

*HAP 2.2 Graphs, Intercepts, and Symmetry*

1. Determine if these points are on the graph of  $y = x^3 - 2x + 3$

(a)  $(0, 3)$

(b)  $(-2, 0)$

(c)  $(2, 7)$

2. Find the intercepts of the equations:

(a)  $y = 2x - 1$

(b)  $(x - 2)(x + 5) = 0$

### Symmetry

- Symmetric to the  $x$  axis: If  $(x, y)$  is on the curve,  $(x, -y)$  is on the curve.
- Symmetric to the  $y$  axis (Even functions):  $f(-x) = f(x)$   
If  $(x, y)$  is on the curve,  $(-x, y)$  is on the curve.
- Symmetric to the origin  $(0,0)$  (Odd functions):  $f(-x) = -f(x)$   
If  $(x, y)$  is on the curve,  $(-x, -y)$  is on the curve.

3. List the  $x$ -intercept and the  $y$ -intercept and determine the symmetry of the following:

(a)  $y^2 - x - 4 = 0$

(b)  $y = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$

Answers:  
 (a)  $y^2 - x - 4 = 0$  has  $x$ -intercept  $(4, 0)$  and  $y$ -intercept  $(0, \pm 2)$ . It is symmetric to the  $x$ -axis.  
 (b)  $y = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$  has  $x$ -intercept  $(0, 0)$  and  $y$ -intercept  $(0, \pm \frac{1}{2})$ . It is symmetric to the origin.