

Objective: Determine the end behavior of a polynomial function. [10]

40. Describe the end behavior of the graph of $f(x) = -4x^8 - 19x^5 + 52x^2 - 17x + 100$.

$-4x^8 \rightarrow$ DOWN LEFT / DOWN RIGHT

41. Describe the end behavior of the graph of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 17$.

$x^3 \rightarrow$ DOWN LEFT / UP RIGHT

42. Describe the end behavior of the graph of $f(x) = -3x^2(x+1)(x^2+1)$.

$-3x^5 \rightarrow$ UP LEFT / DOWN RIGHT

Objective: Use intercepts and end behavior to graph a polynomial function. [9,10]

43. Consider the polynomial $f(x) = -x(x-2)^3(2x+1)^2$.

(a) Determine the degree of f and the leading coefficient.

LEADING TERM = $(-x)(x)^3(2x)^2 = -4x^6 \rightarrow$ DEGREE IS 6.
LEADING COEFF IS -4.

(b) State the zeros of f and their corresponding multiplicities.

$x=0$, mult 1 $x=-\frac{1}{2}$, mult 2
 $x=2$, mult 3

(c) Describe the end behavior of the graph of f .

$-4x^6 \rightarrow$ DOWN LEFT / DOWN RIGHT

(d) Determine the y -intercept.

$x=0 \Rightarrow f(0) = -(0)(-2)^3(1)^2 = 0$ $(0,0)$

(e) Roughly sketch the graph of f . Be sure that your graph correctly illustrates the y -intercept, the end behavior, and the behavior near the x -intercepts.

