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Notes

# Lesson 4-3

## Rational Expressions

Agenda:

1. Lesson with examples/board work/ Workbooks  
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2. Brain Break
3. Step Sort
4. Practice

Note: Quiz on Exponents and Simplifying Rational Expression this Friday!

Warm Up

$$\frac{(2a^2b^3c)^3}{6a^{-2}bc^{-5}} \rightarrow \frac{8a^6b^9c^3}{6a^{-2}bc^{-5}}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\frac{8}{6} a^{6-2} b^{9-1} c^{3-(-5)}$   
 $\frac{4}{3} a^4 b^8 c^8 = \frac{4a^4 b^8 c^8}{3}$

$$\frac{-8x^3(y^{-2}z^{-5})^3}{10xz^{-4}} = \frac{-8x^3 y^{-6} z^{-15}}{10xz^{-4}}$$

$\frac{-4x^2}{5z^2}$

$$\frac{64a^3 b^{-5}}{2a^4 b^6} \cdot \frac{6a^4 b^2}{-4a^5} \quad (x+1)(x-4)(x-2)$$

$\frac{4 \cdot 16 a^3}{2 \cdot a^4 b^6} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 3 a^4 b^2}{-4 a^5}$   
 $\frac{16 \cdot 3}{-1 \cdot b^9 a^2}$   
 $-\frac{48}{a^2 b^9}$

**Objective:** to be able to simplify rational expressions by factoring and canceling. To be able to find excluded values, values that will not work in the function.

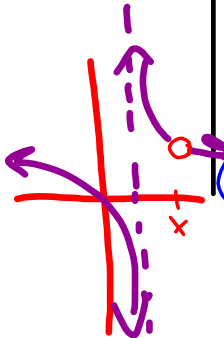
**Virtue/Skill:** Factoring and simplifying rational expressions is necessary to graph them. And you need to find the excluded values and the kind they are so that you can graph them differently.

Rational Expression	<p>An algebraic fraction with numerator and denominator that are polynomials</p> <p>How to Simplify? Factor and Simplify by canceling/dividing like factors</p>
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Excluded Value	<p>Any value that would make the expression not work. In this case the value of the variable that would make the denominator 0</p> <p>Because we can't divide by 0, the denominator cannot equal 0</p> <p>How do we find them? Set the denominator equal to 0, factor and solve for each variable</p> <p>If a factor in the denominator is canceled out, it is excluded as a HOLE</p> <p>If a factor in the denominator is not canceled out, it is excluded as an ASYMPTOTE</p> <p>Simplify the expression and state the excluded values</p>

ex.  $x = 5$  and  $x = 6$  are excluded values

or

$x \neq 5$  and  $x \neq 6$



# Board Work: What are the Excluded Values!

$$\frac{16x^3y^2}{36x^5y^3}$$

$$\frac{4}{9x^2y}$$

$x^2 = 0$        $y = 0$   
 $x \neq 0$        $y \neq 0$

$$\frac{2b}{b-8}$$

nothing cancels

$$b-8=0$$

$$b \neq 8$$

Asymptote

$$\frac{12-32}{32+a}$$

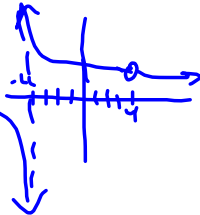
$12-4a$   
 $32+4a$   
 $4(3-a)$   
 $4(8+a)$

$$32+a=0$$

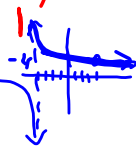
$$a \neq -32$$

Asymptote

## What are the Excluded Values!

$$\frac{x-4}{x^2-16}$$


~~$(x-4)$~~   
 ~~$(x+4)(x-4)$~~

$$\frac{1}{x+4}$$


$x+4=0$        $x-4=0$   
 $x \neq -4$        $x \neq 4$   
 Asymptote      hole


$$\frac{x^2-4}{x^2+5x+6}$$

~~$(x-2)(x+2)$~~   
 ~~$(x+2)(x+3)$~~

$$\frac{x-2}{x+3}$$

simplified

$x^2+5x+6=0$   
 $(x+3)(x+2)=0$   
 $x+2=0$        $x+3=0$   
 $x \neq -2$        $x \neq -3$   
 hole      Asymptote



You CANNOT cancel things that are not multiplied

$$\frac{\cancel{x^2 - 4}^2}{5} \cdot \frac{x+2}{\cancel{x-2}^1}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)(x+2)}{5}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)^2}{5}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)\cancel{(x-2)}(x+2)}{5\cancel{(x-2)}}$$

$$\frac{(x+2)^2}{5}$$

not equal

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Write an expression equivalent to the below.

Give domain for the expression.

$$1. \frac{3x^5 - 18x^4 - 21x^3}{2x^6 - 98x^4}$$

$$\frac{3x^3(x^2 - 6x - 7)}{2x^4(x^2 - 49)}$$

$$\frac{3x^3(x-7)(x+1)}{2x^4(x+7)(x-7)}$$

$$\frac{3(x+1)}{2x(x+7)}$$

$x^4 = 0$   
 $x \neq 0$  Asymptote  
 $x+7 = 0$   
 $x \neq -7$  Asymptote  
 $x-7 = 0$   
 $x \neq 7$  hole

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Simplify each expression below. Give domain for which the identity with the two expressions is valid.

2a.  $\frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x}$

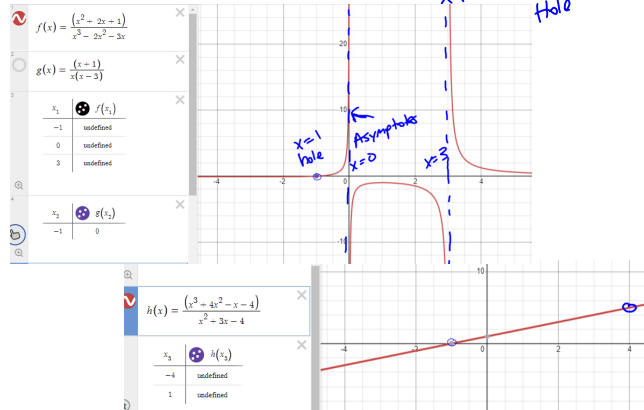
$\frac{(x+1)(x+1)}{x(x+1)(x-3)}$

$\frac{x+1}{x(x-3)}$   $x \neq 0, x \neq -1, x \neq 3$   
Asym Hole Asym

2b.  $\frac{x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 4}{x^2 + 3x - 4}$

$\frac{(x+4)(x+1)(x-1)}{(x+4)(x-1)}$

$\frac{x+1}{x-4}$   $x \neq -4, x \neq 1$   
Hole



Multiplying Rational Expressions

Multiply straight across  
Factor  
Cancel vertically or diagonally

ex. 3a  $\frac{x^2 - 16}{9 - x} \cdot \frac{x^2 + x - 90}{x^2 + 14x + 40}$

$\frac{(x+4)(x-4)}{-(x-9)} \cdot \frac{(x+10)(x-9)}{(x+10)(x+4)}$

$\frac{x-4}{-1} \rightarrow -(x-4) \rightarrow -x+4$

ex. 3b  $\frac{x+3}{4x} \cdot \frac{3x-18}{6x+18} \cdot \frac{x^2}{4x+12}$

$\frac{x+3}{4x} \cdot \frac{3(x-6)}{6(x+3)} \cdot \frac{x^2}{4(x+3)}$

$\frac{x(x-6)}{32(x+3)}$

## Multiplying Rational Expressions by a Polynomial

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot 5$$

put over  
1 to make  
fraction

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{1}$$

Multiply  
straight  
across

ex. 4a

$$\frac{x^3 - 4x}{6x^2 - 13x - 5} \cdot \frac{2x^3 - 3x^2 - 5x}{1}$$

$$\frac{x(x-2)(x+2)}{(3x+1)(2x-5)} \cdot \frac{x(2x-5)(x+1)}{1}$$

$$\frac{x^2(x-2)(x+2)(x+1)}{2x-5}$$

ex. 4b

$$\frac{3x^2 + 6x}{x^2 - 49} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 9x + 14}{1}$$

$$\frac{3x(x+2)}{(x+7)(x-7)} \cdot \frac{(x+7)(x+2)}{1}$$

$$\frac{3x(x+2)(x+2)}{x-7}$$

Why is it important to identify the domain  
of a rational expression  
BEFORE you simplify it  
rather than after?

So you can catch all the excluded  
values, the holes will not be  
seen in the simplified version

Multiplying Fractions: How many ways can you go about this?

Skip Flip + Multiply

Keep Change Flip

$$\frac{14 \cdot 28}{7 \cdot 4}$$

$$\frac{14}{7} \cdot \frac{28}{4} = \frac{2}{1}$$

1. Rewrite with reciprocal of second expression
2. Multiply straight across (numerators with numerators and denominators with denominators), and
3. Cancel common factors that are being divided whether diagonally or vertically and write the leftover factor.

### Dividing Rational Expressions

5a.  $\frac{1}{x^2 + 9x} \div \frac{6 - x}{3x^2 - 18x}$

Annotations: "Keep" above 1, "change" above  $6 - x$ , "Flip" above  $3x^2 - 18x$ . A curved arrow labeled "Flip" points from the denominator to the numerator of the second fraction.

$$\frac{1}{x(x+9)} \cdot \frac{3x(x-6)}{-1(x-6)}$$

$$\frac{3}{-(x+9)} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{3}{-x-9}}$$

5b.  $\frac{2x^2 - 12x}{x + 5} \div \frac{x - 6}{x + 5}$

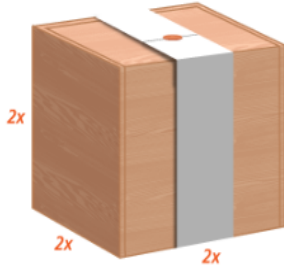
Annotation: A curved arrow labeled "Flip" points from the denominator to the numerator of the second fraction.

$$\frac{2x(x-6)}{x+5} \cdot \frac{x+5}{x-6}$$

2x

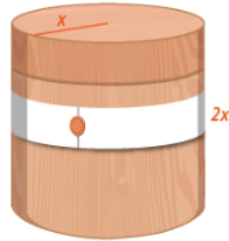
A company is evaluating two packaging options for its product line. The more efficient design will have the lesser ratio of surface area to volume. Should the company use packages that are cylinders or rectangular prisms?

**Option 1:** A rectangular prism with a square base



Surface area:  $2(2x)^2 + 4(2x)^2$   
Volume:  $(2x)^3$

**Option 2:** A cylinder with the same height as the prism, and diameter equal to the side length of the prism's base



Surface area:  $2\pi x^2 + 2\pi x(2x)$   
Volume:  $\pi x^2(2x)$

The efficiency ratio is  $\frac{SA}{V}$ , where SA represents surface area and V represents volume.

**Option 1:**

$$\frac{SA}{V} = \frac{2(4x^2) + 4(4x^2)}{8x^3}$$

$$= \frac{24x^2}{8x^3}$$

$$= \frac{3}{x}$$

**Option 2:**

$$\frac{SA}{V} = \frac{2\pi x^2 + 4\pi x^2}{2\pi x^3}$$

$$= \frac{6\pi x^2}{2\pi x^3}$$

$$= \frac{3}{x}$$

The company can now compare the efficiency ratio of the package designs.

Prism:  $\frac{3}{x}$

Cylinder:  $\frac{3}{x}$

Regardless of what positive value is selected for x, the efficiency ratios for these two package designs will be the same.

In this example, the efficiency ratio of the cylinder is equal to that of the prism. So the company should choose their package design based on other criteria.

$SA = 2B + LA$

Base Area of sides

$SA = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rH$

3D Height

$SA = 2bh + PH$

3D perimeter Height

$V = BH$

Base 3D area Height

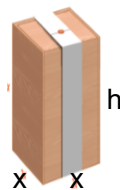
$V = (bh)H$

$V = (\pi r^2)H$

Try It!

6. The company compares the ratios of surface area to volume for two more containers. One is a rectangular prism with a square base. The other is a rectangular prism with a rectangular base. One side of the base is equal to the side-length of the first container, and the other side is twice as long. The surface area of this second container is  $4x^2 + 6xh$ . The heights of the two containers are equal. Which has the smaller surface area-to-volume ratio?

$SA = 4x^2 + 6xh$

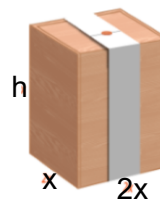


$SA = 2x^2 + 4xh$

$V = x^2h$

$\frac{2x(x+2h)}{x^2h}$

$\frac{2x+4h}{xh}$   
Bigger



$SA = 2(x)(2x) + 6xh$

$SA = 4x^2 + 6xh$

$V = 2x^2h$

$\frac{2x(2x+3h)}{2x^2h}$

$\frac{2x+3h}{xh}$



Dividing Rational Expressions

1. Rewrite with reciprocal of second expression (Factor at same time) *→ Flipped*
2. Multiply straight across (numerators with numerators and denominators with denominators), and

Cancel common factors that are being divided whether diagonally or vertically to 1's.

$$\frac{6ab \cdot a^2}{a^2 b^2 \cdot b^2}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{6}^1 \cancel{b}^1 \cdot \cancel{b}^2}{\cancel{a}^2 \cancel{b}^2 \cdot \cancel{b}^2}$$

$$\frac{6b}{a^3}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-4} \div \frac{3x+6}{1}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-4} \cdot \frac{1}{3(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{x+2}}{x-4} \cdot \frac{1}{3\cancel{(x+2)}}$$

$$\frac{1}{3x-12}$$

$$\frac{2n-4}{n+2} \div \frac{2n+4}{n-4}$$

$$\frac{2(n-2)}{n+2} \cdot \frac{n-4}{2(n+2)}$$

$$\frac{(n-2)(n-4)}{(n+2)^2}$$

$$\frac{x^2-5x+6}{x^2+3x} \div \frac{-(3+x)}{4x+12}$$

$$\frac{(x-3)(x-2)}{x(x+3)} \cdot \frac{4(x+3)}{-1(x-3)}$$

$$\frac{4(x-2)}{-x}$$

$$-\frac{4(x-2)}{x}$$

Switch order by factoring out -1

$$\frac{p^2-2pq+q^2}{p-q} \div \frac{p^2-q^2}{q-p}$$

$$\frac{(p-q)(p-q)}{p-q} \div \frac{(p-q)(p+q)}{q-p}$$

$$\frac{p-q}{1} \cdot \frac{-(p-q)}{(p-q)(p+q)}$$

$$\frac{-(p-q)}{p+q}$$

$$\frac{q-p}{p+q}$$

Find the Quotient!

$$\frac{a^2 + 7a + 12}{a^2 + 3a - 10} \div \frac{a^2 - 9}{a^2 - 25}$$

$$\frac{(a+3)(a+4)}{(a-2)(a+5)} \cdot \frac{(a-5)(a+5)}{(a-3)(a+3)}$$

$$\frac{(a-4)(a-5)}{(a-2)(a-3)}$$

*don't need to distribute further*

$$\frac{25 - n^2}{n^2 - 4n - 5}$$

### Dimensional Analysis

Multiplying fractions that involve units of measure can be simplified by dividing units of measure. This is similar to simplifying rational expressions dividing out common factors.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 2 \text{ yd} = \frac{6 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ yd}} & 2 \text{ yd}^2 = \frac{18 \text{ ft}^2}{1 \text{ yd}^2} & 2 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{200000 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ m}^3} \\
 32 \text{ yd} = \frac{96 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ yd}} & 15 \text{ yd}^2 = \frac{135 \text{ ft}^2}{1 \text{ yd}^2} & 0.48 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{480000 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ m}^3}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2000 \text{ (revolutions)}}{1 \text{ min}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \cdot \frac{24 \text{ hours}}{1 \text{ day}} \cdot \frac{7 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ week}}$$

20,160,000 revolutions per week

In Exercises 1–6, simplify the expression, if possible.

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 1. \frac{4x^2 \cdot x}{3x^3 + 7x} & 2. \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 2x - 3} & 3. \frac{2x^2 - 5x}{x^2 + 7x + 12} \\
 4. \frac{x^2 - x - 20}{x^3 + 64} & 5. \frac{x^4 - 16}{5x^3 - 3x^2 + 20x - 12} & 6. \frac{6x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x - 5}{72x^4 - 50}
 \end{array}$$

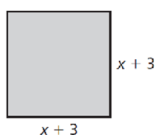
In Exercises 7–12, find the product.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 7. \frac{x^1(x-4)}{x+3} \cdot \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{x^5} & 8. \frac{x^2 + 6x}{x-4} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x} \\
 9. \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x+5} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{3x} & 10. \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 + 8x + 16} \cdot \frac{3x^2 + 12x}{x^2 - 2x - 3} \\
 11. \frac{x^2 + 3x - 28}{x^2 - 25} \cdot (x^2 - 8x + 15) & 12. \frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{x^2 - 9} \cdot (x^2 - x - 12)
 \end{array}$$

In Exercises 13–16, find the quotient.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 13. \frac{2x^3 + 10x^2}{x^2 + x - 20} \div \frac{2x^2}{x-4} & 14. \frac{x^2 - 10x + 21}{x+2} \div (x^2 - 14x + 49) \\
 15. \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 + 2x - 8} \div \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{x^2 + 6x + 8} & 16. \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 + 7x + 12} \div \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 + x - 12}
 \end{array}$$

17. Find the ratio of the perimeter to the area of the square shown.



18. Find the expression that makes the following statement true.

$$\frac{x+3}{x^2 - 8x + 12} \div \frac{\boxed{\phantom{x^2 + 3x - 10}}}{x^2 + 3x - 10} = \frac{x+5}{x-6}$$

Simplifying, Multiplying, and Dividing  
Rational Expressions

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Complete Factoring Work on a Separate Sheet of Paper or the back of this one.  
Show factored form, canceling, and final answer on here.

In Exercises 1-6, simplify the expression, if possible. **Pick 4**

- $\frac{4x^3}{3x^2 + 7x} \cdot \frac{4x^2 \cdot x^2}{x(3x^2+7)} = \frac{4x^2}{3x^2+7}$
- $\frac{x^2+5x+6}{x^2+2x-3} = \frac{(x+3)(x+2)}{(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$
- $\frac{2x^2-5x}{x^2+7x+12}$  *Not Possible*
- $\frac{x^2-x-20}{x^2+64}$  *Not Possible*
- $\frac{x^3-3x^2+20x-12}{x^2-16} = \frac{(x-4)(x^2+20x-12)}{(x-4)(x+4)} = \frac{x^2+20x-12}{x+4}$
- $\frac{6x^3-6x^2+5x-5}{72x^4-50} = \frac{6x^2(x-1)+5(x-1)}{2(36x^4-25)} = \frac{(x-1)(6x^2+5)}{2(6x^2-5)^2}$

In Exercises 7-12, find the product. **Pick 4**


- $\frac{x^2(x-4)}{x+3} \cdot \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{x^2} = \frac{x(x-4)}{x} = x-4$
- $\frac{x^2+6x}{x^2-2x-8} \cdot \frac{x^2-2x-8}{x} = \frac{x(x+6)}{x(x-4)(x+2)} \cdot \frac{(x-4)(x+2)}{x} = \frac{x+6}{x}$
- $\frac{x^2-2x}{x^2+6x+5} \cdot \frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{x(x-2)}{(x+5)(x+1)} \cdot \frac{(x+2)}{(x-2)} = \frac{x(x+2)}{(x+5)}$
- $\frac{x^2+8x+16}{(x+4)(x+1)} \cdot \frac{3x(x+4)}{(x-3)(x+1)} = \frac{(x+4)^2}{(x+4)(x+1)} \cdot \frac{3x(x+4)}{(x-3)(x+1)} = \frac{3x(x+4)}{(x-3)(x+1)}$
- $\frac{x^2+3x-28}{x^2-25} \cdot \frac{(x-3)(x+5)}{(x^2-8x+15)} = \frac{(x+7)(x-4)}{(x-5)(x+5)} \cdot \frac{(x+7)(x-4)}{(x-3)(x-5)} = \frac{(x+7)^2(x-4)^2}{(x-5)^2(x+5)(x-3)}$
- $\frac{x^2+2x-15}{x^2-9} \cdot (x^2-x-12) = \frac{(x+5)(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+3)} \cdot (x-4)(x+3) = \frac{(x+5)(x-4)(x+3)}{(x+3)} = (x+5)(x-4)$

In Exercises 13-16, find the quotient. **Pick 3**

- $\frac{2x^2+10x^2}{x^2+x-20} \div \frac{2x^2}{x-4} = \frac{12x^2}{(x-4)(x+5)} \cdot \frac{x-4}{2x^2} = \frac{6}{x+5}$
- $\frac{x^2-10x+21}{x^2-10x+21} \div \frac{1}{(x^2-14x+49)} = \frac{(x-3)(x-7)}{(x-3)(x-7)} \cdot \frac{1}{(x-7)^2} = \frac{1}{(x-7)^2}$
- $\frac{x^2-2x-3}{x^2+2x-8} \div \frac{x^2+4x+3}{(x+4)(x+2)} = \frac{(x-3)(x+1)}{(x+4)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{(x+4)(x+2)}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \frac{(x-3)(x+1)(x+2)}{(x+3)(x-2)}$
- $\frac{x^2+7x+12}{(x+3)(x+4)} \div \frac{x^2+x-12}{(x-3)(x-2)} = \frac{(x+3)(x+4)}{(x+3)(x+4)} \cdot \frac{(x-3)(x-2)}{(x-3)(x-2)} = 1$

17. Find the ratio of the perimeter to the area of the square shown.

**Do this**



$P = 4(x+3)$   
 $A = (x+3)^2$   
ratio =  $\frac{4(x+3)}{(x+3)(x+3)} = \frac{4}{x+3}$

18. Find the expression that makes the following statement true.

**Do this**

$$\frac{\frac{(x+3)}{x+3} + \frac{(x+5)(x-2)}{x+3}}{\frac{x^2-8x+12}{(x-6)(x-2)}} = \frac{x+5}{x-6}$$

$x+3$

### What are the Excluded Values!

$$\frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{4x^2 + 11x - 3}$$

$$4x^2 + 11x - 3 = 0$$

$$4x^2 + 12x - x - 3 = 0$$

$$4x(x+3) - 1(x+3) = 0$$

$$(4x-1)(x+3) = 0$$

$x \neq \frac{1}{4}$   $x \neq -3$

Asymptote Asymptote

$$\frac{(x+2)(x+2)}{(4x-1)(x+3)}$$

*Simplified as it gets*

$$\frac{25 - n^2}{n^2 - 4n - 5} = \frac{(5-n)(5+n)}{(n-5)(n+1)} = \frac{-1(n-5)(5+n)}{(n-5)(n+1)}$$

$n \neq 5$   $n \neq -1$

hole Asymptote

$$-\frac{5+n}{n+1}$$

*Simplified*