

95)  $f(x) = 2x^4 + 12x^3 - 8x^2 - 48x$

①  $\uparrow \downarrow$

② y-int (0,0)  $f(x) = 2x(x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 24)$   
 $= 2x(x^2(x+6) - 4(x+6))$   
 $= 2x(x^2 - 4)(x+6)$   
 $= 2x(x+2)(x-2)(x+6)$

x-int (0,0), (-6,0), (-2,0), (2,0)  
 zeros 0, -6, -2, 2  
 multiplicity 1, 1, 1, 1  
 behavior goes through each

③  $y = -8(-2)(-2)(-6) = -192$   
 $\dots = -2(5)(1)(-3) = 30$   
 $\dots = 2(-7)(3)(-1) = -42$

④  $D: \mathbb{R}$   
 $R: (-\infty, \infty)$

Dec  $(-\infty, -4)$   $(-1, 1)$   
 Inc  $(-4, -1)$   $(1, \infty)$

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Precalculus 4.2 Rational Functions  
 Objective: able to find the domain; find the vertical asymptotes; find the horizontal or oblique asymptotes of a rational function

A rational function is a function of the form  $R(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are polynomial functions and  $q$  is not the zero polynomial. The domain is the set of all real numbers except those which make  $q(x) = 0$ .

Find the domain of the following rational function.

1.  $k(x) = \frac{x}{x^4 - 81}$

$x^4 - 81 = 0$   
 $(x^2 + 9)(x^2 - 9) = 0$   
 $(x^2 + 9)(x + 3)(x - 3) = 0$   
 $x^2 + 9 = 0 \implies x^2 = -9$  not real  
 $x + 3 = 0 \implies x = -3$   
 $x - 3 = 0 \implies x = 3$

$\{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \pm 3\}$

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2. What does the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  look like? Analyze the graph.

\* as  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow 0$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$   
 $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow 0$   
 $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow 0$

\* as  $x \rightarrow 0, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \infty$   
 $x \rightarrow 0^+, y \rightarrow \infty$   
 $x \rightarrow 0^-, y \rightarrow -\infty$

Domain  $\{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0\}$

as  $x \rightarrow 0^+, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$   
 as  $x \rightarrow 0^-, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

asymptotes?  $x=0$  (vertical)  
 $y=0$  (horizontal)

$f(0)$  does not exist in the reals and  $f(x) \neq 0$ .

Domain =  $\{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0\}$

symmetric about origin  $-f(x) = f(-x)$

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3. What does the graph of  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  look like? Analyze the graph.

$g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow g(x) = \text{positive}$

as  $x$  approaches  $\infty$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches  $y \rightarrow 0$   
 as  $x$  approaches  $-\infty$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches  $y \rightarrow 0$   
 as  $x$  approaches  $0$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches  $y \rightarrow \infty$   
 as  $x$  approaches  $0$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches  $y \rightarrow \infty$

Domain  $\{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0\}$

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4. Use transformations to graph  $h(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} - 3$

transformations:  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  parent

y-int  $y = \frac{1}{(0+2)^2} - 3 = \frac{1}{4} - 3 = -2\frac{3}{4}$

x-int  $0 = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} - 3 \implies \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} = 3 \implies (x+2)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \implies x+2 = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \implies x = -2 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Domain  $\{x | x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq -2\}$

Asymptotes  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} - 3 = \infty$

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**Asymptotes**

If, as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  or as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , the values of the rational function  $R$  approach some fixed number  $L$ , then the line  $y = L$  is a **horizontal asymptote** of the graph of  $R$ .

If, as  $x$  approaches some real number  $c$  [as  $x \rightarrow c, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ], the values of  $|R(x)| \rightarrow \infty$  then the line  $x = c$  is a **vertical asymptote** of the graph of  $R$ .

If an asymptote is neither horizontal or vertical, then it is called an **oblique asymptote**.

How do you find vertical asymptotes? (behavior of the graph when  $x$  is close to some number,  $c$ )

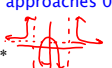
$R(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ , in lowest terms, has a vert. asym.  $x = r$  if  $r$  is a real zero of the denominator  $q$ . ( $x - r$  is a factor of the denominator  $q$ )

the graph of  $R$  **NEVER** intersects a vertical asym.

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How do you find horizontal asymptotes? (describes the end behavior of the graph as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  or as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ )

\* Proper function = the degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator, and as  $x$  approaches  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$  the function approaches 0. Thus; the line  $y=0$  is a horizontal asymptote.

\*  the graph of a function may cross a horiz. asym.

2 times for horizontal asym.  
 $n$  is the degree of  $p(x)$ ,  $m$  is the degree of  $q(x)$

1) if  $n < m$ ,  
 $\frac{x-1}{x^2-4}$   $n=1$   $m=2$  since  $n < m$ , horizontal asym  $y=0$

2) if  $n = m$ , use long division (short cut = lead coef. of  $p(x)$  / lead coef. of  $q(x)$ ) to find the constant,  $L$   
 $\frac{4x^2-1}{2x^2-4}$   $n=2$   $m=2$  since  $n = m$ , horizontal asym  $y=L$   
 $y = \frac{4}{2}$   
 $y = 2$

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How do you find oblique asymptotes?

\* when as  $x$  approaches  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ , the value of the function approaches a linear expression,  $y = mx + b$   $m \neq 0$

\* the graph of a function may intersect an oblique asymptote

$n > m$

1) If  $n = m + 1$ , use long division to find the expression  $ax + b$  -  
 $y = ax + b$  is oblique asymptote.

2) If  $n \geq m + 2$ , use long division, the quotient is of degree 2 or higher, so \* no horizontal or oblique asym.  $\rightarrow$  not linear

$\frac{4x^3}{x^2-4}$   $n > m$   
 $x^2-4 \overline{) 4x^3}$   
 $4x^2$   
 $\hline 4x^3$

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Find the vertical, horizontal, and oblique asymptotes, if they exist, for the following functions.

5.  $f(x) = \frac{4x^5}{x^3-1}$   $n=5$   $m=3$

Use long division to find horizontal or oblique asymptotes:

no horizontal + no oblique

diff. of 2 cubes  
 $x^3-1 = (x-1)(x^2+x+1)$   
 $a^3-b^3 = (a-b)(a^2+ab+b^2)$   
 $a = \sqrt[3]{x^3} = x$   
 $b = \sqrt[3]{1} = 1$   
 $a^3+b^3 = (a+b)(a^2-ab+b^2)$

Vertical asymptote:  
 $x^3-1=0$   
 $x^3=1$   
 $x=1$

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Find the vertical, horizontal, and oblique asymptotes, if they exist, for the following functions.

6.  $g(x) = \frac{4x^4}{x^3-1}$  1) lowest terms

$x^3-1 = (x-1)(x^2+x+1)$

$n > m$   
 $n = m + 1$

oblique asym  $y = 4x$

Vert.  $x^3-1=0$   
 $x=1$

$x^3-1 \overline{) 4x^4 + \frac{4x}{x^2-1}}$   
 $4x^4$   
 $-4x^4 - 4x$   
 $\hline 0 + 4x$

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Find the vertical, horizontal, and oblique asymptotes, if they exist, for the following functions.

7.  $h(x) = \frac{4x^3}{x^3-1}$   $n=m$ ,  $y = \frac{4}{1}$

horizontal asym  $y = 4$

Vert.  $x = 1$

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Rate yourself on how well you understood this lesson.

I don't get it at all	I sort of get it	I understand most, but I need more practice	I understand it pretty well	I got it!!
1	2	3	4	5

What I still need to work on....

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