Exercise 10

For the following exercises, identify the function as a power function, a polynomial function, or neither.

$$f(x) = 2x(x+2)(x-1)^2$$

Solution

This is the factored form of a polynomial function.

$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 6x^2 + 4x$$

Notice the multiple power functions $(2x^4$ and $6x^2$ and 4x) stringed together with one or more plus and/or minus signs.