

Circle the functions which are *quartics*.

$$x^4 + 5x^3 - 13x^2 + 7x = 0$$

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

$$(x^2-4)(x^2+1)=0$$

$$(2x-3)(4x^2+6x+9)=0$$

$$x^3-5x^2-8x+12=0$$


You have determined that a cubic function has 3 zeros. The zeros may be real, imaginary, or have multiplicity depending on the key characteristics of the functions that built it. Similarly, the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra guarantees that a quartic function has 4 zeros.

- 1. List different combinations of function types that multiply to build a quartic function.**

2. Analyze the table shown. The function  $h(x)$  is the product of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ .

$x$	$f(x)$	$g(x)$	$h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$
-2	8	4	32
-1	5	1	5
0	4	0	0
1	5	1	5
2	8	4	32
3	13	9	117

- a. Determine whether  $h(x)$  is a quartic function. Explain your reasoning.

Thinkabout:

What would the graph of  $f(x)$  and the graph of  $g(x)$  look like?

- b. Determine the number of real and imaginary zeros of  $h(x)$ . Explain your reasoning.**
- c. Describe the end behavior of  $h(x)$ . How does this help you determine whether the function is quartic or not?**

3. Analyze the table shown. The function  $m(x)$  is the product of  $j(x)$  and  $k(x)$ .

$x$	$j(x)$	$k(x)$	$m(x) = j(x) \cdot k(x)$
-2	4	-1	-4
-1	0	0	0
0	-2	1	-2
1	-2	2	-4
2	0	3	0
3	4	4	16

- a. Determine whether  $m(x)$  is a quartic function. Explain your reasoning.

- b. Determine the number of real and imaginary zeros of  $m(x)$ . Explain your reasoning.
- c. Describe the end behavior of  $m(x)$ . How does this help you determine whether the function is quartic or not?

4. Analyze the table shown. The function  $v(x)$  is the product of  $t(x)$  and  $w(x)$ .

$x$	$t(x)$	$w(x)$	$v(x) = t(x) \cdot w(x)$
-2	4	-11	-44
-1	3	-6	-18
0	4	-3	-12
1	7	-2	-14
2	12	-3	-36
3	19	-6	-114

- a. Determine whether  $v(x)$  is a quartic function. Explain your reasoning.

**b. Determine the number of real and imaginary zeros of  $v(x)$ . Explain your reasoning.**

**c. Describe the end behavior of  $v(x)$ . How does this help you determine whether the function is quartic or not?**