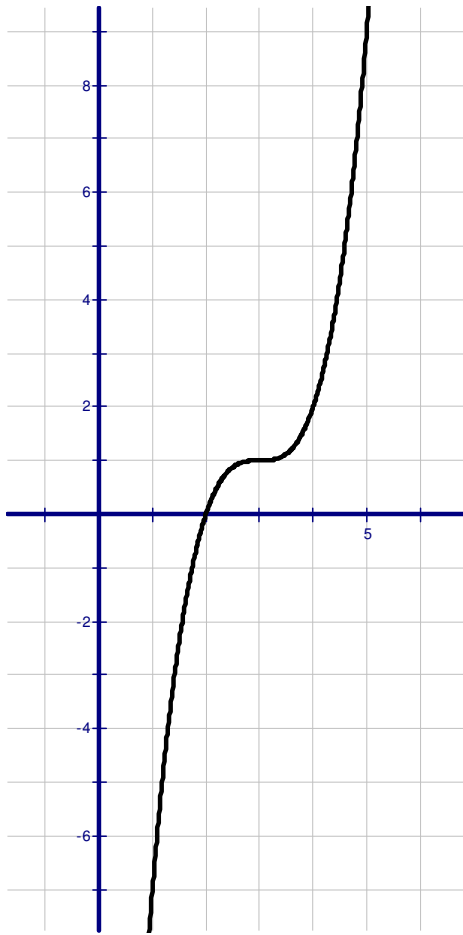
14. Use the table below to find a *Cubic regression* model and predict the value of the function when  $x = 10$ .

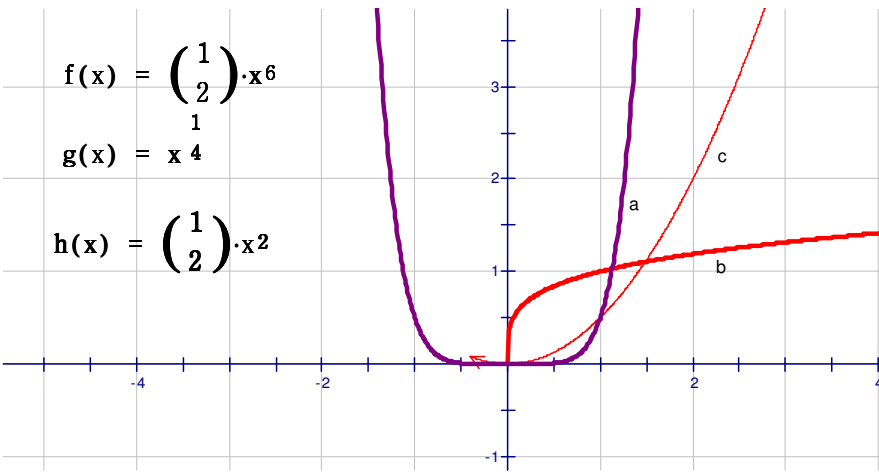
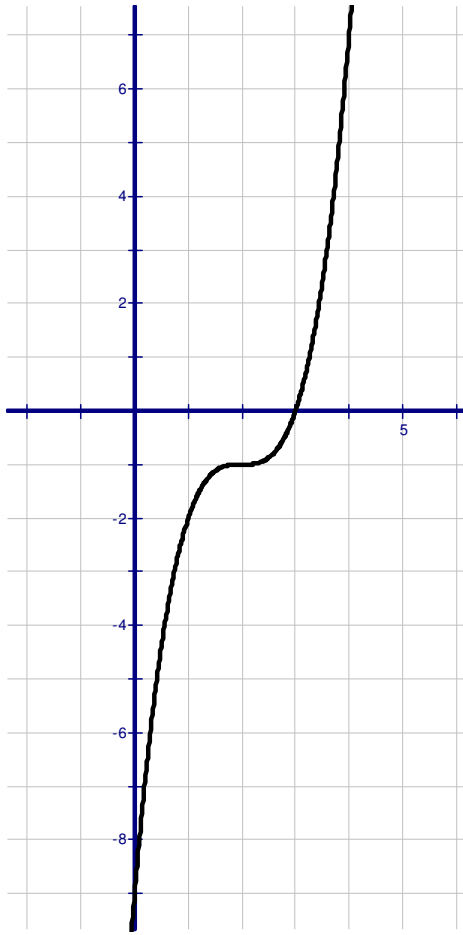
$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$y$	.2	1.7	7.2	15.3	36.2	53.7

15. Compare the functions  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+5x+6}{x+3}$  and  $g(x) = x + 2$ . (3D)

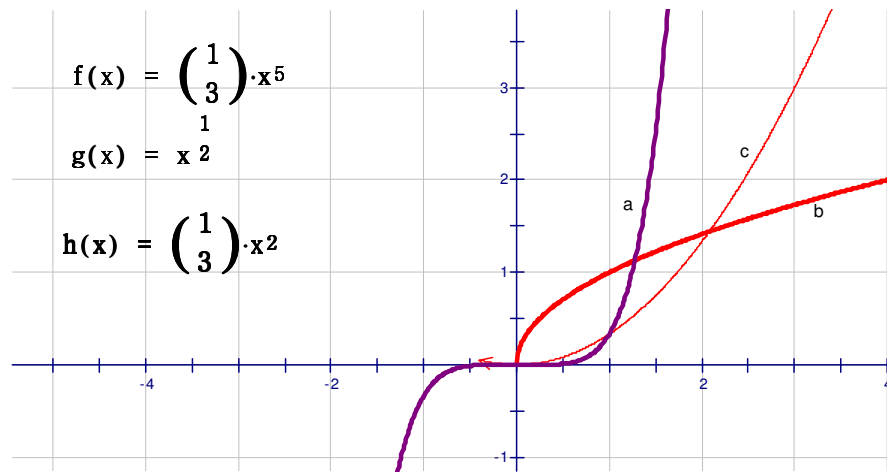
- Are the domains equal? Explain.
- Does  $f$  have a vertical asymptote? Explain.
- Explain why the graphs appear to be identical.
- Are the functions identical? Explain.











Solutions:

3.  $g(x) = (x - 2)(x + 3)(x^2 + 2)$   
 zeros:  $x = \{2, -3, \pm 2i\}$

4.  $y = (x - 4)\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)(x^2 + 4)$