

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y = -7x^4 + 3x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 9$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y = 5x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 8$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad y = -3x^2 + 4x^4 - 5x^3 - 7x^5 - 2x + 1$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad y = 9x^2 - 3x^3 + 2x + 1 + 4x^6$$

end behavior

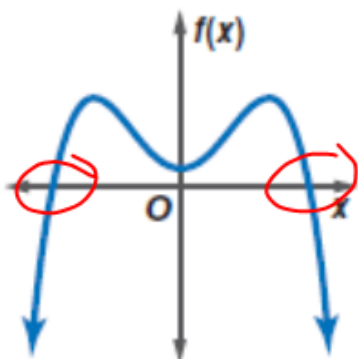
$f(x) \xrightarrow{\text{approaches}} \text{---}, \text{ as } x \xrightarrow{\text{approaches}}$

EXAMPLE Graphs of Polynomial Functions

4 For each graph,

- describe the end behavior,
- determine whether it represents an odd-degree or an even-degree polynomial function, and
- state the number of real zeros.

a.



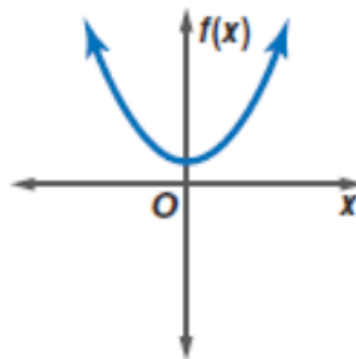
end behavior

$f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$, as $x \rightarrow \infty$ (right side/arrow)

$f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$, as $x \rightarrow -\infty$ (left side/arrow)

even
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b.



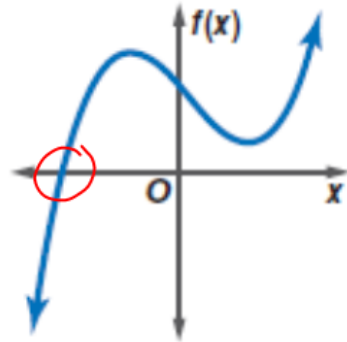
$f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$, as $x \rightarrow \infty$

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

even

0

4A.



$$f(x) \rightarrow \underline{\infty}, \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow \underline{-\infty}, \text{ as } x \rightarrow -\infty$$

odd

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