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Worksheet 3.5—Rational Functions

Show all work on a separate sheet of paper. All answers must be given as simplified, exact answers! No Calculators are permitted unless specified otherwise.

Multiple Choice

1. Let $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 3x}$. For what values of x does the graph of $f(x)$ have a vertical asymptote? $= \frac{-2x}{x(x+3)}$
 (A) $x=0$ (B) $x=0, x=3$ (C) $x=3$ (D) $x=-3$ (E) $x=0, x=-3$
 $x+3=0$
 $x=-3$

2. Let $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{x^2 + 3x - 4}$. Which of the following is an equation of an asymptote of $f(x)$? $= \frac{2x^2}{(x+4)(x-1)}$
 (A) $y=2$ (B) $x=1$ (C) $x=4$ (D) $x=-2$ (E) $y=-4$
 $x+4=0$ $x-1=0$
 $x=-4$ $x=1$

3. Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+5}$. Which of the following statements is true about the graph of f ?
 (A) There is no VA (B) There is an HA but no VA (C) There is an SA but no VA
 (D) There is a VA and an SA (E) There is a VA and an HA

4. What is the degree of the end-behavior model of $f(x) = \frac{x^8 + 1}{x^4 + 1}$?
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3 (E) 4

5. The equation of the end-behavior model of $f(x) = \frac{2x^3 - x + 6}{x + 2}$ is given by
 (A) $y = 2x^2 - 7$ (B) $y = 2x^2 - 1$ (C) $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 7$ (D) $y = 2x^2 - 4x + 7$ (E) $y = 2x^2 - 4x - 7$

Short Answer

6. Find the x - and y - intercepts of the following functions

(a) $t(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 6}$ (b) $r(x) = \frac{x^3 - 9x}{x^3}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 6 \\ & & -4 & 8 & -14 \\ \hline & 2 & -4 & 7 & -8 \\ & & & & 2x^2 - 4x + 7 \end{array}$$

a) x -int
 $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$
 $(x-2)(x+1) = 0$
 $x=2$ $x=-1$

y int
 $t(0) = \frac{(0)^2 - (0) - 2}{(0) - 6}$
 $= \frac{-2}{-6}$
 $= \frac{1}{3}$

x int: $(2, 0)(-1, 0)$ y int $(0, \frac{1}{3})$

b. x int
 $x(x^2 - 9) = 0$
 $x(x+3)(x-3) = 0$
 $x = 0, -3, 3$
 $x \neq 0$
 y int

$r(0) = \frac{(0)^3 - 9(0)}{(0)^3}$
 $= \text{none}$

x int: $(-3, 0)(3, 0)$

7. Find all vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any).

(a) $k(x) = \frac{6x-2}{x^2+5x-6}$

(b) $j(x) = \frac{3x^2}{5+2x+x^2}$

(c) $\text{careful}(x) = \frac{2x+x^3}{x-1}$

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

b) $= \frac{3x^2}{x^2+2x+5}$

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

VA! $x+6=0$ $x-1=0$
 $x=-6$ $x=1$

VA: None

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

HA: $y=0$

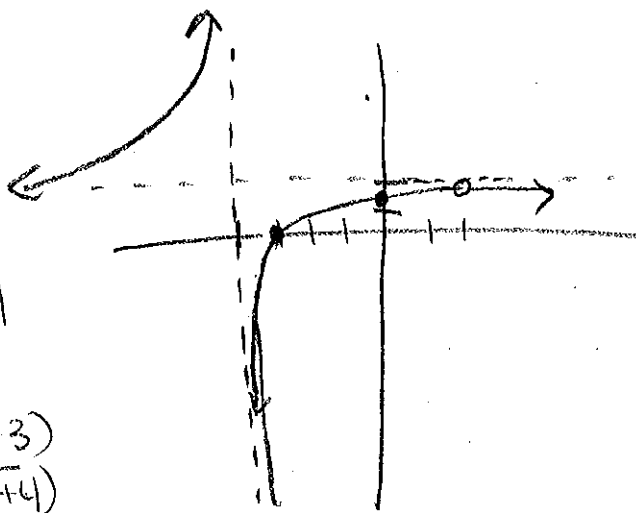
HA $y=3$

HA: none

8. Analyze the following functions. As in the notes, find the domain, discontinuities, intercepts, and end-behavior. Sketch a graph. Find the equations of all HA's, VA's, and SA's. Give the coordinate of any hole. Find the range after you graph it.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{4x^2+4x-24}{2x^2+4x-16}$

$f(x) = \frac{4(x^2+x-6)}{2(x^2+2x-8)}$
 $= \frac{4(x+3)(x-2)}{2(x+4)(x-2)}$



DP: $\{x \mid x \neq -4, 2\}$

VA @ $x = -4$
 HA @ $y = 2$

$x+3=0$
 $x=-3$

hole @ $x=2$
 $= \frac{4(2+3)}{2(2+4)}$

x int: (-3, 0)

$= \frac{10}{6}$

$y = \frac{-24}{-16}$

y int: (0, 3/2)

hole @ (2, 5/3)

$R_f \{y \mid y \neq 2\}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 2$

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

$$h(x) = \frac{x-3}{x(x+3)}$$

$$D_h: \{x \mid x \neq 0, -3\}$$

$$VA @ x=0, x=-3$$

$$x_{int}: (3, 0)$$

$$HA @ y=0$$

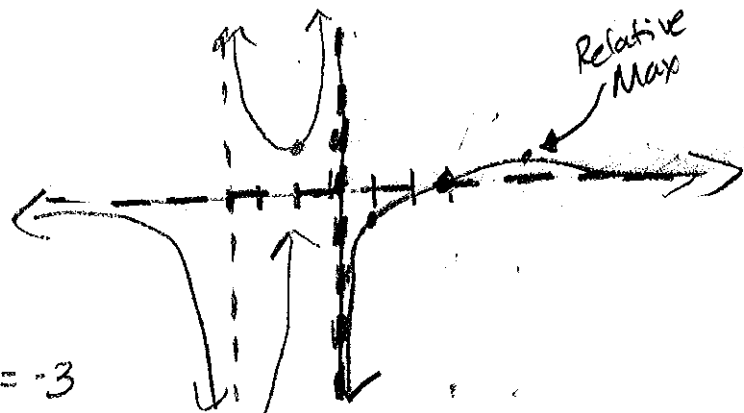
y_{int} : $x \neq 0$ so no y_{int} .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = 0 \text{ (on pos side)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} h(x) = 0 \text{ (on neg side)}$$

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

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



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Range? Can't find. Don't know the Relative Maximum

$$(c) q(x) = \frac{2x^3 - 6x^2 - 14x}{x^2 + 3x}$$

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

$$D_f: \{x \mid x \neq -3, 0\}$$

$$VA @ x = -3$$

$$\text{hole} = \frac{2(0^2 - 3(0) - 7)}{(0+3)}$$

$$= \frac{-14}{3}$$

$$\text{hole} @ (0, -\frac{14}{3})$$

SA:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 12 \\ x^2 + 3x \overline{) 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 14x} \\ \underline{-2x^3 + 6x^2} \\ -12x^2 - 14x \\ \underline{+12x^2 + 36x} \\ 22x \end{array}$$

$$SA @ y = 2x - 12$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} q(x) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} q(x) = -\infty$$

Range? Don't know
Relative Extreme values

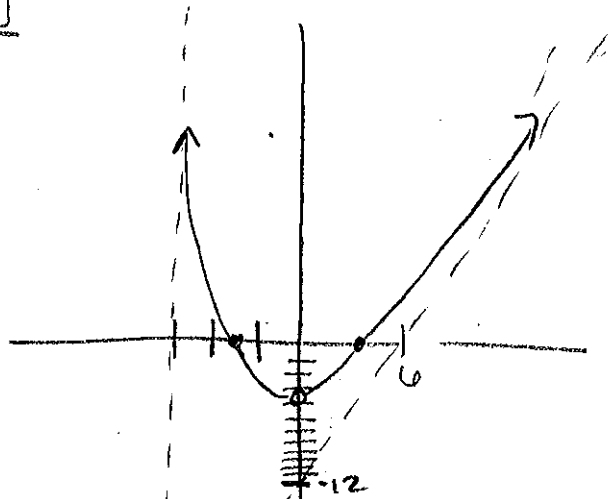
y_{int}: none $x \neq 0$

$$x_{int}: x^2 - 3x - 7 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(-7)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x_{int} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{37}}{2}$$

for graph x_{int} are about
 $\frac{3 \pm 6}{2}$ so $\frac{9}{2} + \frac{-3}{2}$



$$(d) t(x) = \frac{(x^2 - x - 2)(x - 3)}{x^2 - 4x + 3}$$

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

$$D_t: \{x \mid x \neq 3, 1\}$$

$$VA @ x=1$$

hole

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

$$= \frac{4}{2}$$

hole @ (3, 2)

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

$$= \frac{6}{3}$$

$$= 2$$

y int: (0, 2)

$$x \text{ int } \quad x-2=0 \quad x+1=0$$

$$x=2 \quad x=-1$$

SA:

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

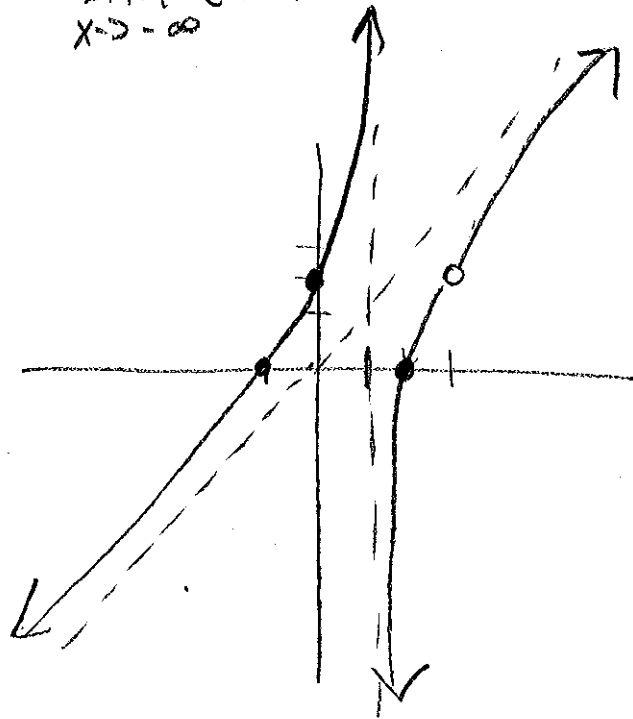
$$SA: y=x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} t(x) = \infty$$

$$x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} t(x) = -\infty$$

$$x \rightarrow -\infty$$



Range: \mathbb{R}

9. Write an equation of a function, $f(x)$, with a VA at $x = -1$, a hole at $x = 3$, and x -intercept at $x = -3$, and an HA at $y = 1$. Once you have the equation, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$.

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

To find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$

$$= \frac{3+3}{3+1}$$

$$= \frac{6}{4}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \frac{3}{2}$$

10. Write an equation of a function $d(x)$ with a y -intercept of $(0, -2)$, a VA at $x = 1$, an SA at $y = 2x + 7$, and a hole at $x = 2$. As $x \rightarrow \infty$, what do the slopes of the graph of $d(x)$ approach?

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

$$\text{so } d(x) = \frac{f(x)(x-2)}{(x-1)(x-2)} \text{ and } \frac{f(x)}{x-1} = 2x+7 + \frac{R(x)}{x-1}$$

$R(x) \neq 0$

$$\text{so } f(x) = (2x+7)(x-1) + R(x), R(x) \neq 0$$

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 5x - 7 + R(x) \neq 0$$

$$\text{so } f(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + C, C \neq -7$$

*As $x \rightarrow \infty$ the slopes of $d(x)$ approach 2 because the slope of the S.A. is $m = 2$.

To find C : $d(0) = -2 = \frac{C}{-1}$ so $C = 2$

$$\text{so } d(x) = \frac{(2x^2 + 5x + 2)(x-2)}{(x-1)(x-2)}$$

11. Analyze and sketch $h(x) = \frac{x^5 - 1}{x + 2}$. Show all asymptotes, including end-behavior asymptotes.

VA $x = -2$

SA:
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ & & -2 & 4 & -8 & 16 & -32 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 4 & -8 & 16 & -33 \end{array}$$

end behavior

$x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 8x + 16$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \infty$

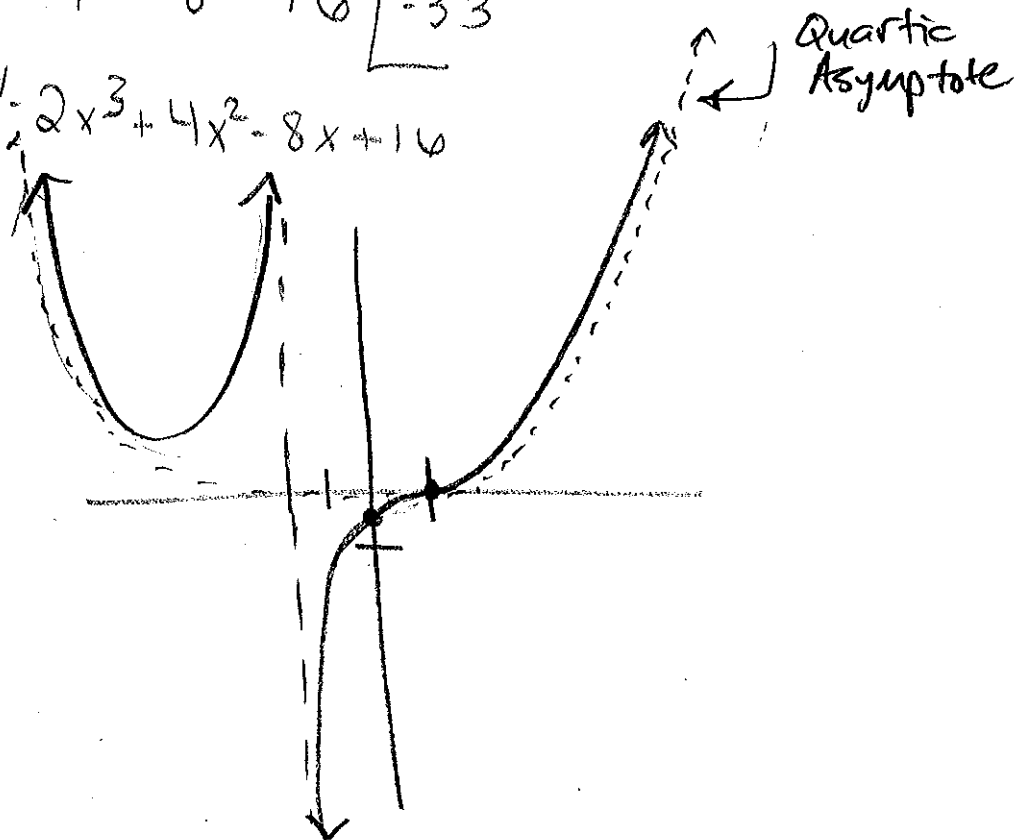
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} h(x) = -\infty$

x int $x^5 - 1 = 0$

$x^5 = 1$

$x = 1$

y int $(0, \frac{1}{2})$



12. (Calculator permitted) A drug is administered to a patient, and the concentration of the drug in the bloodstream is monitored. At time $t \geq 0$ (in hours since giving the drug), the concentration (in mg/L) is given by

$$c(t) = \frac{5t}{t^2 + 1}$$

Graph the function with your graphing calculator in a reasonable window.

- What is a reasonable X and Y window? Justify.
- What is the highest concentration of drug that is reaching in the patient's bloodstream? How do you know this?
- What happens to the drug concentration after a long period of time? What are the mathematical implications of this if the person lives for many, many, many years after the injection?
- What is the concentration after 5 hours?
- How long does it take for the concentration to drop below 0.3 mg/L?

a) x is time in hours $0 \leq t \leq 48$ (2 days?)
 y is concentration $0 \leq c \leq 3$ 0 is lowest amt 2.5 is max

b) relative max is 2.5 mg/L (max on calc)

c) The concentration approaches 0 after a long period of time.
 They will always have a trace of the drug in their bloodstream

d) $.961 \text{ mg/L} = c(5)$

e) $t = 16.606 \text{ hours}$

since
 $c(t) < 0.3$
 for $t > 16.606 \text{ hours}$