

Objective: to use end behavior to create sketches of graphs.

Warm Up:

1. Write $f(x) = \underbrace{6x^2 - 13x - 5}_{-30x^2}$ in complete factored form. What does factored form help you solve for?

	2x	-5
3x	6x ²	-15x
1	2x	-5

$$(2x-5)(3x+1)$$

Factored form helps us solve for the zeros/roots/x-intercepts.

2. Write $f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 - 5x - 30$ in complete factored form. What does factored form help you solve for?

	x	6
x ²	x ³	6x ²
-5	-5x	-30

$$(x^2-5)(x+6)$$

Factored form helps us to solve for the zeros/roots/x-intercepts.

3. Identify all of the x-intercepts for #1 & #2. Explain what the x-intercepts represent for a polynomial.

#1)

$$(2x-5)(3x+1) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ 2x-5=0 \qquad 3x+1=0 \\ 2x=5 \qquad \quad 3x=-1 \\ x=\frac{5}{2} \qquad \quad x=-\frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

x-int: $(\frac{5}{2}, 0), (-\frac{1}{3}, 0)$

#2)

$$(x^2-5)(x+6) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ x^2-5=0 \qquad x+6=0 \\ x^2=5 \qquad \quad x=-6 \\ x=\pm\sqrt{5} \end{array}$$

x-int: $(-\sqrt{5}, 0), (\sqrt{5}, 0), (-6, 0)$

x-intercepts represent the location where the function touches the x-axis on the graph.

Use either a graphing calculator device or access the website www.desmos.com to explore a trend of what the following polynomials look like. Your task is to find a pattern, or shortcut, in determining a general shape for the polynomials.

CHARACTERISTICS OF POLYNOMIALS		2 nd degree	3 rd degree	4 th degree	5 th degree	6 th degree
Possible Number of X-intercepts		2	3	4	5	6
General Shape of Polynomial	Positive Leading Coefficient	$f(x) = 2x^2 + 3$ $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ $f(x) = 5x^2 + 7x - 3$	$f(x) = x^3 + 4x$ $f(x) = 4x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x + 1$ $f(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 - 4x + 3$	$f(x) = x^4 + 3x^2$	$f(x) = x^5 - 2x$	$f(x) = x^6 - 3x^2$
	End Behavior	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
	Negative Leading Coefficient	$f(x) = -2x^2$ $f(x) = -3x^2 + 7x + 1$ $f(x) = -4x^2 + 2x - 5$	$f(x) = -3x^3$ $f(x) = -2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x + 1$ $f(x) = -7x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x - 2$	$f(x) = -4x^4$	$f(x) = -x^5$	$f(x) = -x^6$
	End Behavior	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$	$x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$ $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
Maximum # of Turns		1	2	3	4	5

Follow up:

➤ Make at least two generalizations from the data you collected above

1. If it's an odd degree, the ends point in opposite directions.

• Positive = right side up

• Negative = left side up

2. If it's an even degree, the ends point in the same direction.

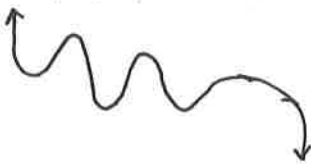
• Positive = up

• Negative = down

➤ Make a prediction about the general shape of the following two polynomials without looking at a device. After your prediction, confirm with a device that your prediction holds true.

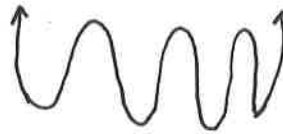
1. $f(x) = -x^{\textcircled{7}} + x^3 - 4$

negative



2. $f(x) = x^{\textcircled{8}} + 2$

positive



Let's Practice!

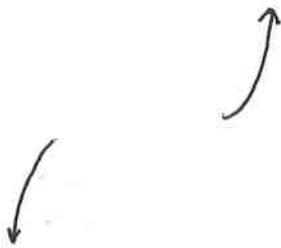
1. Briefly sketch what the following functions could look like. Be sure to identify the degree and leading coefficient first!

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

Degree: 3

Sign of Leading Coefficient: +

Sketch:



B.) $f(x) = -x^6 + 2$

Degree: 6

Sign of Leading Coefficient: -

Sketch:



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

Degree: 4

Sign of Leading Coefficient: +

Sketch:

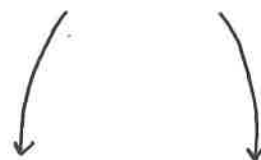


D.) $f(x) = 3x + 5 - 2x^2$

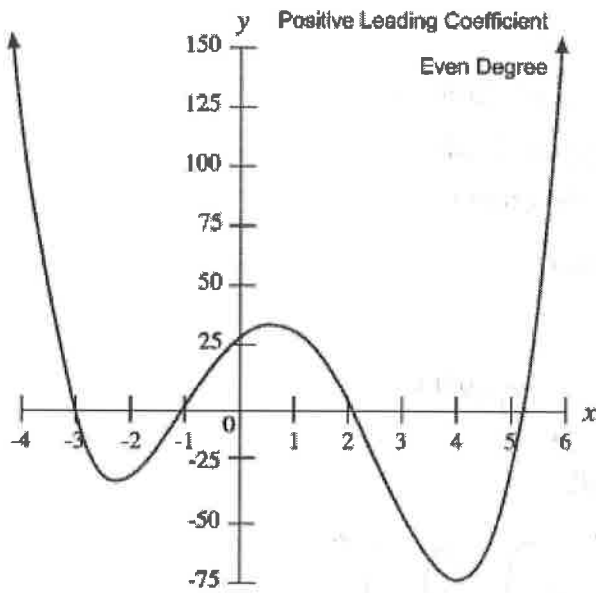
Degree: 2

Sign of Leading Coefficient: -

Sketch:



Example 1: Identify the following about the polynomial graphed below.

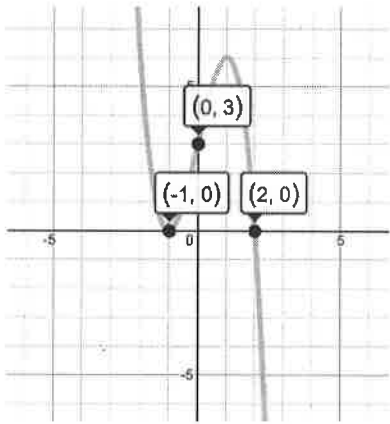


- > Describe the end behavior. $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
- > Leading Coefficient's Sign $+$
- > Degree of Function 4
- > X-intercepts $(-3, 0)$ $(-1, 0)$ $(2, 1)$ $(5.25, 0)$
- > Factors $(x+3)(x+1)(x-2.1)(x-5.25)$

Let's Practice!

First write the polynomial in factored form. Then describe the end behavior using limit notation!

A.)



End Behavior: $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign: $-$

Degree of Function: 3

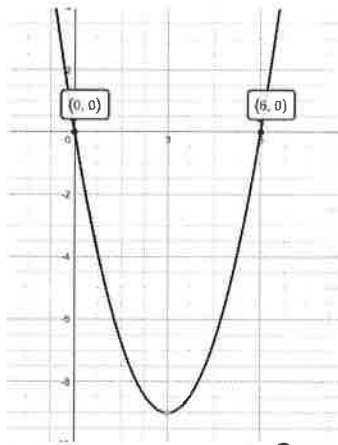
X-intercepts: $(-1, 0)$, $(2, 0)$

Factors: $(x+1)(x-2)$

Possible Equation:

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

B.)



End Behavior: $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign: $+$

Degree of Function: 2

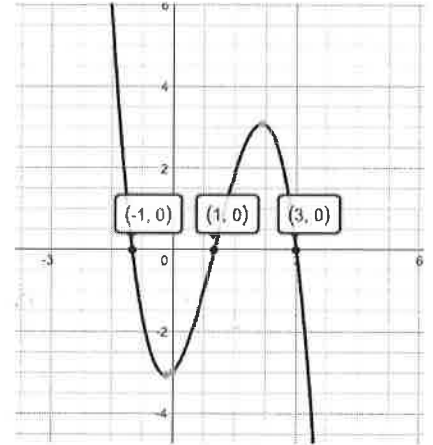
X-intercepts: $(0, 0)$, $(6, 0)$

Factors: $x(x-6)$

Possible Equation:

$$f(x) = x(x-6)$$

C.)



End Behavior: $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign: $-$

Degree of Function: 3

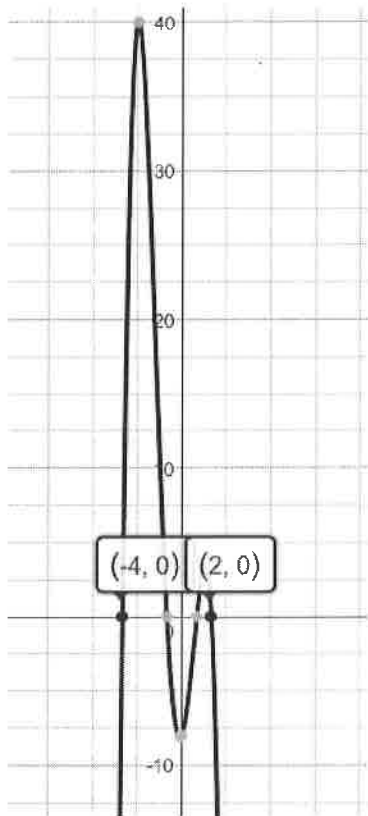
X-intercepts: $(-1, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, $(3, 0)$

Factors: $(x+1)(x-1)(x-3)$

Possible Equation:

$$f(x) = -(x+1)(x-1)(x-3)$$

D.)



End Behavior: $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign: $-$

Degree of Function: 4

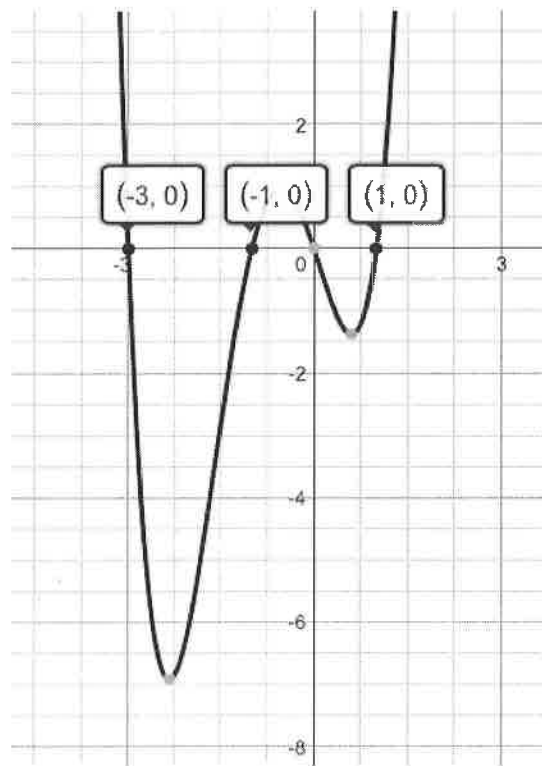
X-intercepts: $(-4, 0), (2, 0), (1, 0), (-1, 0)$

Factors: $(x+4)(x-2)(x-1)(x+1)$

Possible Equation:

$$f(x) = -(x+4)(x-2)(x-1)(x+1)$$

E.)



End Behavior: $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign: $+$

Degree of Function: 4

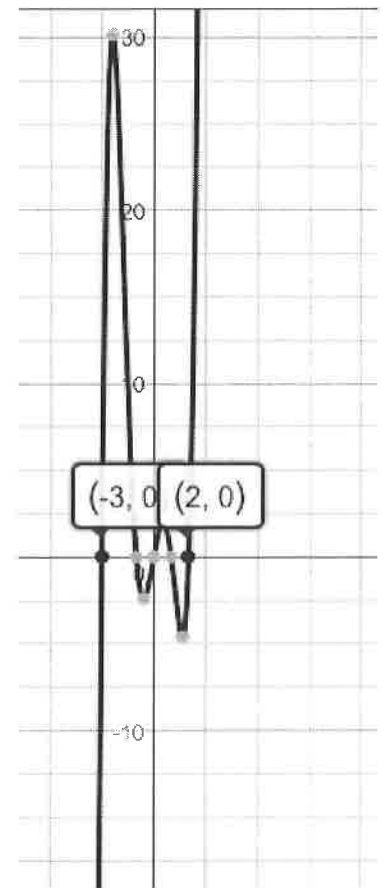
X-intercepts: $(-3, 0), (-1, 0), (0, 0), (1, 0)$

Factors: $x(x+3)(x+1)(x-1)$

Possible Equation:

$$f(x) = x(x+3)(x+1)(x-1)$$

F.)



End Behavior: $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Leading Coefficient Sign: $+$

Degree of Function: 5

X-intercepts: $(-3, 0), (2, 0), (0, 0), (1, 0), (1, 0)$

Factors: $x(x+3)(x-2)(x+1)(x-1)$

Possible Equation:

$$f(x) = x(x+3)(x-2)(x+1)(x-1)$$

Reflection:

- Why is finding the zeros for a polynomial important?
- What do they tell us about that polynomial?
- Name two ways to find the zeros.

