

End Behavior

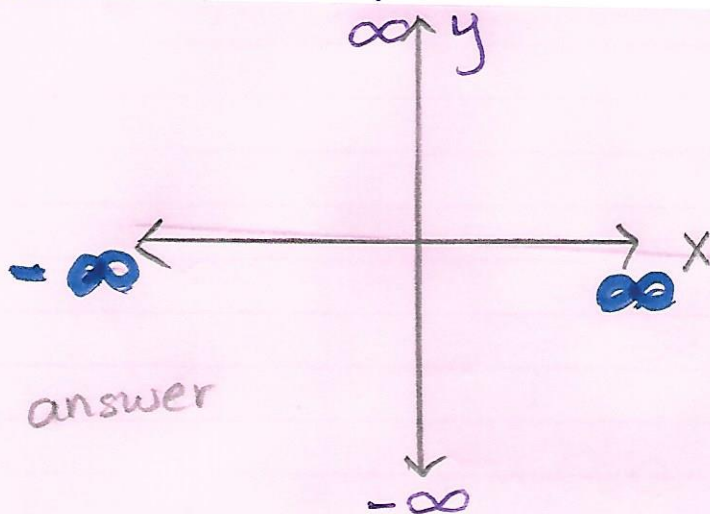
11/06-09/15

Describing the behavior of the graph of a function as x approaches the extreme left ($-\infty$) or extreme right (∞).

What does the curve do at the outer limit?

Infinitely going right

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



Infinitely going left

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

Same result for BOTH directions

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

only use this if the answer is the same for both

Ex.

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

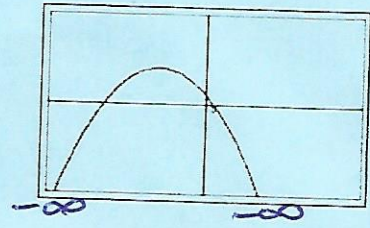
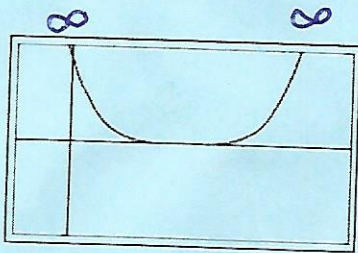


$$f(x) = x^3$$

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

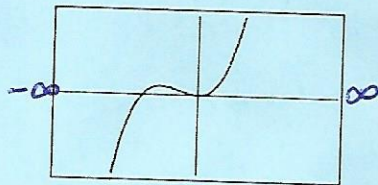
Examples

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



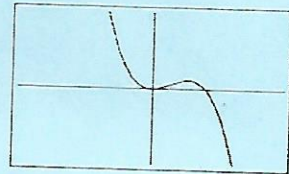
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = -\infty$$

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



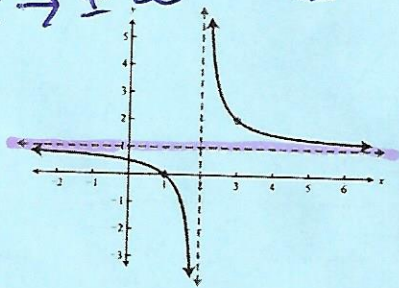
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$$

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

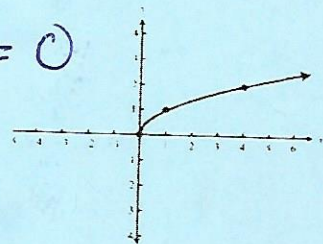


$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = 1$$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$$



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