

# **POLYNOMIALS**

## INTRODUCTION

**SUBJECT : MATHEMATICS**  
**CHAPTER NUMBER: 02**  
**CHAPTER NAME : POLYNOMIALS**

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## Learning outcome

- 1..Students will be able to define polynomial.
- 2.Students will be able to know the types of polynomials.
- 3.Students will be able to know the general form of linear, quadratic & cubic polynomial.
4. .Students will be able to know geometrical meaning of the zeros of a polynomial.

Introduction about polynomials ,its types and zero of a polynomial.

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# POLYNOMIALS IN ONE VARIABLE

- A **polynomial  $p(x)$  in one variable  $x$**  is an algebraic expression in  $x$  of the form

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0,$$

where  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are **constants (real numbers)** and  $a_n \neq 0$ .

$a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are respectively the **coefficients** of  $x^0, x, x^2, \dots, x^n$ , and  $n$  is called **the degree of the polynomial**. Each of  $a_n x^n, a_{n-1} x^{n-1}, \dots, a_2 x^2, a_1 x, a_0$  is called a **term** of the polynomial  $p(x)$ .

**In particular**, if  $a_0 = a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$  (all the constants are zero), we get the **zero polynomial**, which is denoted by  $0$ . The **degree** of the zero polynomial is ***not defined***

- Geometrical meaning of the zeroes of a polynomial
- <https://youtu.be/mBF7Gd7eiNo> {5.32}

A real number ' $a$ ' is a **zero of a polynomial**  $p(x)$  if

$p(a) = 0$ . In this case,  $a$  is also called a *root* of the equation  $p(x) = 0$ .

Every **linear polynomial** in one variable has a **unique zero**, a non-zero constant polynomial has no zero, and every real number is a zero of the zero polynomial.

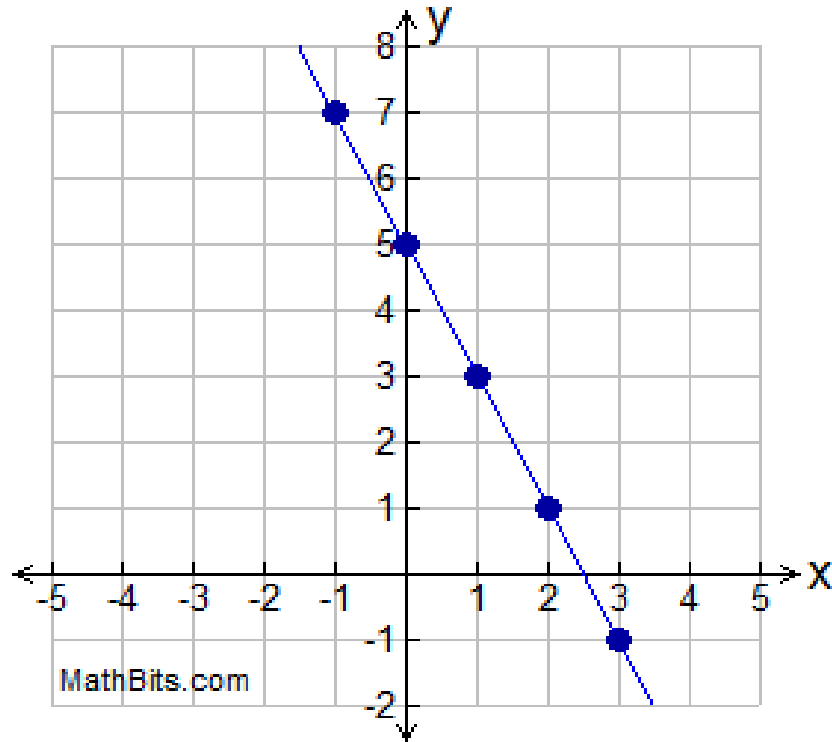
A **quadratic polynomial** can have at most **2 zeroes** and a **cubic polynomial** can have at most **3 zeroes**

### Geometrical Meaning of the Zeroes of a Polynomial

The linear polynomial  $ax + b$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , has exactly one zero, namely  $-b/a$  the x-coordinate of the point where the graph of  $y = ax + b$  intersects the x-axis. Example : The zero of the linear polynomial  $-2x + 5$  is  $5/2$  the point where the graph of  $y = -2x + 5$  meets the x axis.

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# GRAPH OF LINEAR EQUATION $Y = -2X + 5$



For any quadratic polynomial  $ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , the graph of the corresponding equation

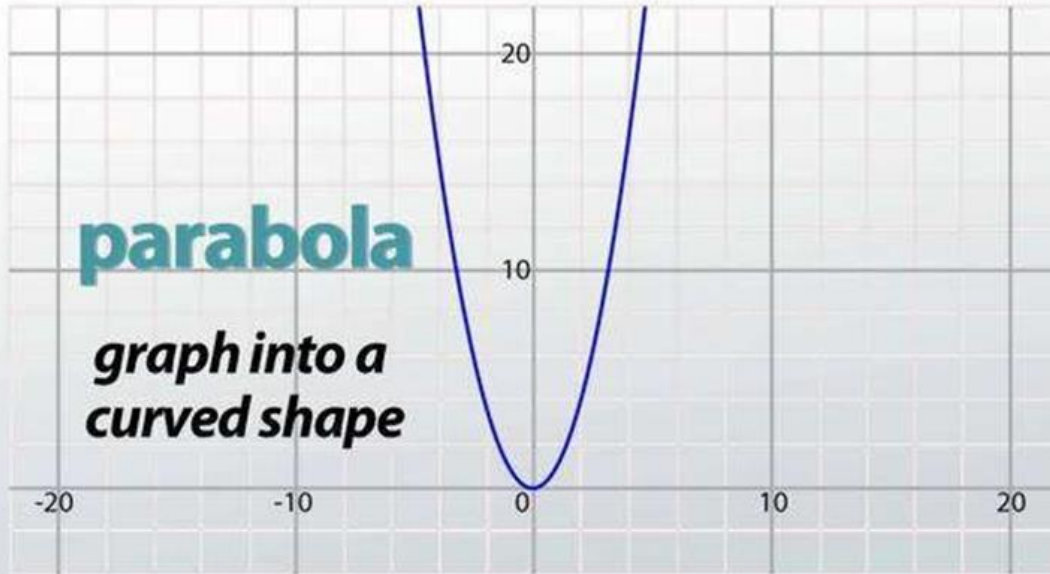
$y = ax^2 + bx + c$  has one of the two shapes U either open upwards or open downwards depending on whether  $a > 0$  or  $a < 0$ .

These curves are called **parabolas**.

**A parabola is a plane curve which is mirror symmetrical and approximately U-shaped.**

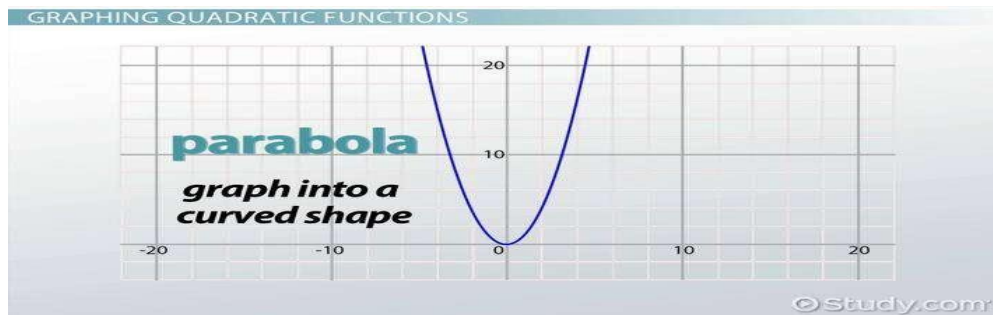


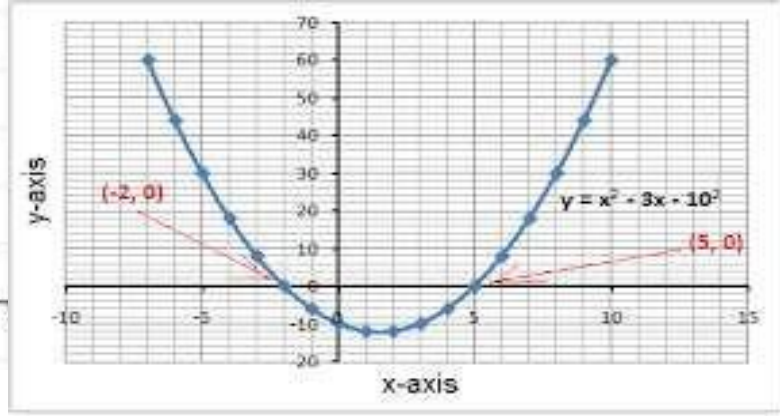
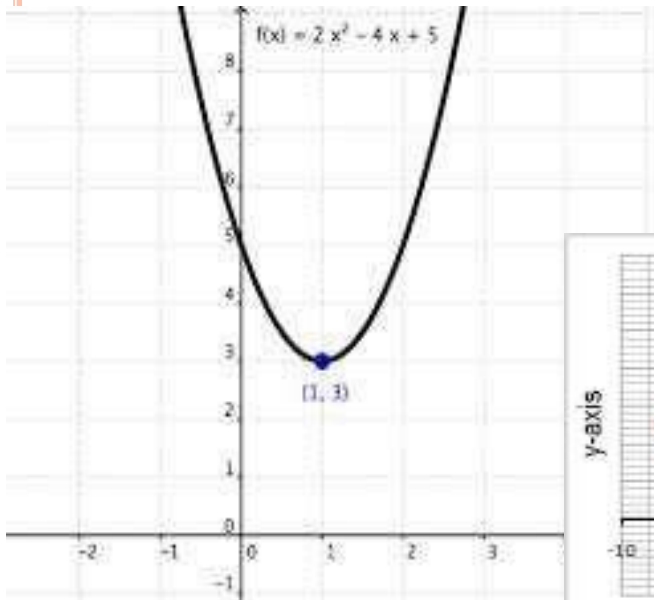
## GRAPHING QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS



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- The zeroes of a quadratic polynomial  $ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , are precisely the  $x$ -coordinates of the points where the **parabola** representing  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  intersects the  $x$ -axis
- We can see geometrically, from the following graphs, that a quadratic polynomial can have either two distinct zeroes or two equal zeroes (i.e., one zero), or no zero. This also means that a polynomial of degree 2 has at most two zeroes





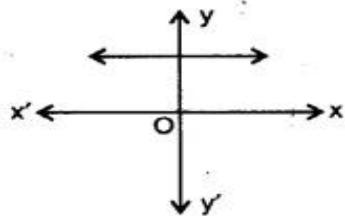
General form of linear polynomials  $ax + b$  where  $a \neq 0$

General form of quadratic polynomials  $ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a \neq 0$

General form of cubic polynomial  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ , where  $a \neq 0$ ,

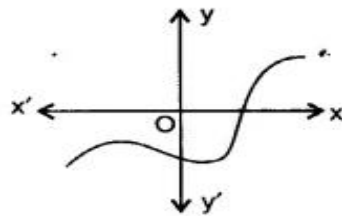
The number of zeroes of  $p(x)$  in each graph given; are

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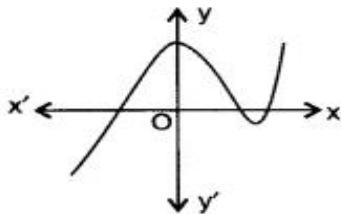
This graph shows  $p(x)$  has no zero.

(ii)



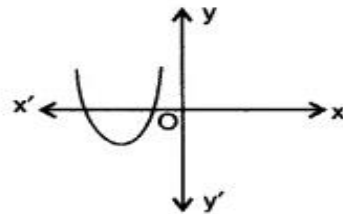
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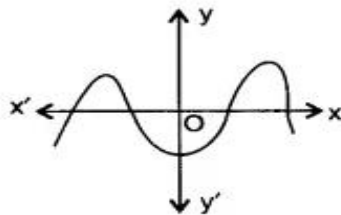
This graph shows  $p(x)$  has three zeroes.

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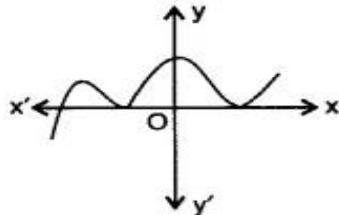
This graph shows  $p(x)$  has two zeroes.

(v)



This graph shows  $p(x)$  has four zeroes.

(vi)



This graph shows  $p(x)$  has three zeroes.

## HOME ASSIGNMENT Ex. 2.1 Q. No 1

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1. Draw the graph of  $x^2 - 3x - 4$
2. Draw the graph of  $x^3 - 4x$

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