

2-1 Practice

For numbers 1 and 2, graph and analyze each function. Describe the domain, range, intercepts, end behavior, continuity, and where the function is increasing or decreasing.

1. $f(x) = 2x^6$

D: $(-\infty, \infty)$

R: $[0, \infty)$

Int: $(0, 0)$

Inc: $(0, \infty)$

Dec: $(-\infty, 0)$

Contn: Everywhere

End behavior:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty$

2. $f(x) = -\sqrt[3]{(2x + 5)^2}$

D: $(-\infty, \infty)$

R: $(-\infty, 0]$

Int: x -int: -2.5 y -int: -2.92

Inc: $(-\infty, -2.5)$

Dec: $(-2.5, \infty)$

Contn: Everywhere

End Behav:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$

2-2 Practice

For numbers 3 and 4, describe the end behavior of the graph of the polynomial function using limits. Explain your reasoning using the leading term test.

3. $f(x) = -7x^5 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 5$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -\infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty$

5 is odd opposite directions
-#, #, #, #, #

4. $f(x) = x^6 - 2x^4 + 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty$

For numbers 5 and 6, state the number of possible real zeros and turning points of each function. Then determine all of the real zeros (and their multiplicity if applicable) by factoring.

5. $f(x) = x^4 - 16x^2$

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

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

$0, 4, -4$

4 possible real
3 turns
real: $\pm 4, 0$
0 mult of 2

6. $f(x) = 3x^3 - 60x^2 + 300x$

$3x(x^2 - 20x + 100)$

$3x(x - 10)^2$

$0, 10$

3 possible real
2 turns
Real: $0, 10$
10 mult of 2

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

$x^2(x - 3) - 1(x - 3)$

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

3 possible: real: $\pm 1, 3$
2 turns

2-5 Practice

For numbers 8 - 10, find the domain of each function and the equations of the vertical or horizontal asymptotes, if any.

8. $f(x) = \frac{4}{x^2 + 1}$

VA: none

HA: $y = 0$

D: $(-\infty, \infty)$

R: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

9. $f(x) = \frac{2x + 1}{x + 1}$

VA: $x = -1$

HA: $y = 2$

D: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$

R: $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

10. $f(x) = \frac{x + 3}{(x + 1)(x - 2)}$

HA: $y = 0$

VA: $x = -1$ $x = 2$

D: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

R: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

For numbers 11 and 12, for each function, determine any asymptotes, holes, and intercepts. Then graph the function and state its domain.

11. $f(x) = \frac{5x^2 - 10x + 1}{x - 2}$

$(5x - 1)(x - 1)$

VA: $x = 2$

$x \ y$

1 4

0 -5

3 16

4 20.5

no holes

intercept: x -int: $(0, 1) + \ln 89$

12. $f(x) = \frac{x + 1}{x^2 - x - 2} = \frac{x + 1}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} = \frac{1}{x - 2}$

hole $(-1, -\frac{1}{3})$

VA: $x = 2$

HA: $y = 0$

$x \ y$

0 -1/2

1 -1

3 1

4 1/2

