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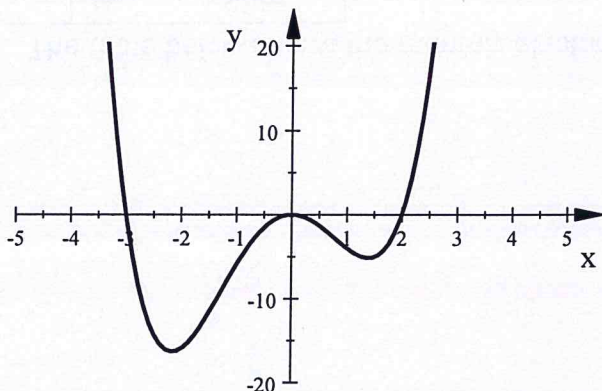
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$$\rightarrow \frac{3x}{8x^2(x^2 - 16)} - \frac{7}{6x(2x^2 - 7x - 4)}$$

$$\frac{3x}{8x^2(x+4)(x-4)} - \frac{7}{6x(2x+1)(x-4)}$$

$$\frac{3(2x+1)}{3(2x+1)} \cdot \frac{9x(2x+1)}{8x^2(x+4)(x-4)} - \frac{7}{6x(2x+1)(x-4)} \cdot \frac{4x(x+4)}{4x(x+4)}$$

$$18x^2 + 9x - 28x^2 - 112x$$

$$\frac{-10x^2 - 103x}{24x^2(x+4)(x-4)}$$

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$$\frac{2(x^2 + 4x + 3)}{2(x^2 + 4x + 3)} + \frac{6}{4x(x^2 - x - 2)} - \frac{5x}{x(x^2 + x - 6)}$$

$$\frac{2(x+3)(x+1)}{2(x+3)(x+1)} + \frac{6}{4x(x-2)(x+1)} - \frac{5x}{x(x+3)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{16x(x-2)}{16x(x-2)} + \frac{6(x+3)}{4x(x-2)(x+1)} - \frac{20x(x+1)}{4x(x+3)(x-2)}$$

$$16x^2 - 32x + 6x + 18 - 20x^2 - 20x$$

$$\frac{-4x^2 - 46x + 18}{4x(x+1)(x+3)(x-2)}$$

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$$(3)(5)(7) = \frac{1}{2}(20 + x)$$

$$2 \cdot 105 = \frac{1}{2}(20 + x) \cdot 2$$

$$210 = 20 + x$$

$$-20 \quad -20$$

$$x = 190$$

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$$6(0.35) + 35(0.04)$$

$$= \$3.50$$

$$3A + 5(0.04) = 1.25$$

$$3A + 0.20 = 1.25$$

$$3A = 1.05$$

$$A = 0.35$$

$$5(3A + 5C = 1.25)$$

$$15A + 100C = 9.25$$

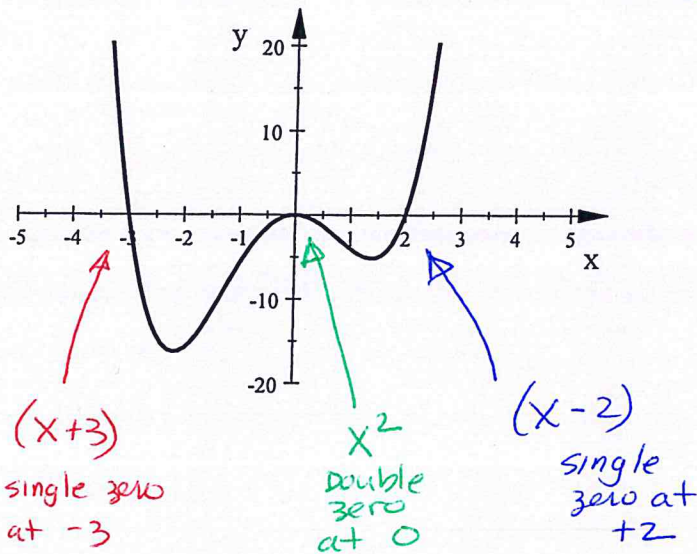
$$-15A + 25C = 6.25$$

$$75C = 3.00$$

$$C = 0.04$$

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