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Learning Goal 3.1	Graphing and the characteristics of a graph (e.g. degree, extrema, zeros, end-behaviour).
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Terminology

$$4x^7 + 5x^2 + 8x^3 + bx^0$$

Degree the biggest exponent on a variable	Leading Coefficient the coefficient of the term with the biggest exponent	Constant the term with no variable.
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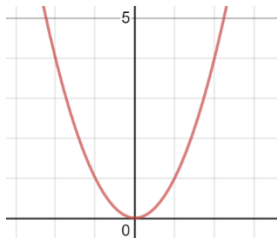
Example A polynomial function is a function that can be written in the form

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0,$$

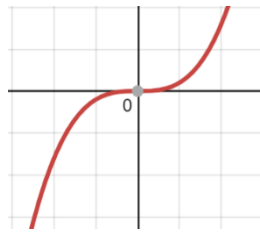
where n is a whole number, x is a variable, the coefficients a_n to a_0 are real numbers. Which of the following functions are polynomials? For those that are polynomial functions, state the **degree**, the **leading coefficient**, and the **constant term**.

Function	Type of Function	Degree	Leading Coefficient	Constant term
a. $g(x) = \sqrt{x} + 5$	Radical	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
b. $h(x) = 2x^3 - 4x + \sqrt{8}$	Cubic	3	2	$\sqrt{8}$
c. $f(x) = 3x^4$	Quadratic	4	3	0
d. $k(x) = 3^x + 11$	Exponential	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
e. $f(x) = x - 7$	Linear	1	1	-7
f. $y = -0.2xz^0$	Constant	0		-0.2
g. $g(x) = 5 + 4x + \frac{1}{x}x^{-1}$	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
h. $y = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 1$	Cubic	3	2	-1
i. $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^4 - 5x^3 - 12x + 0.56$	Quadratic	4	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.56
j. $y = 3x^{-2} + 4x^2 - 6$	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~

End behaviour or $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x)$

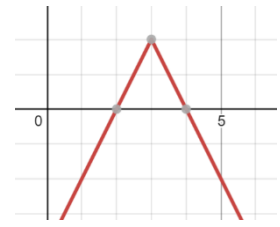


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = +\infty$$



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

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

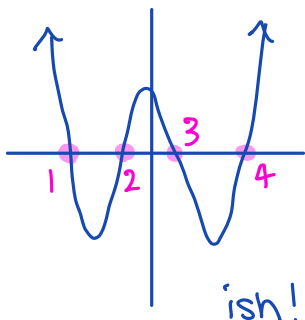


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = -\infty$$

Example Use DESMOS to graph each of the following polynomial functions and complete the table:

	$g(x) = -x^4 + 10x^2 + 5x - 4$	$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 3$
Polynomial Type	Polynomial of degree 4 or Quadratic	Polynomial of degree 3 or Cubic
End Behaviour	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} g(x) = -\infty$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$
Domain	$\{x x \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{x x \in \mathbb{R}\}$
Range	$\{y y < 32.477, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$	$\{y y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
Number of x-intercepts	4	2
y-intercept	$y = -4$	$y = 3$
Maximum and/or Minimum Values	GLOBAL max $\hat{=}$ 32.477 min: - LOCAL max min $y \hat{=} 10.152$ $y \hat{=} -4.629$	NO GLOBAL MAX/MIN LOCAL Max MIN $y \hat{=} 9.481$ $y = 0$

Example The x-intercepts of the graph of a function are the **zeros of the function**. We can find the zeros of the function by graphing the function and determining the x-intercepts. Approximate the zeros of the function $f(x) = x^4 - 15x^2 + 20$ (to nearest tenth).



$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &\hat{=} -3.677 \hat{=} -3.7 \\ x_2 &\hat{=} -1.216 \hat{=} -1.2 \\ x_3 &\hat{=} 1.216 \hat{=} 1.2 \\ x_4 &\hat{=} 3.677 \hat{=} 3.7 \end{aligned}$$

c) $p(x) = -2x^5 + 5x^3 - x$

Circle one: Constant/Linear/Quadratic/Cubic/Quartic/Quintic

End Behaviour:

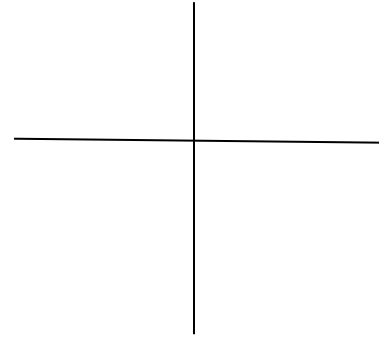
Domain:

Range:

Number of x -intercepts:

y -intercept:

max or min values ?



d) $h(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 - x^2 - 16x - 12$

Circle one: Constant/Linear/Quadratic/Cubic/Quartic/Quintic

End Behaviour:

Domain:

Range:

Number of x-intercepts:

y-intercept:

max or min values?

