College Review Math Section 2E APPROXIMATING ROOTS OF POLYNOMIAL EQUATIONS

THE LOCATION PRINCIPLE

Use the table of values below to name the two integers in which a real root must fall between.

1)

х	-1	0	1	2	3
f(x)	12	4	1	-3	-11

Root exists between: x = 1 and x = 2

Think of a "root" as an x-intercept of a graph. The y-values must change from a positive to a negative (or vice versa) in order for the graph to cross the x-axis.

Using the table, determine how many real roots can be approximated. Then, name the integers in which each root lies between.

2)

x	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
f(x)	-0.9	-0.2	0.5	1.5	0.2	-2	-2	3	6	3	1	-10	-50

Number of real roots: _____

Roots exist between: x = -5 & x = -4, x = -2 & x = -1, x = 0 & x = 1, x = 4 & x = 5

This information **will appear** on your next quiz, but we will not waste our time doing homework