

**[19-09-02-T11]**

*Increasing/decreasing functions*

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[1] Consider the function defined by  $f(x) = x^n$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \{\dots, -6, -4, -2\}$ .

(a) Sketch the graph of  $f$ .

(b) State the domain and range of  $f$ .

(c) If  $f$  appears to be increasing (decreasing) on an interval, say so and write the interval(s) on which this behavior occurs.

(d) Prove that your answers to (b) are correct.

[2] The function  $y = x^5$  is an odd function. Prove this.

[3] Which of the functions  $y = x^2$ ,  $y = x^4$ ,  $y = x^6$  grows the fastest on the interval  $[0, 1)$ ? On the interval  $[1, \infty)$ ?