Exercise 20

In Exercises 19–28, find any intercepts.

$$y = 4x^2 + 3$$

Solution

To find the y-intercept, plug in x = 0 to the function.

$$y = 4(0)^2 + 3 = 3$$

Therefore, the y-intercept is (0,3). To find the x-intercept(s), set y=0 and solve the equation for x.

$$4x^2 + 3 = 0$$

$$4x^2 = -3$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{3}{4}$$

No real value of x satisfies this equation, so there are no x-intercepts.

