

Notes 3.9 – End Behavior

Warmup – Find all the roots.

1. $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 39x - 20$ root = 4 2. $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 8x - 32$ factor: $(x-4)$ $(x+2)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 4 & 2 & 3 & -39 & -20 \\ & & 8 & 44 & 20 \\ \hline & 2 & 11 & 5 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$2x^2 + 11x + 5$$

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

$$x = 4, -\frac{1}{2}, -5$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 4 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 8 & -32 \\ & & 4 & 0 & 0 & 32 \\ \hline -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ & & -2 & 4 & -8 & \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 4 & 0 & \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 4$$

$$x = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} \pm \frac{2i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = -2, 4, 1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$$

Multiply each pair of polynomials.

3. $(x+5)^2 \rightarrow (x+5)(x+5)$
 $x^2 + 5x + 5x + 25$
 $x^2 + 10x + 25$

4. $(x + \sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{3})$
 $x^2 - x\sqrt{3} + x\sqrt{3} - 3$
 $x^2 - 3$

5. $(x-3)(x^2 + 3x + 9)$
 $x^3 - 27$

6. $(a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
 $a^3 + b^3$

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|------|---------|--------|-------|
| | x^2 | $3x$ | 9 |
| x | x^3 | $3x^2$ | $9x$ |
| -3 | $-3x^2$ | $-9x$ | -27 |

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|-----|--------|---------|--------|
| | a^2 | $-ab$ | b^2 |
| a | a^3 | $-a^2b$ | ab^2 |
| b | a^2b | $-ab^2$ | b^3 |

Investigation

Order each function from Greatest (at the top) to Least (at the bottom) on the provided graph when:

$x = -\infty$

$x = 0$

$x = \infty$

Some sample equations are on the graph already.

Functions:

$f(x) = 2^x$

$p(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4$

$g(x) = x^2 - 20$

$h(x) = x^5 - 4x^2 + 1$

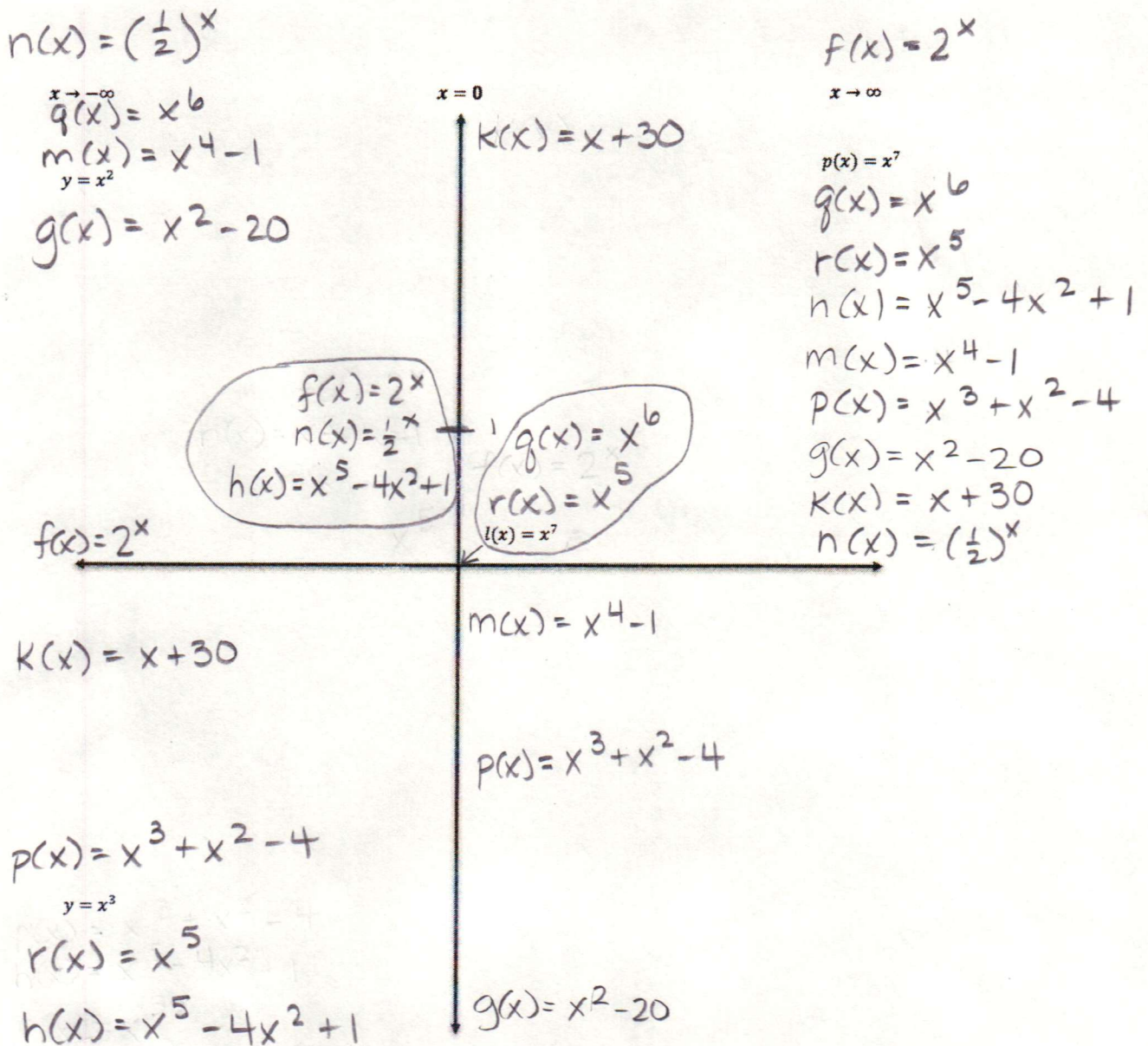
$k(x) = x + 30$

$m(x) = x^4 - 1$

$r(x) = x^5$

$n(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$

$q(x) = x^6$



What do you notice? Any similarities in each quadrant?

odd degree are in quadrant I & III

even degree are in quadrant I & II

The constant at the end of a polynomial is the

Write a general rule to help you remember what each time of graph does.

y-intercept

odd degree goes in opposite directions

even degree goes in the same direction

Use what you learned to determine the end behavior of each function.

a. $f(x) = 3 + 2x$

Function type: linear

End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: down

End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: up

b. $f(x) = x^4 - 16$

Function type: quartic

End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: up

End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: up

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

Function type: exponential

End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: approaches x-axis

End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: up

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

Function type: cubic

End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: down

End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: up

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

Function type: cubic

End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: up

End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: down

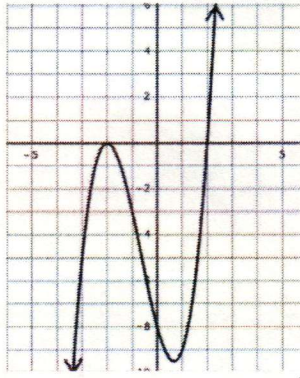
f. $f(x) = \log_2 x$

Function type: logarithm

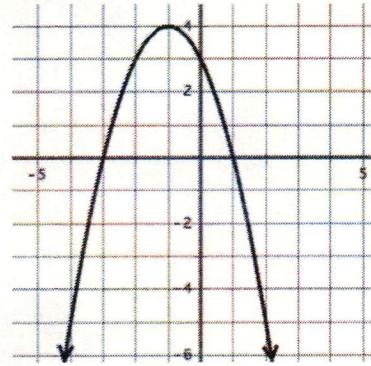
End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: x cannot $\rightarrow -\infty$

End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: up, slowly

g.

Function type: *cubic*End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: *down*End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: *up*

h.

Function type: *quadratic*End behavior as $x \rightarrow -\infty$: *down*End behavior as $x \rightarrow \infty$: *down*

What happens if the leading coefficient is negative? *it gets reflected over the x-axis*

Does this change your rule you wrote earlier?

you must pay attention to which way it goes

Vocabulary

| Word | Meaning/Notation | Example |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| End Behavior | <i>which direction the graph goes as you get far away from the origin</i> | x^3 x^4 |