

Write the polynomial function with least degree and a leading coefficient of 1 that has the given zeros.

1. 0 and 2 and 3

a. Write the polynomial in factored form

$$\rightarrow f(x) = x(x-2)(x-3)$$

b. Now distribute the polynomial to write standard form

$$(x^2 - 2x)(x-3)$$

$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x^2 + 6x$$

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

2. -2 and 4i

a. Write the polynomial in factored form

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

b. Now distribute the polynomial to write standard form

$$(x+2)(x^2+16)$$

$$x^3 + 2x^2 + 16x + 32$$

$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 16x + 32$$

3. Find the zeros of the polynomial function.

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 15x - 14$$

Possible zeros $\pm 1 \pm 7 \pm 2 \pm 14$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & -2 & -15 & -14 \\ & & -2 & 8 & 14 \\ \hline & 1 & -4 & -7 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (x+2)(x^2 - 4x - 7)$$

Doesn't factor, use Quad Form.

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(-7)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16+28}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{44}}{2}$$

$$\text{Zeros } 2 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{11}}{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 2 + \sqrt{11} \\ x = 2 - \sqrt{11} \end{cases} \quad x = -2$$

4. Find the zeros of the polynomial function.

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 23x + 22$$

Possible zeros $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 11, \pm 22$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & 4 & -23 & 22 \\ & & 2 & 12 & -22 \\ \hline & 1 & 6 & -11 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (x-2)(x^2 + 6x - 11)$$

not factorable use Quad Form

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(-11)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{80}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{16 \cdot 5}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm 4\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\text{Zeros: } x = 2, x = -3 + 2\sqrt{5}, x = -3 - 2\sqrt{5}$$