

Sec 3.6

Polynomial Inequalities- beyond quadratic

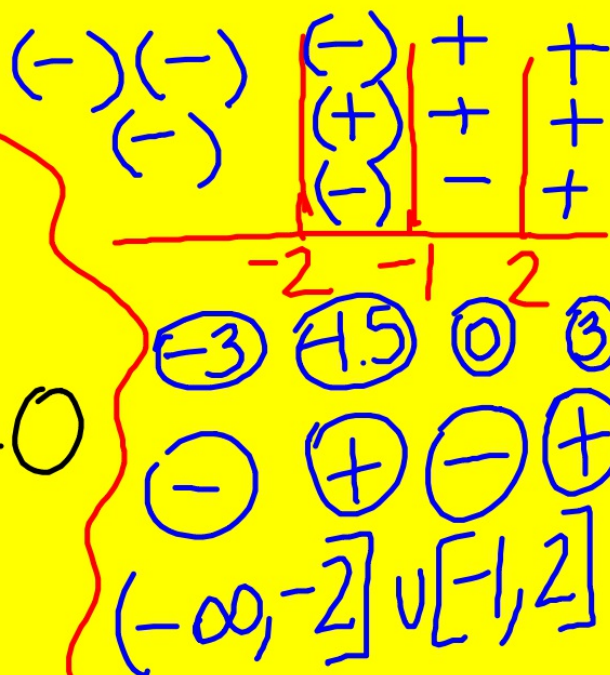
Solve- $x^3+x^2 \leq 4x+4$

$$(x^3+x^2) - (4x+4) \leq 0$$

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

$$(x+1)(x+2)(x-2) \leq 0$$

$$x = -1, 2, -2$$

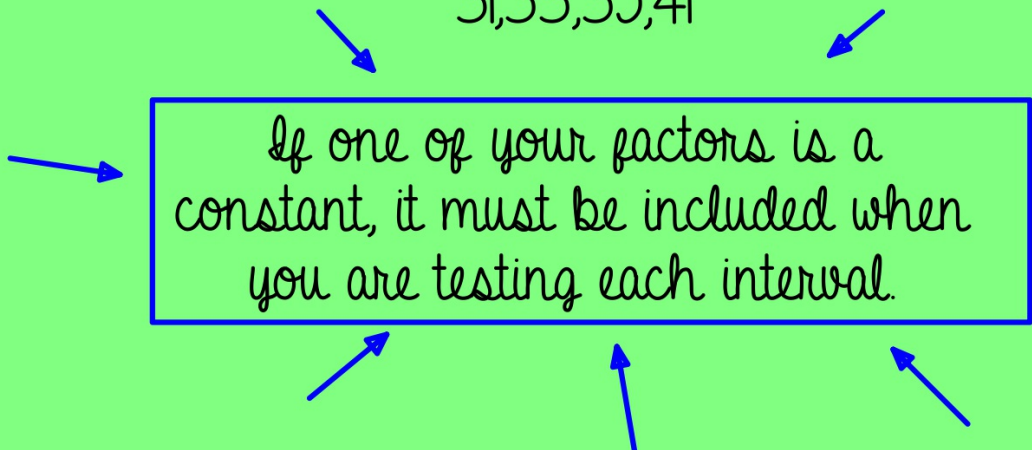


Steps were-

1. get a zero
2. factor by grouping
3. use the zeros/critical numbers on your number line
4. test using test numbers in each interval (circled in blue)
5. determine sign (+ or -) for each interval
6. determine interval answer

Suggested Practice

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31,33,35,41



If one of your factors is a constant, it must be included when you are testing each interval.

$$31. [0, 3] \cup [5, \infty) \quad 35. [-2, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

$$33. (-\infty, 2) \cup (2, 7/2) \quad 41. \{0\} \cup [9, \infty)$$