

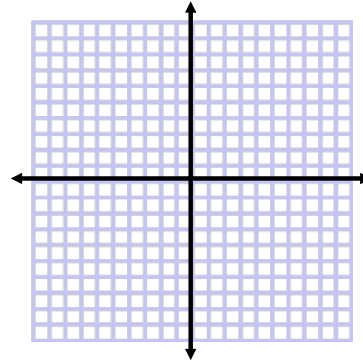
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Solving Polynomial Inequalities

You can have a polynomial inequality but it becomes more difficult to determine a solution.

$$x^2 - x - 2 < 0$$

Need to find the values where the product is negative.



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If you had a cubic it becomes even more difficult.

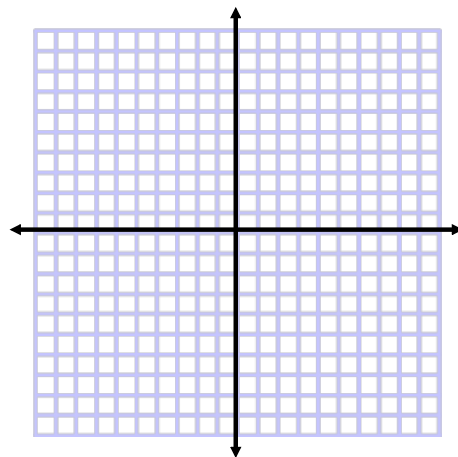
$$2x^3 + 3x - 17x + 12 > 0$$

$$(x-1)(2x-3)(x+4) > 0$$

Zeros are $x=1$, $x=3/2$, $x=-4$

Sketch.

What parts are above zero?



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You can also solve this with an interval strategy.

$$(x - 1)(2x - 3)(x + 4) > 0$$

Zeros are $x = -4$, $x = 1$, $x = \frac{3}{2}$

Intervals are:

Interval	$x < -4$	$-4 < x < 1$	$1 < x < \frac{3}{2}$	$x > \frac{3}{2}$

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