Algebra 2

End Behavior of Polynomials

Describe the end behavior of each function.

1)
$$f(x) = -x^4 + x^3 + x^2 - 4$$
2) $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + x + 2$ 3) $f(x) = -x^5 + 3x^3 - 3$ 4) $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + 4$ 5) $f(x) = -x^5 + 4x^3 - 3x + 1$ 6) $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2$ 7) $f(x) = x^3 - x^2$ 8) $f(x) = -x^3 + x^2 + 4$ 9) $f(x) = -x^5 + 2x^3 + 4$ 10) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 3$ 11) $f(x) = -x^3 + 4x^2 - 5$ 12) $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - x - 3$ 13) $f(x) = 2x^2 - 16x + 29$ 14) $f(x) = -x^5 + 4x^3 - 2x + 3$ 15) $f(x) = -x^5 + 2x^3 - x - 3$ 16) $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3$ 17) $f(x) = -x^3 + 3x^2 - 3$ 18) $f(x) = -x^5 + 2x^3 + 2$ 19) $f(x) = -x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2 + 1$ 20) $f(x) = -x^3 + 4x^2 - 3$

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Answers to End Behavior of Polynomials

- 1) $f(x) \to -\infty$ as $x \to -\infty$
- $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 4) $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 7) $f(x) \to -\infty$ as $x \to -\infty$
- $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 10) $f(x) \to -\infty$ as $x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$
- 13) $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 16) $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 19) $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$

- 2) $f(x) \to +\infty$ as $x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$ 5) $f(x) \to +\infty$ as $x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to -\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$
- 8) $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 11) $f(x) \to +\infty$ as $x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to -\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$
- 14) $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 17) $f(x) \to +\infty \text{ as } x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to -\infty \text{ as } x \to +\infty$
- 20) $f(x) \to +\infty$ as $x \to -\infty$ $f(x) \to -\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$
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