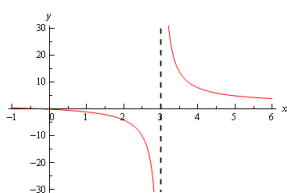


## Graphing Rational Functions



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2)  $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x$

6)  $P(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 - 3x - 15$

8)  $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 12x - 16$

14)  $P(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 - 7x^2 + 15x + 18$

18) 4<sup>th</sup> root is  $\sqrt[4]{2}$

20) 3<sup>rd</sup> root is  $-i$ , 4<sup>th</sup> root is  $-3 - \sqrt{3}$

26) 4<sup>th</sup> root is  $\sqrt[4]{3}$ , 5<sup>th</sup> root is  $-2i$

34)  $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 5$

37)  $P(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 16x - 80$

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⑥  $-5, \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}$   $P(x) = (x+5)(x^2-3)$   
 $(x+5)$   $a: 1$   
 $b: -(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3})$   
 $c: (\sqrt{3})(-\sqrt{3}) = -3$

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$2-i, -1$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $2+i$   $P(x) = (x^2 - 4x + 5)(x+1)$   
 $a: 1$   
 $b: -4$   
 $c: 4 - i^2 = 5$

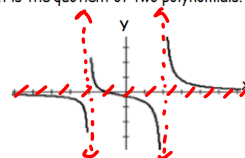
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$P(x) = (x+2)'(x-3)^2(x+1)'$   
 $= (x+2)(x-3)(x-3)(x+1)$

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RATIONAL FUNCTIONS  $\rightarrow$  Function that is the quotient of two polynomials.

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



What are some of the characteristics of the graph of this function?

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All rational functions can have vertical and horizontal asymptotes.

**Vertical Asymptote:**

- at any (all) roots of the denominator (set denominator = 0 and solve)
- Equation:  $x = \text{constant}$
- On graph  $\rightarrow$  dotted line, technically not part of the graph
- CANNOT cross a vertical asymptote

**Horizontal Asymptote:**

- Equation  $y = \text{constant}$  or  $y = 0$
- Degree of numerator =  $n$ ; Degree of denominator =  $d$ 
  - $n < d \rightarrow$  HA:  $y = 0$
  - $n = d \rightarrow$  HA:  $y = \frac{\text{leading coefficient}}{\text{leading coefficient}} \rightarrow f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$
  - $n > d \rightarrow$  no HA
- Graph CAN cross a horizontal asymptote  
Simplified Equation = HA  $\rightarrow$  Solve

$y = \frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$

**x-intercept:** Where graph crosses x-axis,  $y = 0$   
Set numerator = 0  
Express as point(s)  $(x, 0)$

**y-intercept:** Where graph crosses y-axis,  $x = 0$   
Express as point  $(0, y)$

*plug into the equation  $(0, y)$*

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Find x and y-intercepts, v.a. and h.a., and determine if the graph crosses the HA for each:

- $y = \frac{2x}{x+2}$ 
  - VA:  $x+2=0 \rightarrow x=-2$   
den: 0  $x=-2$
  - HA:  $n \leq d$   
 $y=2$
  - x-int:  $2x=0 \rightarrow (0,0)$   
num: 0  $x=0$
  - y-int:  $y = \frac{2(0)}{0+2} = 0 \rightarrow (0,0)$   
Set  $x=0$
  - Cross?
- $y = \frac{x-4}{3x-5}$

$\frac{2x}{x+2} : \frac{2}{1}$   
 $2x = 2(x+2)$   
 $2x = 2x + 4$   
 $\frac{2x}{0} = \frac{2x}{4}$  no cross

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Analyze and graph the following:

- $y = \frac{x+3}{x^2-x-2} = \frac{x+3}{(x-2)(x+1)}$ 
  - VA:  $x-2=0 \rightarrow x=2$   
 $x+1=0 \rightarrow x=-1$
  - HA:  $n < d$   
 $y=0$
  - x-int:  $x+3=0 \rightarrow (-3,0)$   
 $x=-3$
  - y-int:  $y = \frac{0+3}{0^2-0-2} = -\frac{3}{2} \rightarrow (0, -\frac{3}{2})$
  - Cross?

$\frac{x+3}{x^2-x-2} : \frac{0}{1}$   
 $x+3=0$  yes  
 $x=-3$

*Graph showing vertical asymptotes at  $x=-1$  and  $x=2$ , and horizontal asymptote at  $y=0$ . The graph crosses the x-axis at  $(-3,0)$  and the y-axis at  $(0, -\frac{3}{2})$ .*

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- $y = \frac{2x^2+3x-2}{x^2-3x}$ 
  - VA:
  - HA:
  - x-int:
  - y-int:
  - Cross?

*Graph grid provided for plotting the function.*

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