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College Algebra

A Word from the Authors

Welcome to *College Algebra: A Graphing Approach*, Third Edition. In this revision we have focused on student success, accessibility, and flexibility.

Accessibility: Over the years we have taken care to write a text for the student. We have paid careful attention to the presentation, using precise mathematical language and clear writing to create an effective learning tool. We believe that every student can learn mathematics and we are committed to providing a text that makes the mathematics within it accessible to all students.

In the Third Edition, we have revised and improved upon many text features designed for this purpose. Our pedagogical approach includes presenting solutions to examples from multiple perspectives—algebraic, graphic, and numeric. The side-by-side format allows students to see that a problem can be solved in more than one way, and to compare the accuracy of the solution methods.

Technology has been fully integrated into the text presentation. Also, the *Exploration* and *Study Tip* features have been expanded. *Chapter Tests*, which give students an opportunity for self-assessment, now follow every chapter in the Third Edition. The exercise sets now contain both *Synthesis* exercises, which check students' conceptual understanding, and *Review* exercises, which reinforce skills learned in previous sections and chapters. Students also have access to several media resources—videotapes, *Interactive College Algebra: A Graphing Approach* CD-ROM, and a *College Algebra: A Graphing Approach* website—that provide additional text-specific support.

Student Success: During our past 30 years of teaching and writing, we have learned many things about the teaching and learning of mathematics. We have found that students are most successful when they know what they are expected to learn and why it is important to learn it. With that in mind, we have restructured the Third Edition to include a thematic study thread in every chapter.

Each chapter begins with a study guide called *How to Study This Chapter*, which includes a comprehensive overview of the chapter concepts (*The Big Picture*), a list of *Important Vocabulary* that is integral to learning *The Big Picture* concepts, a list of study resources, and a general study tip. The study guide allows students to get organized and prepare for the chapter.

An old pedagogical recipe goes something like this, "First I'm going to tell you what I'm going to teach you, then I will teach it to you, and finally I will go over what I taught you." Following this recipe, we have included a set of learning objectives in every section that outlines what students are expected to learn, followed by an interesting real-life application that illustrates why it is important to learn the concepts in that section. Finally, the chapter summary (What did you learn?), which reinforces the section objectives, and the chapter Review Exercises, which are correlated to the chapter summary, provide additional study support at the conclusion of each chapter.

Our new *Student Success Organizer* supplement takes this study thread one step further, providing a content-based study aid.

Flexibility: From the time we first began writing in the early 1970s, we have always viewed part of our authoring role as that of providing instructors with flexible teaching programs. The optional features within the text allow instructors with different pedagogical approaches to design their courses to meet both their instructional needs and the needs of their students. In addition, we provide several print and media resources to support instructors, including a new *Instructor Success Organizer*.

We hope you enjoy the Third Edition.

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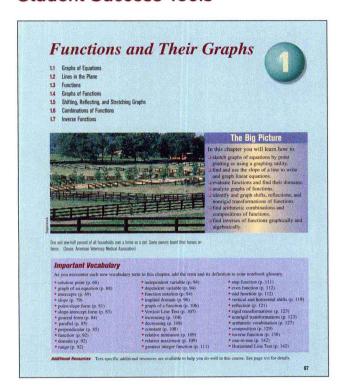
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Features Highlights

Student Success Tools



New Section Openers include:

"What you should learn"

Objectives outline the main concepts and help keep students focused on *The Big Picture*.

"Why you should learn it"

A real-life application or a reference to other branches of mathematics illustrates the relevance of the section's content.

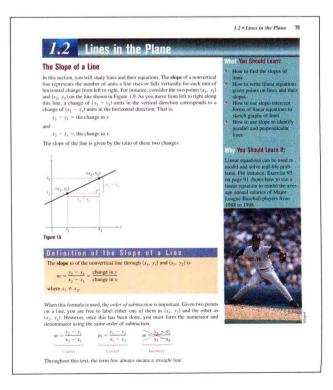
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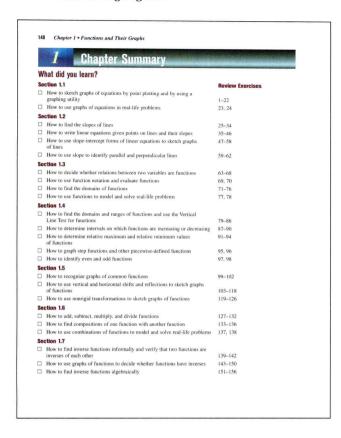
▶ The Big Picture

An objective-based overview of the main concepts of the chapter.

Important Vocabulary

Mathematical terms integral to learning *The Big Picture* concepts.





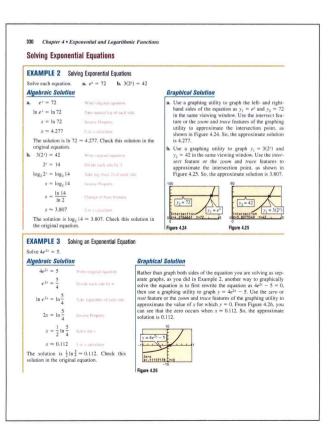
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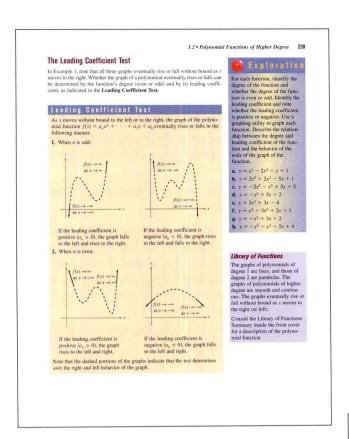
Algebraic, Graphical, and Numerical Approach

- Many examples present solutions from multiple approaches—algebraic, graphical, and numerical.
- · Solutions are displayed side-by-side.
- The multiple-approach format shows students different solution methods that can be used to reach the same answer.
- The solution format helps students expand their problem-solving abilities.

"What did you learn?" Chapter Summary

This chapter summary provides a concise, section-by-section review of the section objectives. These objectives are correlated to the chapter Review Exercises.



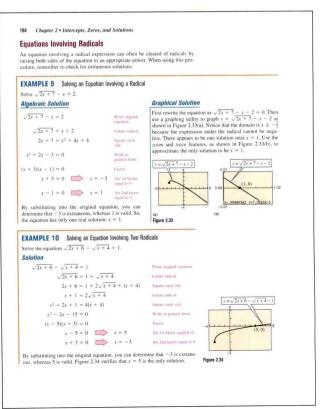




- Before introducing selected topics, *Exploration* engages students in active discovery of mathematical concepts and relationships, often through the power of technology.
- Exploration strengthens students' critical thinking skills and helps them develop an intuitive understanding of theoretical concepts.
- *Exploration* is an optional feature and can be omitted without loss of continuity in coverage.



- Each example was carefully chosen to illustrate a particular mathematical concept or problem-solving skill.
- Every example contains step-by-step solutions, most with side-by-side explanations that lead students through the solution process.
- Many examples provide side-by-side solutions utilizing two separate approaches.

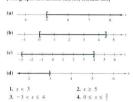


Revised Exercises and Applications



2.5 Exercises

In Exercises 1–4, match the inequality with its graph. [The graphs are labeled (a), (b), (c), and (d).]



In Exercises 5-8, determine whether each given value x is a solution of the inequality.

Inequality	Va	lues
5. $5x - 12 > 0$		(b) $x = -3$
		(d) $x = \frac{1}{2}$
6. $-5 < 2x - 1 \le 1$		(b) $x = -\frac{5}{2}$
	(c) $x = \frac{4}{3}$	(d) $x = 0$
7. $-1 < \frac{3-x}{2} \le 1$	(a) $x = 0$	(b) $x = \sqrt{5}$
-	(c) $x = 1$	(d) x = 5
8. $ x - 10 \ge 3$	(a) $x = 13$	(b) $x = -1$
	(c) $x = 14$	(d) $x = 9$

In Exercises 9-18, solve the inequality and sketch the solution on the real number line. Use a graphing utility to verify your solution graphically.

9. $-10x < 40$	10. $2y > 3$
11. $4(x + 1) < 2x + 3$	12. $2x + 7 < 3$
13. $1 < 2x + 3 < 9$	14. $-2 < 3x + 1 < 10$
15. $-8 \le 1 - 3(x - 2) <$	13
16. $0 \le 2(x+4) < 20$	
2 2	

17. $-4 < \frac{2x-3}{2} < 4$ 18. $0 \le \frac{x+3}{2} < 5$

Graphical Analysis In Exercises 19-24, use a graphing utility to approximate the solution.

19. $6x > 12$	20. $3x - 1 \le 5$
21. 5 - $2x \ge 1$	22. $3(x+1) < x+7$
23. $-9 < 6x - 1 < 1$	24. $-10 < 4(x - 3) \le$

In Exercises 25-28, use a graphing utility to graph the equation and graphically approximate the values of x that satisfy the specified inequalities. Then solve each

Equation	Inequalit	ies
25. $y = 2x - 3$	(a) y ≥ 1	(b) y ≤ 0
26. $y = \frac{2}{3}x + 1$	(a) y ≤ 5	(b) y ≥ 0
27. $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2$	(a) 0 ≤ y ≤ 3	(b) y ≥ 0
28. $y = -3x + 8$	(a) $-1 \le y \le 3$	(b) y ≤ 0

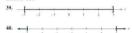
In Exercises 29-36, solve the inequality and sketch the

29. $ 5x > 10$	30. $ x - 20 \le 4$
31. $ x-7 < 6$	32. $ x - 20 \ge 4$
33. $ x + 14 + 3 > 17$	34. $\left \frac{x-3}{2} \right \ge 5$
35. $ 1-2x < 5$	36. $3 4-5x \le 9$

In Exercises 37 and 38, use a graphing utility to graph In Exercises 3/ and 38, use a graphing utility to graph the equation and graphically approximate the values of x that satisfy the specified inequalities. Then solve each inequality algebraically.

37.
$$y = |x - 3|$$
 (a) $y \le 2$ (b) $y \ge 4$
38. $y = \left|\frac{1}{2}x + 1\right|$ (a) $y \le 4$ (b) $y \ge 1$

In Exercises 39-44, use absolute value notation to define each interval (or pair of intervals) on the real



Exercises

- · Exercise sets consist of a variety of computational, conceptual, and applied problems.
- · Exercise sets carefully graded in difficulty allow students to gain confidence as they progress.
- · Each exercise set now concludes with two new types of exercises:
 - Synthesis exercises promote further exploration of mathematical concepts, critical thinking skills, and writing about mathematics. These exercises require students to synthesize the main concepts presented in the section and chapter.
 - Review exercises reinforce previously learned skills and concepts.

Chapter 3 . Polynomial and Rational Functions

75. Forestry The number of board feet V in a 16-foot log is approximated by the model

 $V = 0.77x^2 - 1.32x - 9.31, 5 \le x \le 40$ where x is the diameter (in inches) of the log at the small end, (One board foot is a measure of volume equivalent to a board that is 12 inches wide, 12 inch-

es long, and I inch thick.) (a) Use a graphing utility to graph the function. (b) Estimate the number of board feet in a 16-foot

(b) Estimate the number of board teet in a 16-foot log with a diameter of 16 inches. Use a graphing utility to verify your answer.

(c) Estimate the diameter of a 16-foot log that scaled

500 board feet when the lumber was sold. Use a graphing utility to verify your answer. 76. Automobile Aerodynamics The number of horse-power y required to overcome wind drag on a certain automobile is approximated by

 $y = 0.002s^2 + 0.005s - 0.029, \quad 0 \le s \le 100$ where s is the speed of the car in miles per hour.

(a) Use a graphing utility to graph the function. (b) Graphically estimate the maximum speed of the car if the power required to overcome wind drag is not to exceed 10 horsepower. Verify your result algebraically.

77. Graphical Analysis For certain years from 1950 to Ordinate values as Pot lectual years from 1932 to 1990, the average annual per capita consumption C of cigarettes by Americans (18 and older) can be modeled by $C = 3248.89 + 108.64t - 2.97t^2$ for $0 \le t \le 40$, where t is the year, with t = 0 corresponding to 1950. (Source: U.S. Department of

(a) Use a graphing utility to graph the model. (b) Use the graph of the model to approximate the maximum average annual consumption. Beginning in 1966, all cigarette packages were required by law to carry a health warning. Do you think the warning had any effect? Explain.

(c) In 1960, the U.S. population (18 and over) was 116,530,000. Of those, about 48,500,000 were The 300,000 or those, about 46,300,000 were smokers. What was the average annual cigarette consumption per smoker in 1960? What was the average daily cigarette consumption per smoker?

78. Data Analysis The number y (in millions) of VCRs in use in the United States for the years 1987 through 1996 are shown in the table. The variable t represents time (in years), with t = 7 corresponding to 1987.



(Source: Television Bureau of Advertising, Inc.)

- (a) Use a graphing utility to sketch a scatter plot of the data.
- (b) Use the regression capabilities of a graphing utility to fit a quadratic model to the data. (c) Use a graphing utility to graph the model in the same viewing window as the scatter plot.
- (d) Do you think the model can be used to estimate VCR utilization in the year 2005? Explain.

Synthesis

True or False? In Exercises 79 and 80, determine whether the statement is true or false. Justify your

79. The function $f(x) = -12x^2 - 1$ has no x-intercepts. 80. The graphs of $f(x) = -4x^2 - 10x + 7$ and $g(x) = 12x^2 + 30x + 1$ have the same axis of symmetry.

81. Think About It The profits P (in millions of dollars) for a company are modeled by a quadratic furgion of the form P = ai² + bit + c, where I represents the year. If you were president of the company, which of the models would you prefer? Explain your reasoning.

(a) a is positive and $t \ge -b/(2a)$ (c) a is negative and $t \ge -b/(2a)$

(d) a is negative and $t \le -b/(2a)$.

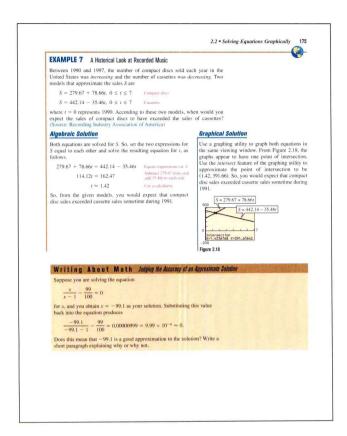
In Exercises 82-85, determine algebraically any points of intersection of the graphs of the equations. Verify your results using the intersect feature of a graphing utility.

82. x + y = 884. $y = 0 - y^2$ y = x + 3

83, y = 3x - 10 $y = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$ **85.** $y = x^3 + 2x - 1$ y = -2x + 15

In Exercises 86-89, perform the operation and write the result in standard form.

86. (6-i) - (2i+11) **87.** $(2i+5)^2 - 21$ **88.** (3i+7)(-4i+1) **89.** $(4-i)^3$



Real-Life Applications

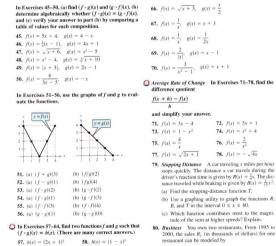
- A wide variety of real-life applications, many using current, real data, are integrated throughout the examples and exercises.
- The icon indicates an example that involves a real-life application.

Algebra of Calculus

- Special emphasis is given to the algebraic techniques used in calculus.
- · Algebra of Calculus examples and exercises are integrated throughout the text.
- The symbol indicates an example or exercise in which the Algebra of Calculus is featured.

Additional Features

Carefully crafted learning tools designed to create a rich learning environment can be found throughout the text. These learning tools include a Library of Functions, Study Tips, Historical Notes, Writing About Math, Chapter Projects, Chapter Review Exercises, Chapter Tests, Cumulative Tests, and an extensive art program.



② In Exercises 57–64, find two functions f and g such that $(f \circ g)(x) = h(x)$. (There are many correct answers.)

57. $h(x) = (2x + 1)^2$ 58. $h(x) = (1 - x)^3$ 59. $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$ 60. $h(x) = \sqrt{9 - x}$ **61.** $h(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$ 62. $h(x) = \frac{4}{(5x+2)^2}$ **63.** $h(x) = (x + 4)^2 + 2(x + 4)$

In Exercises 65-70, determine the domains of (a) f, (b) g, and (c) f * g. Use a graphing utility to verify your answer.

65. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$, $g(x) = x^2 + 1$

64. $h(x) = (x + 3)^{3/2}$



 $R_1 = 480 - 8t - 0.8t^2$, t = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

 $R_2 = 254 + 0.78t, t = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$

for the two restaurants.

where t=0 represents 1995. During the same 6-year period, the sales R_2 (in thousands of dollars) for the other restaurant can be modeled by

(a) Write a function R3 that represents the total sales

(b) Use a graphing utility to graph R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 (the total sales function) in the same viewing window.

Supplements

Resources

Website (college.hmco.com)

Many additional text-specific study and interactive features for students and instructors can be found at the Houghton Mifflin website.

For the Student

Student Success Organizer

Study and Solutions Guide by Bruce H. Edwards (University of Florida)

Graphing Technology Guide by Benjamin N. Levy and Laurel Technical Services

Instructional Videotapes by Dana Mosely

Instructional Videotapes for Graphing Calculators by Dana Mosely

For the Instructor

Instructor's Annotated Edition

Instructor Success Organizer

Complete Solutions Guide by Bruce H. Edwards (University of Florida)

Test Item File

Problem Solving, Modeling, and Data Analysis Labs by Wendy Metzger (Palomar College)

Computerized Testing (Windows, Macintosh)

HMClassPrep Instructor's CD-ROM

An Introduction to Graphing Utilities

Graphing utilities such as graphing calculators and computers with graphing software are very valuable tools for visualizing mathematical principles, verifying solutions to equations, exploring mathematical ideas, and developing mathematical models. Although graphing utilities are extremely helpful in learning mathematics, their use does not mean that learning algebra is any less important. In fact, the combination of knowledge of mathematics and the use of graphing utilities allows you to explore mathematics more easily and to a greater depth. If you are using a graphing utility in this course, it is up to you to learn its capabilities and to practice using this tool to enhance your mathematical learning.

In this text there are many opportunities to use a graphing utility, some of which are described below.

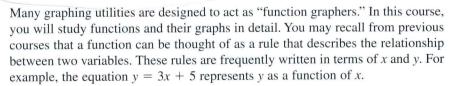
Some Uses of a Graphing Utility

A graphing utility can be used to

- check or validate answers to problems obtained using algebraic methods.
- discover and explore algebraic properties, rules, and concepts.
- graph functions, and approximate solutions to equations involving functions.
- efficiently perform complicated mathematical procedures such as those found in many real-life applications.
- · find mathematical models for sets of data.

In this introduction, the features of graphing utilities are discussed from a generic perspective. To learn how to use the features of a specific graphing utility, consult your user's manual or the website for this text found at *college.hmco.com*. Additionally, keystroke guides are available for most graphing utilities, and your college library may have a videotape on how to use your graphing utility.

The Equation Editor



Many graphing utilities have an equation editor that requires an equation to be written in "y =" form in order to be entered, as shown in Figure 1. (You should note that your equation editor screen may not look like the screen shown in Figure 1.) To determine exactly how to enter an equation into your graphing utility, consult your user's manual.

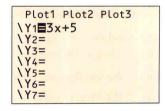


Figure 1

The Table Feature

Most graphing utilities are capable of displaying a table of values with *x*-values and one or more corresponding *y*-values. These tables can be used to check solutions of an equation and to generate ordered pairs to assist in graphing an equation.

To use the *table* feature, enter an equation into the equation editor in "y =" form. The table may have a setup screen, which allows you to select the starting x-value and the table step or x-increment. You may then have the option of automatically generating values for x and y or building your own table using the ask mode. In the ask mode, you enter a value for x and the graphing utility displays the y-value.

For example, enter the equation

$$y = \frac{3x}{x+2}$$

into the equation editor, as shown in Figure 2. In the table setup screen, set the table to start at x = -4 and set the table step to 1. When you view the table, notice that the first x-value is -4 and each value after it increases by 1. Also notice that the Y_1 column gives the resulting y-value for each x-value, as shown in Figure 3. The table shows that the y-value when x = -2 is ERROR. This means that the variable x may not take on the value -2 in this equation.

With the same equation in the equation editor, set the table to ask mode. In this mode you do not need to set the starting x-value or the table step, because you are entering any value you choose for x. You may enter any real value for x—integers, fractions, decimals, irrational numbers, and so forth. If you enter $x = 1 + \sqrt{3}$, the graphing utility may rewrite the number as a decimal approximation, as shown in Figure 4. You can continue to build your own table by entering additional x-values in order to generate y-values.

If you have several equations in the equation editor, the table may generate *y*-values for each equation.

Plot1 Plot2 Plot3 \Y1■3x/(X+2)■ \Y2= \Y3=	
\Y4= \Y5= \Y6= \Y7=	

Figure 2

X Y1	
-4 -3 9	

Figure 3

X 2.7321	1.7321	
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Figure 4

Creating a Viewing Window

A **viewing window** for a graph is a rectangular portion of the coordinate plane. A viewing window is determined by the following six values.

Xmin = the smallest value of x

Xmax = the largest value of x

Xscl = the number of units per tick mark on the x-axis

Ymin = the smallest value of y

Ymax = the largest value of y

Yscl = the number of units per tick mark on the y-axis

When you enter these six values into a graphing utility, you are setting the viewing window. Some graphing utilities have a standard viewing window, as shown in Figure 5.

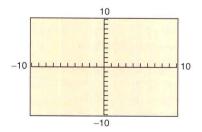
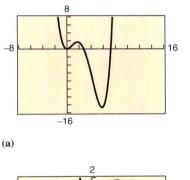


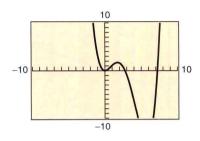
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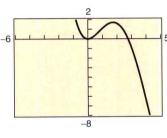
By choosing different viewing windows for a graph, it is possible to obtain very different impressions of the graph's shape. For instance, Figure 6 shows four different viewing windows for the graph of

$$y = 0.1x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2.$$

Of these, the view shown in part (a) is the most complete.







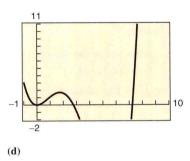


Figure 6

(c)

On most graphing utilities, the display screen is two-thirds as high as it is wide. On such screens, you can obtain a graph with a true geometric perspective by using a square setting—one in which

(b)

$$\frac{Y \max - Y \min}{X \max - X \min} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

One such setting is shown in Figure 7. Notice that the x and y tick marks are equally spaced on a square setting, but not on a standard setting.

To see how the viewing window affects the geometric perspective, graph the semicircles $y_1 = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$ and $y_2 = -\sqrt{9 - x^2}$ in a standard viewing window. Then graph y_1 and y_2 in a square window. Note the difference in the shapes of the circles.

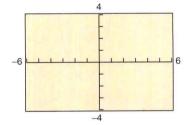


Figure 7

Zoom and Trace Features

When you graph an equation, you can move from point to point along its graph using the *trace* feature. As you trace the graph, the coordinates of each point are displayed, as shown in Figure 8. The *trace* feature combined with the *zoom* feature allows you to obtain better and better approximations of desired points on a graph. For instance, you can use the *zoom* feature of a graphing utility to approximate the *x*-intercept(s) of a graph [the point(s) where the graph crosses the *x*-axis]. Suppose you want to approximate the *x*-intercept(s) of the graph of $y = 2x^3 - 3x + 2$.

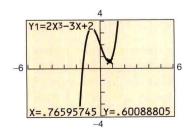


Figure 8

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Begin by graphing the equation, as shown in Figure 9(a). From the viewing window shown, the graph appears to have only one *x*-intercept. This intercept lies between -2 and -1. By zooming in on the intercept, you can improve the approximation, as shown in Figure 9(b). To three decimal places, the solution is $x \approx -1.476$.

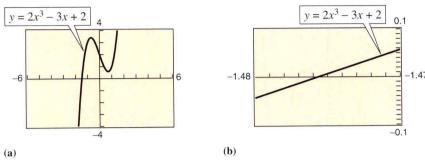


Figure 9

Here are some suggestions for using the zoom feature.

- 1. With each successive zoom-in, adjust the *x*-scale so that the viewing window shows at least one tick mark on each side of the *x*-intercept.
- 2. The error in your approximation will be less than the distance between two scale marks.
- **3.** The *trace* feature can usually be used to add one more decimal place of accuracy without changing the viewing window.

Figure 10(a) shows the graph of $y = x^2 - 5x + 3$. Figures 10(b) and 10(c) show "zoom-in views" of the two *x*-intercepts. From these views, you can approximate the *x*-intercepts to be $x \approx 0.697$ and $x \approx 4.303$.

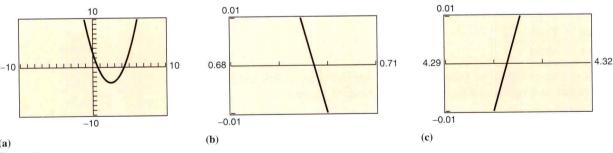


Figure 10

Zero or Root Feature

Using the zero or root feature, you can find the real zeros of functions of the various types studied in this text—polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic functions. To find the zeros of a function such as $f(x) = \frac{3}{4}x - 2$, first enter the function as $y_1 = \frac{3}{4}x - 2$. Then use the zero or root feature, which may require entering lower and upper bound estimates of the root, as shown in Figure 11.