

**Sketch a graph of each equation.**

1. Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = x^2$

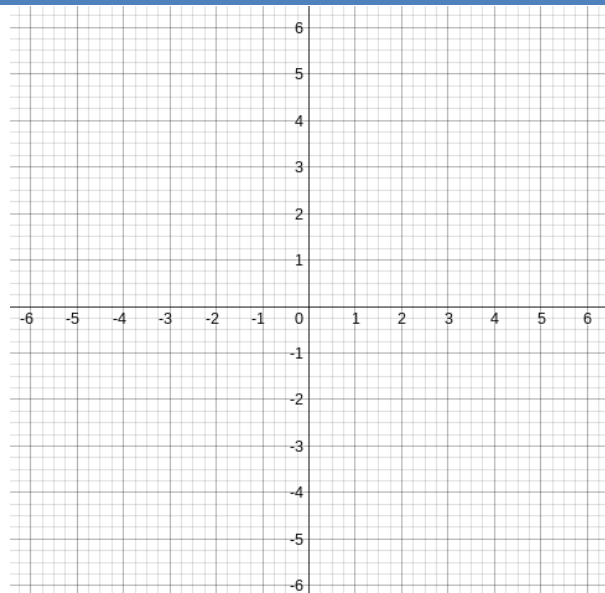
What exponent does x have?

Is its leading coefficient positive or negative?

x-intercepts: \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_



2. Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = x^3$

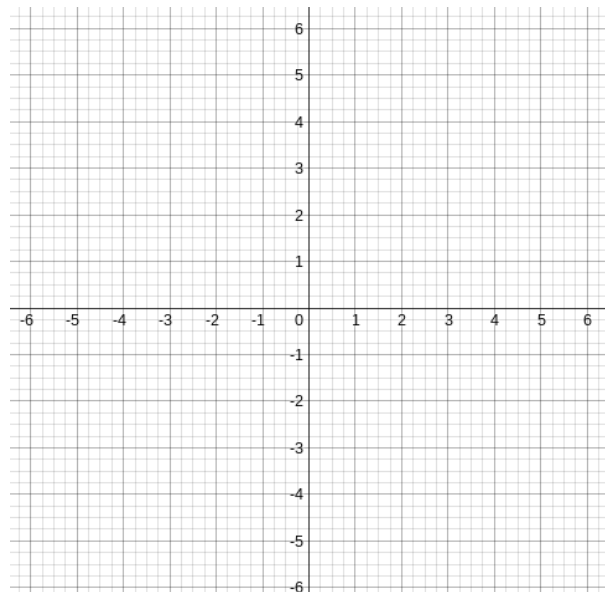
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3. Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = x^4$

What exponent does x have?

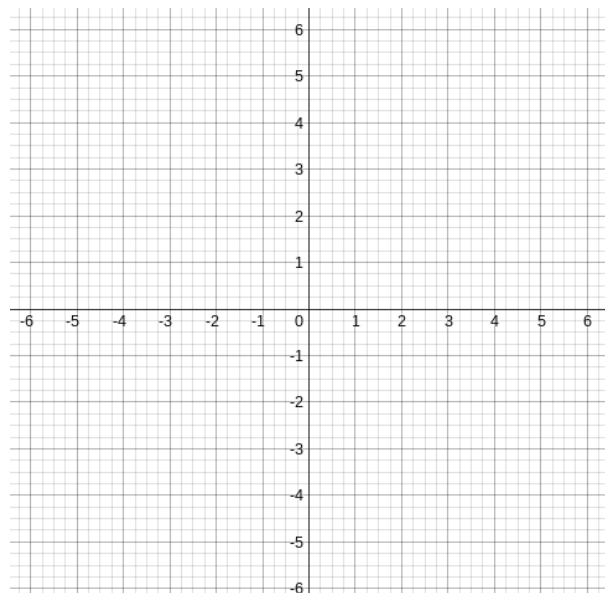
Is its leading coefficient positive or negative?

x-intercepts: \_\_\_\_\_

y-intercept: \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_



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4. Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = x^5$

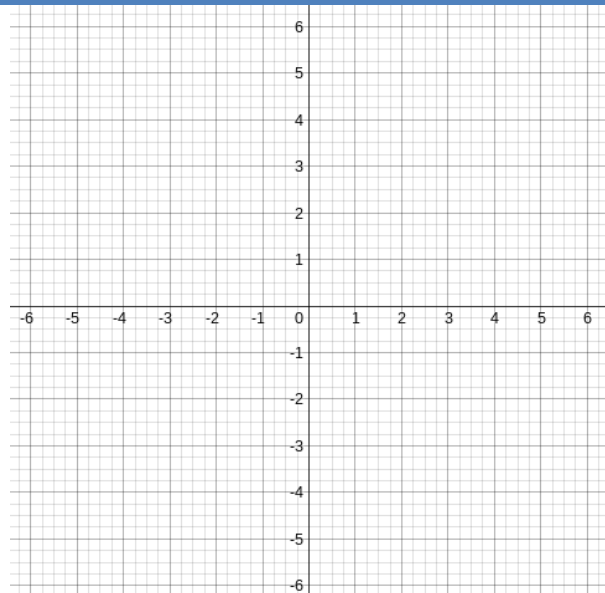
What exponent does x have?

Is its leading coefficient positive or negative?

x-intercepts: \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_



5. Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = -x^3$

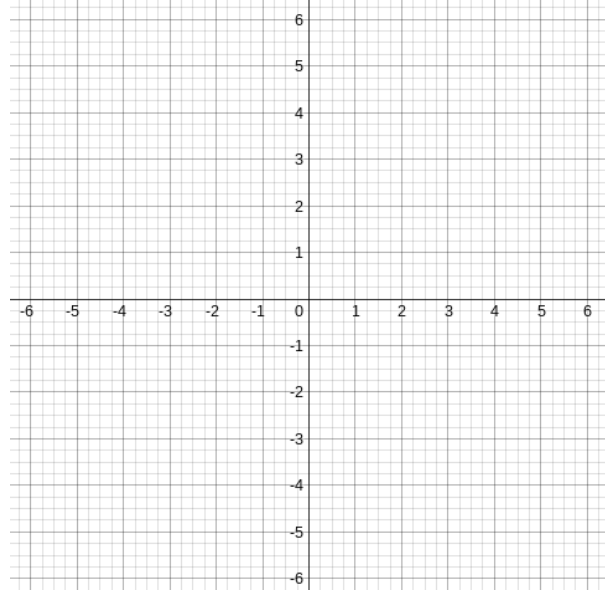
What exponent does x have?

Is its leading coefficient positive or negative?

x-intercepts: \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_



6. Sketch a graph of  $f(x) = -x^4$

What exponent does x have?

Is its leading coefficient positive or negative?

x-intercepts: \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

As  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_

