

Decide whether the function is a polynomial function. If so, write in standard form and state its degree, type, and leading coefficient.

1. $f(x) = 8 - x^2$

$f(x) = -x^2 + 8$

degree 2 quadratic L.C.: -1

2. $f(x) = 6x + 8x^4 - 3$

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degree 4 quartic L.C.: 8

3. $g(x) = \pi x^4 + \sqrt{6}$

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degree 4 quartic L.C.: π

4. $h(x) = x^3\sqrt{10} + 5x^{-2} + 1$

Not polynomial

(neg. exponent on variable)

5. $h(x) = -\frac{5}{2}x^3 + 3x - 10$

degree 3 cubic

L.C.: $-\frac{5}{2}$

6. $8x^3 - 4x^2 + \frac{2}{x}$

Not polynomial

(variable in denominator)

Use direct substitution to evaluate the polynomial function for the given value of x .

7. $5x^3 - 2x^2 + 10x - 15; x = -1$

$5(-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 + 10(-1) - 15 = -32$

8. $g(x) = 4x^3 - 2x^5; x = -3$

$4(-3)^3 - 2(-3)^5 = 378$

9. $h(x) = x + \frac{1}{2}x^4 - \frac{3}{4}x^3 + 10; x = -4$

$(-4) + \frac{1}{2}(-4)^4 - \frac{3}{4}(-4)^3 + 10 = 182$

Use synthetic substitution to evaluate the polynomial function for the given value of x .

10. $f(x) = 5x^3 - 2x^2 - 8x + 16; x = 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 | & 5 & -2 & -8 & 16 \\ & \downarrow & 15 & 39 & 93 \\ \hline & 5 & 13 & 31 & 109 \end{array}$$

11. $g(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 - 7x + 35; x = -6$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 | & 1 & 8 & -7 & 35 \\ & \downarrow & -6 & -12 & 114 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & -19 & 149 \end{array}$$

12. $f(x) = -2x^4 + 3x^3 - 8x + 13; x = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 | & -2 & 3 & 0 & -8 & 13 \\ & \downarrow & -4 & -2 & -4 & -24 \\ \hline & -2 & -1 & -2 & -12 & -11 \end{array}$$

13. $h(x) = -7x^3 + 11x^2 + 4x; x = 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 | & -7 & 11 & 4 & 0 \\ & \downarrow & -21 & -30 & -78 \\ \hline & -7 & -10 & -26 & -78 \end{array}$$

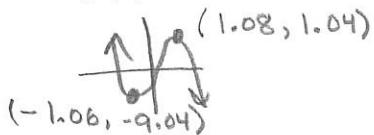
14. $h(x) = -8x^3 + 14x - 35; x = 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 | & -8 & 0 & 14 & -35 \\ & & -32 & -128 & -456 \\ \hline & -8 & -32 & -114 & -491 \end{array}$$

Describe the end behavior and the intervals where the graph is increasing and decreasing.

Graphing calculator is suggested or desmos.com

15. $f(x) = -2x^3 + 7x - 4$



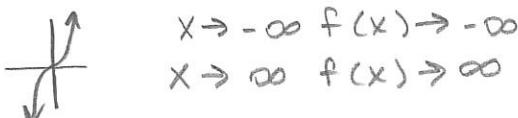
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decrease $(-\infty, -1.06) \cup (1.08, \infty)$

increase $(-1.06, 1.08)$

16. $f(x) = x^3$

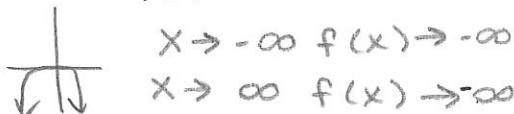


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increase $(-\infty, \infty)$

17. $f(x) = -x^4$



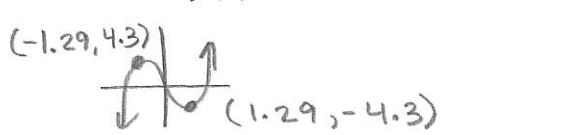
$x \rightarrow -\infty f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

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increase $(-\infty, 0)$

decrease $(0, \infty)$

18. $f(x) = x^3 - 5x$

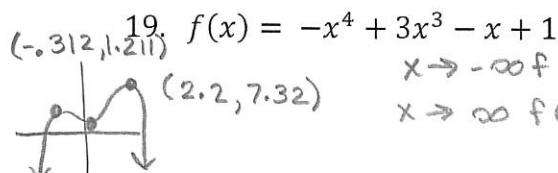


$x \rightarrow -\infty f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

$x \rightarrow \infty f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

increase $(-\infty, -1.29) \cup (1.29, \infty)$

decrease $(-1.29, 1.29)$



19. $f(x) = -x^4 + 3x^3 - x + 1$

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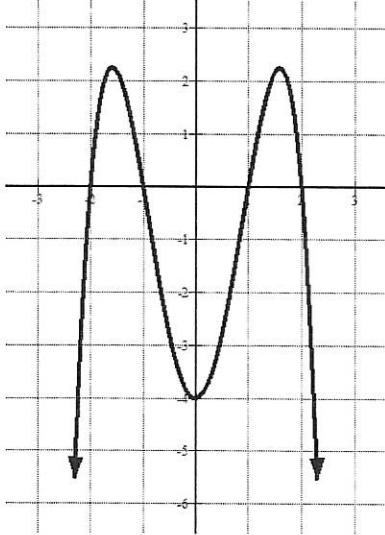
$x \rightarrow \infty f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

increase $(-\infty, -0.312) \cup (0.364, 2.2)$

decrease $(-0.312, 0.364) \cup (2.2, \infty)$

Describe the least degree of the polynomial function and state whether the leading coefficient is positive or negative for the given graphs.

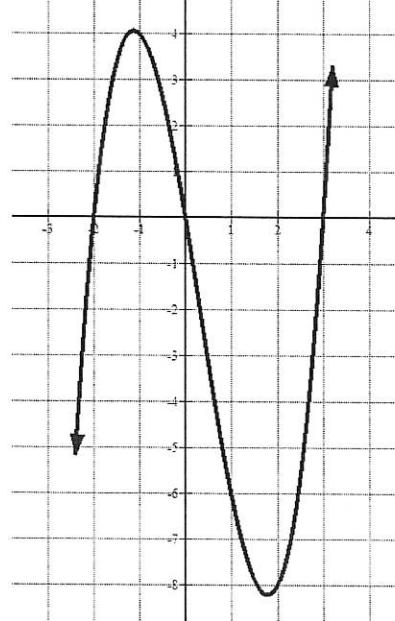
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Degree 4

L.C. (-)

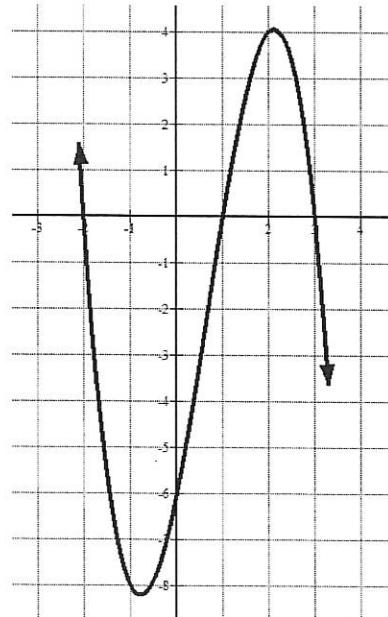
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Degree 3

L.C. (+)

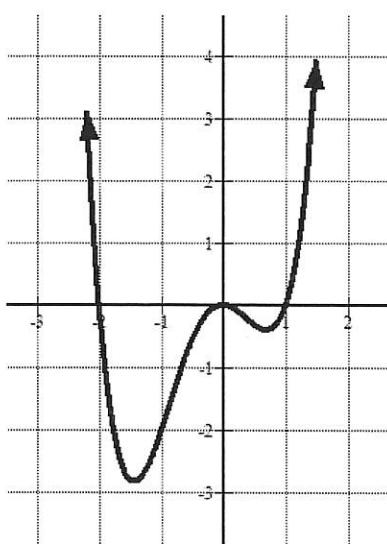
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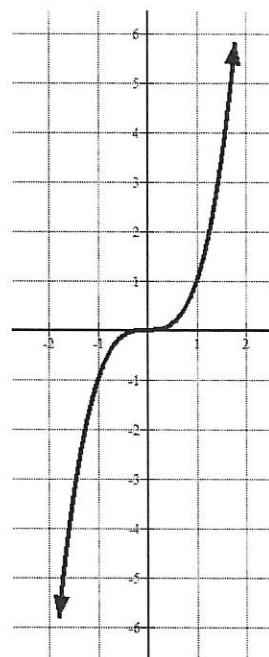
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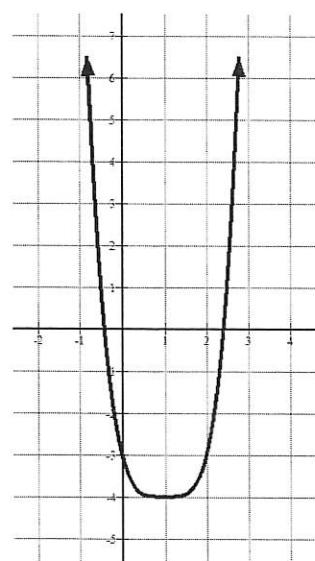
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Factor the following polynomials completely.

26. $x^3 - 16x$

$$x(x^2 - 16)$$

$$x(x+4)(x-4)$$

28. $8x^2 - 2x - 3$

$$(4x-3)(2x+1)$$

27. $4x^3 + 12x^2 + 8x$

$$4x(x^2 + 3x + 2)$$

$$4x(x+2)(x+1)$$

29. $9 - x^2$

$$(3-x)(3+x)$$

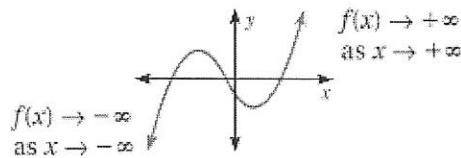
KEY CONCEPT

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End Behavior of Polynomial Functions

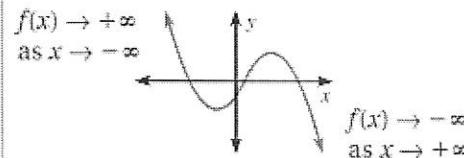
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Leading coefficient: positive



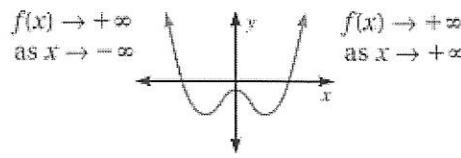
Degree: odd

Leading coefficient: negative



Degree: even

Leading coefficient: positive



Degree: even

Leading coefficient: negative

