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Directions: Find all of the roots of each polynomial.

1)  $x^2 + 16 = 0$

2)  $x^2 + 6x + 18 = 0$

3)  $x^4 = 16$

4)  $x^2 - 4x - 12 = 0$

5)  $x^2 + 6x + 13 = 0$

6)  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

## Challenge Problems

Directions: These are optional bonus problems you may attempt if you desire.

**C1)** Rouché's Theorem states that for any two functions  $f$  and  $g$  that have no singularities in a certain region, if  $|f| > |g|$  for all values on the boundary of the region, then  $f$  and  $g$  have the same number of zeroes in the region.

The proof of this theorem usually involves taking the inequality  $|(f + g) - f| < |f - 0|$  (true by  $|f| > |g|$ ) and noting that the Euclidean distance between  $f+g$  and  $f$  must go to 0 when  $f=0$ , so  $f+g$  always has a zero when  $f$  has a zero, so  $g$  must also have a zero when  $f$  does.

When combined with a few more tools from complex analysis we don't yet have, this theorem provides a straightforward way to prove the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.

Using Rouché's Theorem, can you prove that all the zeroes of  $x^4 + 6x + 3$  have magnitude less than 2?

*Hint: Consider  $f = x^4$ , which we know has four zeroes (all at  $x=0$ ) of magnitude less than 2.*