

OBJECTIVE: I can analyze a rational function.

Vertical Asymptotes: line that goes up & down that function approaches but never touches

How many can you have? infinite

How do you find V. A.? set denom = 0 & solve

Vertical asymptotes are the restrictions.

EX.

$$\frac{5x+1}{2x^2-x-3}$$

$$2x^2 - x - 3 \neq 0$$

$$(2x-3)(x+1) \neq 0$$

$x \neq \frac{3}{2}, -1$ = restrictions to find domain

V.A.

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = -1$$

Horizontal Asymptotes: line that goes right & left that function approaches but never touches

Oblique Asymptotes: diagonal line that function approaches but never touches

How many can you have? only one

How do you find H. A. or O.A.?

1. deg num < deg denom $y=0$

2. deg num = deg denom $y =$ leading coeff (top & bottom)

3. deg num > deg denom Oblique
long division to find eq.

EX.

a) $\frac{5x+6}{2x^2-1}$ $n < d$

$y=0$

b) $\frac{x^2+3x-4}{x+1}$ $n > d$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+2 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^2+3x-4} \\ \underline{-x^2-x} \\ 2x-4 \end{array}$$

$y = x+2$

c) $\frac{9x^2-4}{2x^2-x-3}$ $n = d$

$y = \frac{9}{2}$

x-intercept(s): where function touches x-axis

How many can you have? infinite

How do you find the x-intercept(s)? set eq = 0 & solve for X

★ short cut = only use num

EX.

$$\left(\frac{3x+1}{2x^2-1} = 0 \right) (2x^2-1) \quad \left(-\frac{1}{3}, 0 \right)$$

$$3x+1=0$$

y-intercept(s): where function touches y-axis

How many can you have? 1

How do you find the y-intercept(s)? set x=0 & solve for y

EX. ★ short cut = use constants (top + bottom)

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

$$\frac{0^2+3(0)+2}{4(0)^2-1} \quad (0, -2)$$

Hole(s): points in graph that don't exist

How many can you have? infinite

How do you find the hole(s)? if a factor crosses, this is x-coor of of hole

to find y-coor, plug x-coor into simplified function & evaluate

EX.

$$\frac{5x^2-5}{x^2+4x+3} = \frac{5(x+1)(x-1)}{(x+3)(x+1)} = \frac{5(x-1)}{x+3}$$

$$(-1, -5)$$

$$y = \frac{5(-1-1)}{-1+3}$$

Sign Arrays: way to know if y-values are pos or neg
 so you know if graph is above or below x-axis

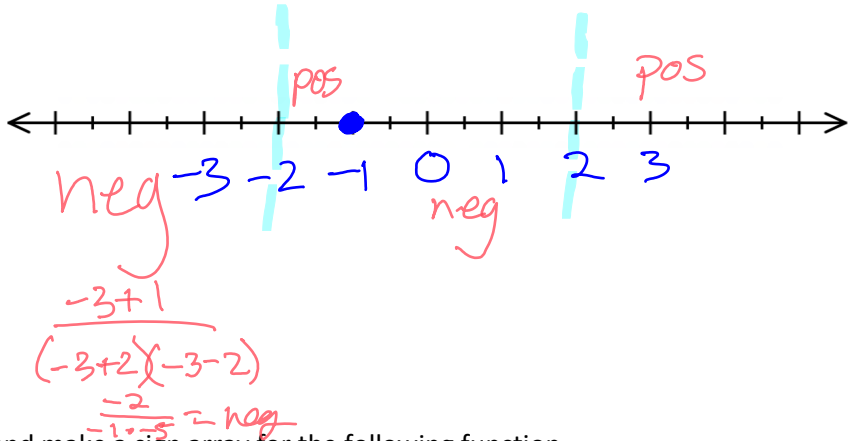
How do you make a sign array? graph V.A, x-int, holes on number line.
 Then test each section

EX.

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

V.A. $x=2$
 $x=-2$

x-int $(-1, 0)$



EX. Find the asymptotes, intercepts, and make a sign array for the following function.

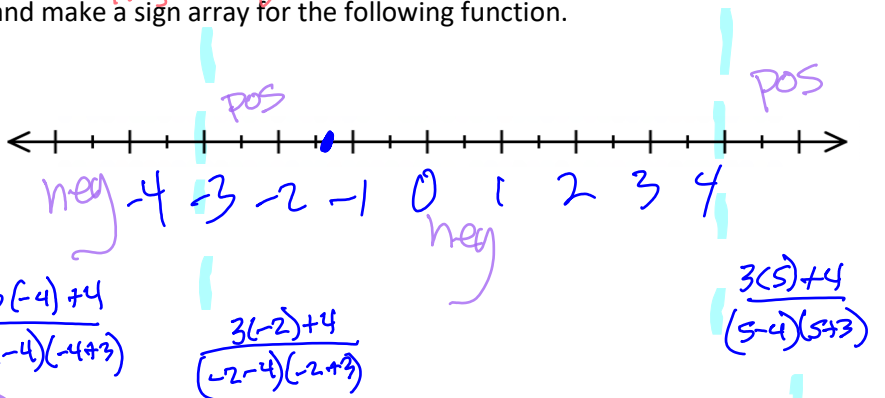
a) $f(x) = \frac{3x+4}{x^2-x-12} = \frac{3x+4}{(x-4)(x+3)}$

V.A. $x=4$
 $x=-3$

x-int $(-\frac{4}{3}, 0)$

H.A. $y=0$

y-int $(0, -\frac{1}{3})$



b) $f(x) = \frac{x^2+3x-4}{x-6} = \frac{(x+4)(x-1)}{x-6}$

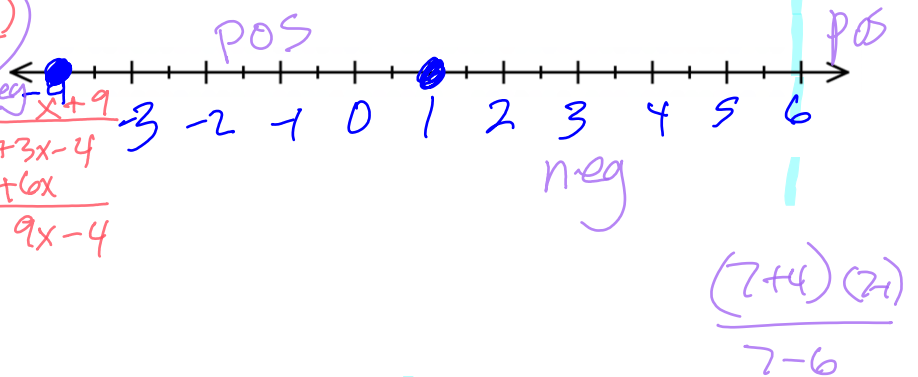
V.A. $x=6$

O.A. $y=x+9$

x-int $(-4, 0)$
 $(1, 0)$

y-int $(0, \frac{2}{3})$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-6 \overline{) x^2+3x-4} \\ \underline{-x^2+6x} \\ 9x-4 \end{array}$$

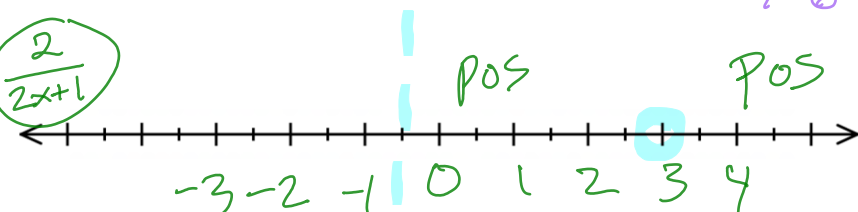


c) $f(x) = \frac{2x-6}{2x^2-5x-3} = \frac{2(x-3)}{(2x+1)(x-3)} = \frac{2}{2x+1}$

V.A. $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

holes $(3, \frac{2}{7})$

x-int none

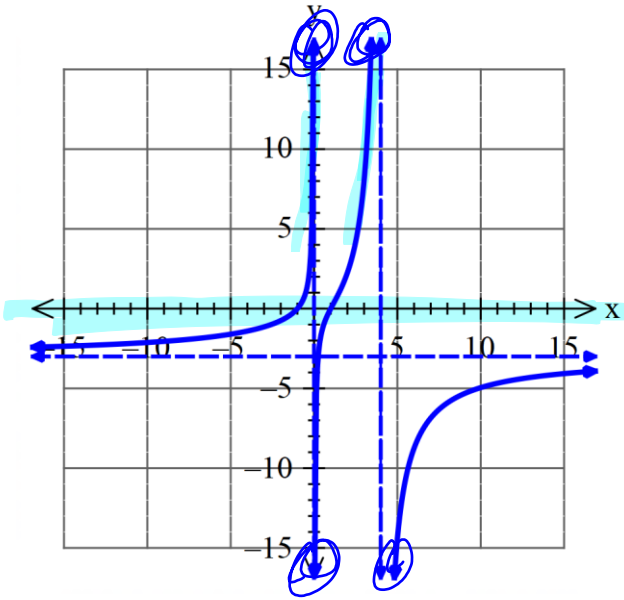


y-int $(0, 2)$

H.A. $y=0$

EX. Identify key features of a rational function.

a)



Domain: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$
 Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$
 x-intercept(s): $(-1, 0) (1, 0)$
 y-intercept: none
 Increasing: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$
 Decreasing: N/A
 Constant: N/A

Positive: $(-1, 0) \cup (1, 4)$
 Negative: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (0, 1) \cup (4, \infty)$
 Maximums / minimums:
 Symmetry:
 End Behavior/Limits:
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -3$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -3$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\infty$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = \infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = -\infty$

Vertical Asymptote(s):

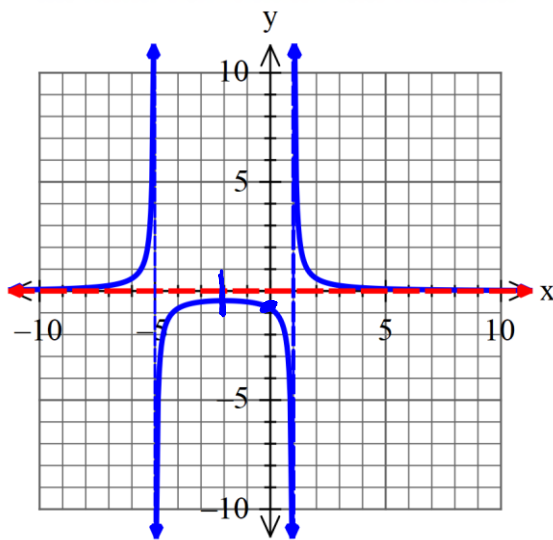
$$x=0$$

$$x=4$$

Horizontal Asymptote:

$$y=-3$$

b)



Domain: $(-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
 Range: $(-\infty, 4) \cup (0, \infty)$
 x-intercept(s): none
 y-intercept: $(0, -0.8)$
 Increasing: $(-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, 2)$
 Decreasing: $(-2, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
 Constant: N/A

Positive: $(-\infty, -5) \cup (1, \infty)$
 Negative: $(-5, 1)$
 Maximums / minimums: $(-2, -0.8)$
 Symmetry: none
 End Behavior/Limits:
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 0$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} f(x) = \infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x) = -\infty$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = -\infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \infty$

Vertical Asymptote(s):

$$x=-5$$

$$x=1$$

Horizontal Asymptote:

$$y=0$$