

Lesson #17 Section 4.4

Aim: How do we graph a complete graph of a rational function?

Do Now: Complete the sentences

Let $f(x) = \frac{ax^n + \dots}{cx^k + \dots}$ be a rational function whose numerator has a degree of n and denominator has a degree of k .

- If $n < k$, then the x -axis is a horizontal asymptote
 ex) $\frac{-7x^2 + \dots}{2x^3 + \dots}$
- If $n = k$, then the line $y = \frac{a}{c}$ is a horizontal asymptote
- If $n > k$, then divide the Numerator by Denominator
 the quotient polynomial is diagonal asymptote.

± - Complete Graph Analysis.

1) $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x^2+x-12}$ find a complete graph

Step 1 (Vertical Asympt.)
Zeros in the denominator but
not in the numerator

$$x^2+x-12 = (x+4)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = -4 \quad x = 3$$

Step 3 x-int.

$$\frac{0}{1} = \frac{x+2}{x^2+x-12}$$

x-int (-2, 0)

Step 2 (Horizontal Asympt.)

Degrees

$$\text{Numerator} = 1$$

$$\text{Denominator} = 2$$

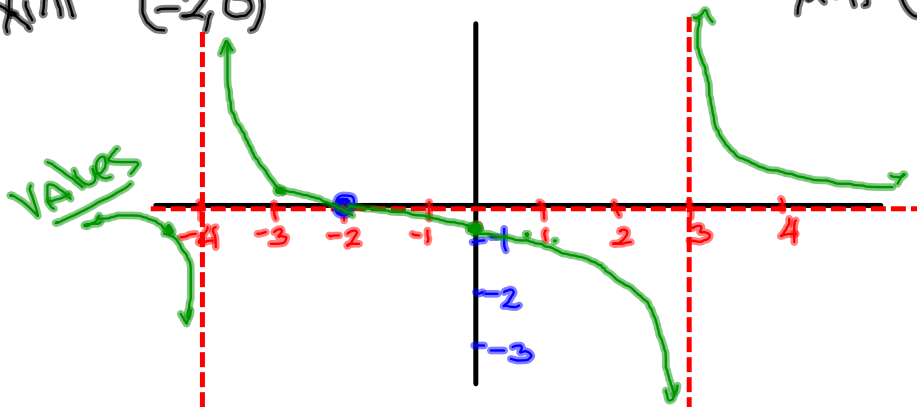
$$1 < 2$$

x-axis

Step 4 y-int. (x=0)

$$\frac{0+2}{0+0-12} = -\frac{1}{6}$$

y-int (0, -1/6)



c) x-intercept
When $y = 0$

$$0 = \frac{(x-4)(x+1)(x+2)}{(x-4)(x-3)}$$

$$0 = (x+1)(x+2)$$

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

d) y intercept
When $x = 0$

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

$$y = \frac{2}{-3} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

d) check the values of (n) and (k)

n: Degree of Numerator

$$\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8}{x^2 - 7x + 12}$$

Degree

$$\frac{3}{2} \quad 3 > 2$$

k: Degree of Denominator

$$x^2 - 7x + 12$$

conclusion: ① No horizontal asymptote

* ② Diagonal Asymptote (Parabolic Asymptotes)

* Divide the Numerator by the Denominator (Long Division)

$$x^2 - 7x + 12 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8}$$

③ there is a parabolic asymptote at $y = x + 6$

e) Holes

$$\frac{(x-4)(x+1)(x+2)}{(x-4)(x-3)} \quad (4, 30)$$

$x - 4 = 0$
 $x = 4$
 $y =$

Replace $\frac{(4+1)(4+2)}{(4-3)} = 30$

