


What are the characteristics of polynomials when they are graphed?

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Even Degree Positive orientation
 $x^4, (x-2)^2, x^6$

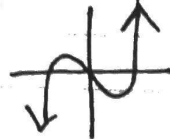
Odd Degree Positive orientation
 $f(x) = x^3, x^5$

End Behavior: Both ends open up



$$\begin{aligned} x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) &\rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) &\rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

End Behavior: one end goes up (positive) the other goes down (negative)

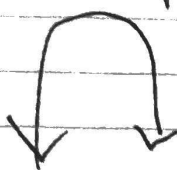


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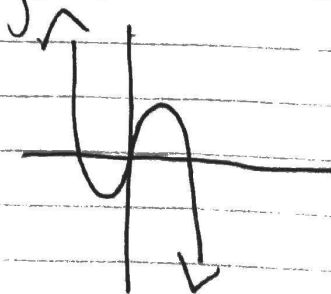
Even Degree Negative orientation
 $-x^2, -(x-2)^2(x+1)$

Odd Degree Negative orientation
 $-x^3$

End Behavior: Both ends open down



End Behavior: one end goes down (positive) and one end goes up (negative)



End Behavior:

$$\begin{aligned} x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) &\rightarrow -\infty \\ x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) &\rightarrow -\infty \end{aligned}$$

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$$1.) f(x) = -6x^5 + 2x^3 - 6$$

Degree = 5, odd
 Orientation = positive
 end behavior:

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

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

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

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

Degree = 4, even
 orientation = negative
 end behavior:

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

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