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Notes

4-2 Graphing Rational Functions

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Graph using transformations of

parent function has
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ Vertical asymptote at $x = 0$
 Horizontal asymptote at $y = 0$

Step 1: long divide

Step 2: Make a xy table around V.A.

$$g(x) = \frac{a}{x-h} + k$$

Vertical asymptote at $x = h$

Horizontal asymptote at $y = k$

Vertical stretch of a

x	y
8	$\frac{8}{8-6} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$
7	$\frac{7}{7-6} = \frac{7}{1} = 7$
5	$\frac{5}{5-6} = \frac{5}{-1} = -5$
4	$\frac{4}{4-6} = \frac{4}{-2} = -2$
0	$\frac{0}{0-6} = 0$

EXAMPLE 1 Rewrite a Rational Function to Identify Asymptotes

Try It!

1. Use long division to rewrite each rational function. Find the asymptotes of f and sketch the graph.

a. $f(x) = \frac{6x}{2x+1} = 3 + \frac{-3}{2x+1}$

VA: $2x+1=0 \rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$

HA: $y = 3$

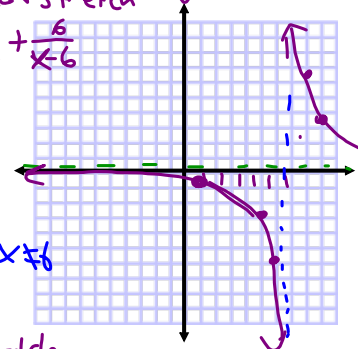
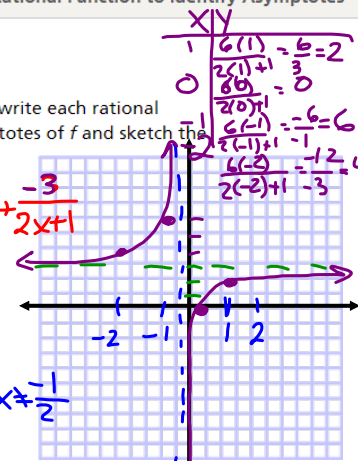
'a': Reflected + stretch

b. $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-6} = 1 + \frac{6}{x-6}$

VA: $x-6=0 \rightarrow x = 6$

HA: $y = 1$

'a' = 6 stretch



Vertical Asymptotes

The x values that would make the denominator = 0

Factor, set = 0, solve for x

Asymptotes: leftover factors in denominator

Holes: factors that got canceled out

Horizontal Asymptotes

Case 1: $\frac{x+4}{x^2+1}$ $y \neq 0$
 The degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator, there exists a horizontal asymptote at $y = 0$.

Case 2: $\frac{x^2+1}{x+2}$ $y \neq \text{quotient}$
 The degree of the numerator is greater than the degree of the denominator, there exists NO horizontal asymptote BUT there is a SLANT asymptote at the quotient

Case 3: $\frac{2x^2+x+1}{x^2-1}$ $y \neq 2$
 The degree of the numerator is equal to the degree of the denominator, there exists a horizontal asymptote at $y \neq \frac{\text{numerator Lead Coeff}}{\text{denominator Lead Coeff}}$.

EXAMPLE 2 Find Asymptotes of a Rational Function

Try It!

2. What are the vertical and horizontal asymptotes of the graph of each function?

a. $g(x) = \frac{2x^2+x-9}{(x-4)(x+2)}$

VA: $x \neq 4$ $x \neq -2$

HA: Case 3 $x^2 = x^2$
 $y \neq \frac{2}{1} = 2$



b. $f(x) = \frac{(x+4)(x+1)}{3(x^2-4)}$

VA: $x \neq 2$ $x \neq -2$

HA: Case 3 $x^2 = x^2$
 $y \neq \frac{1}{3}$

EXAMPLE 3 Graph a Function of the Form $\frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$

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Try It!

3. Graph the function.

x int: set numerator = 0 and solve
 y int: plug in 0 for x

a. $f(x) = \frac{4x-3}{x+8}$

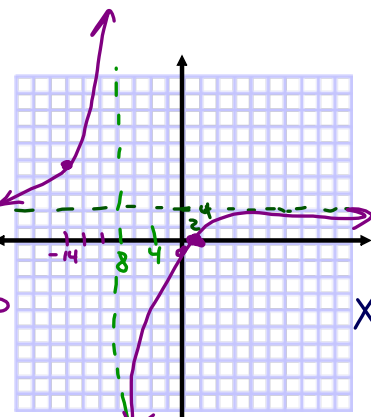
VA: $x+8=0$
 $x = -8$

HA: Case 3
 $y = \frac{4}{1} = 4$

X int: $4x-3=0$
 $x = \frac{3}{4}$

x	y
-14	$(4(-14)-3)/(-14+8) = 9.8\bar{3}$
-10	21.5
-8	undefined
-6	-13.5
0	-0.375

as $x \rightarrow \infty$ $y \rightarrow 4$
 as $x \rightarrow -\infty$ $y \rightarrow 4$



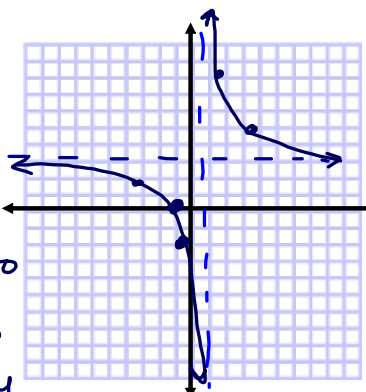
b. $g(x) = \frac{3x+2}{x-1}$

VA: $x-1=0$
 $x \neq 1$

HA: Case 3
 $y = \frac{3}{1} = 3$

X int: $3x+2=0$
 $x = -\frac{2}{3}$

x	y
-3	$(3(-3)+2)/(-3-1) = \frac{-7}{-4} = 1.75$
0	$(3(0)+2)/(0-1) = \frac{2}{-1} = -2$
1	undef
2	$(3(2)+2)/(2-1) = \frac{8}{1} = 8$
4	$(3(4)+2)/(4-1) = \frac{14}{3} = 4.6$



EXAMPLE 5 Graph a Rational Function

Try It!

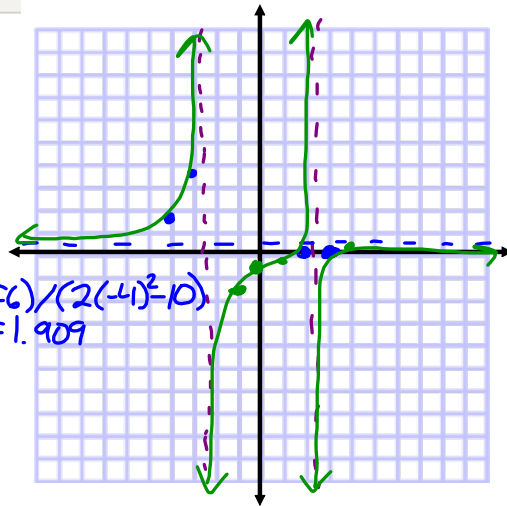
5. Identify the asymptotes and sketch the graph

of $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{2x^2 - 10} = \frac{(x-3)(x-2)}{2(x^2-5)}$

VA: $2(x^2-5) = 0$
 $x^2 - 5 = 0$
 $x^2 = 5$
 $x = \pm\sqrt{5}$
 $x = \pm 2.24$

HA: Case 3
 $y = \frac{1}{2}$

x	y
-4	$\frac{(-4)^2 - 5(-4) + 6}{2(-4)^2 - 10} = 1.909$
-3	3.75
$-\sqrt{5}$	undefined
-1	-1.5
0	-0.6
1	-0.25
2	0
$\sqrt{5}$	undefined
3	0
4	0.09
2.3	
2.23	3.27



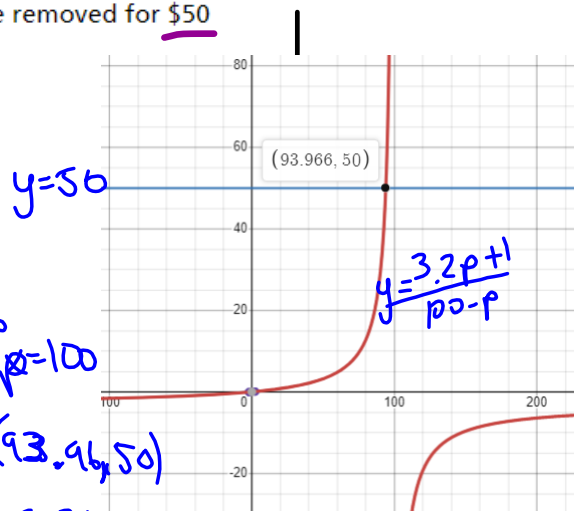
EXAMPLE 4 Use a Rational Function Model

Try It!

4. New techniques have changed the cost function. For the new function

$g(p) = \frac{3.2p + 1}{100 - p}$, what percent of the pollutant can be removed for \$50 million?

The cost of removing a pollutant is modeled by the given function where $f(p)$ is the cost, in millions of dollars, of removing p percent of the pollutant. What percent of the pollutant can be removed for \$78.3 million?



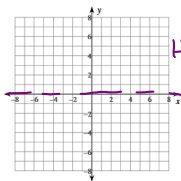
Can't have over 100%
 so asymptote at $p=100$

two functions meet at (93.96, 50)
 so for \$50 million, 93.96%
 of pollutant can be removed

4.4: Graphing Rational Functions Practice

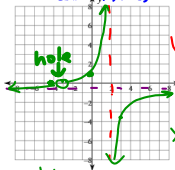
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 Identify the holes, vertical asymptotes, x-intercepts, horizontal asymptote, and domain of each. Then sketch the graph.

1) $f(x) = \frac{4x^0}{x-3}$



HA: Case 1
 $y=0$

2) $f(x) = \frac{1x^2 + 7x + 12}{-2x^2 - 2x + 12}$
 $= \frac{(x+3)(x+4)}{-2(x+3)(x-2)}$



Hole: $x=-3$
 VA: $x=2$
 HA: Case 3
 $y = -\frac{1}{2}$

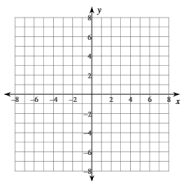
X.int: Numerator = 0
 $x = -3, x = -4$

x	y
-6	-5
-5	-4
-4	0
-3	undef

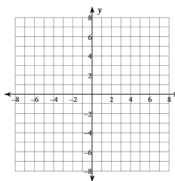
Domain: $\mathbb{R}, x \neq -3, 2$

x	y
-1	-1
0	0
1	2
2	undefined
3	3
4	4

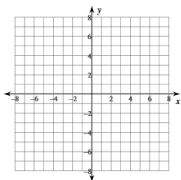
3) $f(x) = \frac{1}{-x+4}$



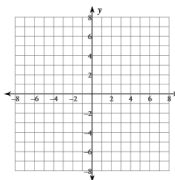
4) $f(x) = \frac{-3x+12}{x^2-3x-4}$



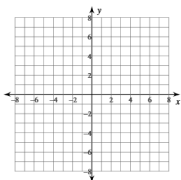
5) $f(x) = \frac{-2x^2 + 4x + 16}{x^2 - 5x + 4}$



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



7) $f(x) = \frac{3x+6}{x+3}$



8) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 - 1}$

