

Unit 3 Review:

Asymptotes of Rational Functions

1. Find the equation of the horizontal asymptote of each curve.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x+5}$

VA: $x = -5$

HA: $y = 2$

(b) $g(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-9}$

VA: $x = \pm 3$

HA: $y = 0$

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

VA: NONE

HA: $y = 1$

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

VA: $x = \pm 2$

HA: $y = 1 - 0 = 1$

2. Find an equation of the oblique asymptote of each curve.

(a) $y = \frac{2x^2 - 4x + 6}{x}$

$$y = (2x - 4) + \frac{6}{x}$$

Oblique: $y = 2x - 4$

(c) $y = \frac{9x^2}{3x-1}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x+1 \\ 3x-1 \overline{) 9x^2+0x+0} \\ \underline{9x^2-3x} \\ 3x+0 \\ \underline{3x-1} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$\therefore y = 3x + 1$

(b) $h(x) = \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2}$

$$= x - \frac{8}{x^2}$$

Oblique: $y = x$

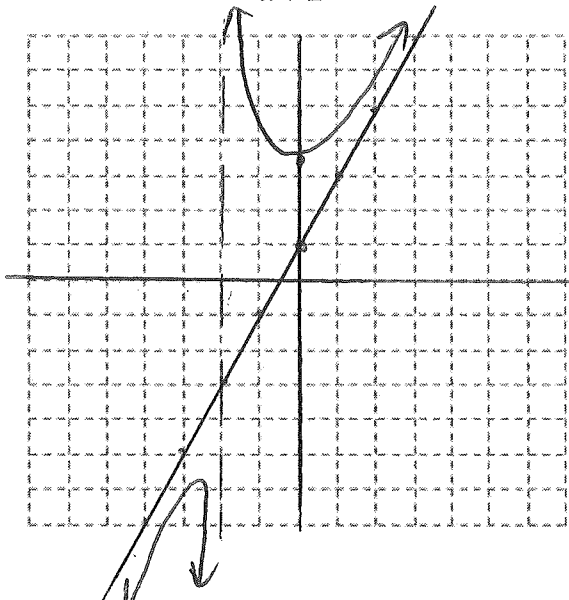
(d) $f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x + 10}{x^2 + 4}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+6 \\ x^2+4 \overline{) x^3+6x^2+9x+10} \\ \underline{x^3+0x^2+0x-8} \\ 3x+0x^2+4x \\ \underline{6x^2+5x+10} \\ 6x^2+0x+24 \\ \underline{5x-14} \end{array}$$

$\therefore y = x + 6$ is the oblique asymptote.

3. Find the linear oblique asymptote of each curve and use it to help you sketch the graph. (a)

$$y = 2x + 1 + \frac{3}{x+2}$$



$$x=0 \\ y=2.5$$

$$y=0:$$

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

$$2x^2 + 5x + 2 = -3$$

$$2x^2 + 5x + 5 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4(2)(5)}}{4}$$

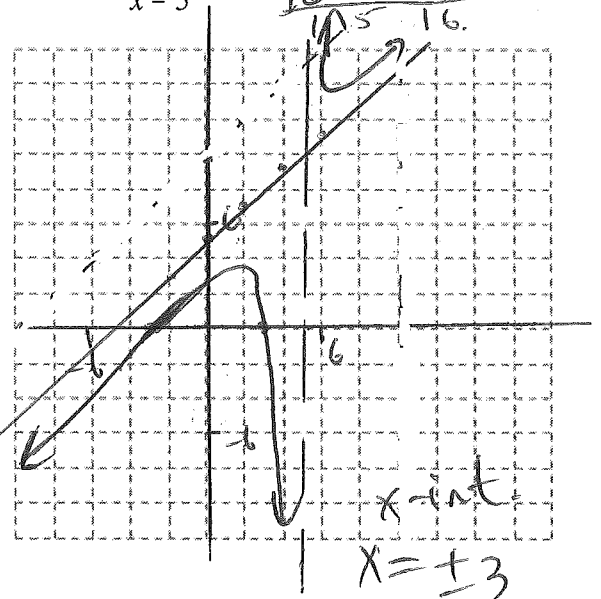
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$$y = x + 5 + \frac{16}{x-5}$$

$$(b) \quad y = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \overline{) 10 - 9} \\ \underline{5} \\ 5 - 16 \end{array}$$



4. A robotic welder at General Motors depreciates in value, D , in dollars, over time, t , in months. The value is given by $D(t) = 10000 - \frac{4000t}{t+2}$.

(a) Find the value of the machinery after:

(i) 1 month

(ii) 6 months

(iii) 1 year

(iv) 10 years

(b) Would you have a local maximum or local minimum in the interval $[0, 4]$? Explain.

(c) Find the $D(t)$ as t becomes extremely large.

(d) Will the machinery ever have a value of \$0?

(e) In light of your result in part (d), does $V(t)$ model the value of the machinery for all time?

a) i) $D(1) = 10000 - \frac{4000}{3} = \8667.67

ii) $D(6) = 7000, D(12) = \$6571.43$

b) max at $t=0$. As $t \uparrow$ $D(t) \downarrow$

c) $D(t) = \$6000$ since $\frac{4000t}{t+2}$ will approach \$4000 as $t \rightarrow \infty$

d) NO. \$6000 will be the minimum.

e) No as eventually, it will lose its worth (value will not stay at \$6000).

5. For the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x - 2}$, use the domain, intercepts and vertical, horizontal and oblique asymptotes to sketch the graph.

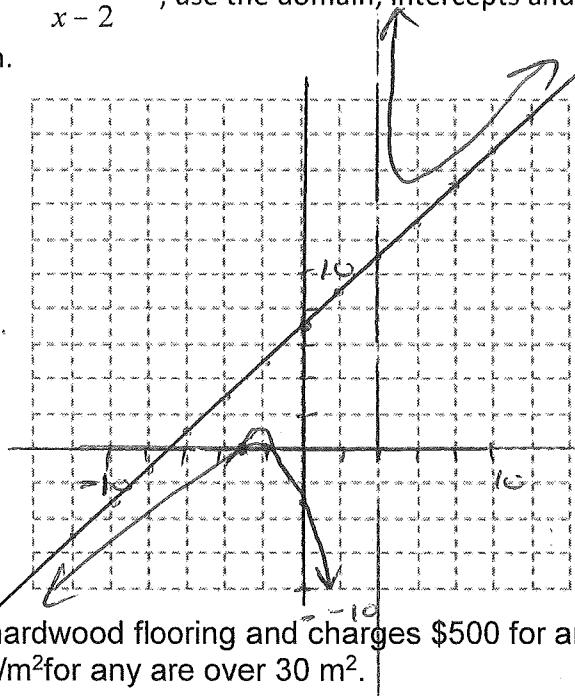
$$\begin{array}{r|rr} 2 & 1 & 5 & 6 \\ & \downarrow & & \\ & 1 & 7 & 20 \end{array}$$

$\therefore y = x + 7$ is the oblique A.

D: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 2\}$

VA: $x = 2$

HA: NONE



x-int: $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$
 $(x + 2)(x + 3) = 0$

$x = -3, -2$

y-int: $y = -3$

6. Empire Flooring installs hardwood flooring and charges \$500 for any area less than or equal to 30 m² and an additional \$25/m² for any area over 30 m².

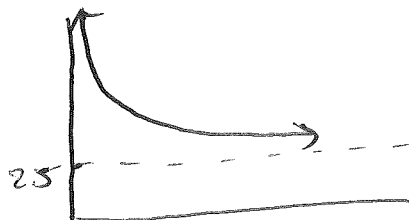
- Find a piecewise function $y = c(x)$ to represent the average cost, per square metre, to install s square metre of carpet.
- Find the value of $c(x)$ as x becomes extremely large
- Graph $y = c(x)$ for $x > 0$
- Would it be economical to have this company install hardwood for an area of 5 m²? Explain.

a) $c(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{500}{x}, & x \leq 30 \\ \frac{500}{x} + 25, & x > 30 \end{cases}$

b) $c(x) \rightarrow 25$

d) NO.

c).



Answers:

- $y = 2$
 - $y = 0$
 - $y = 1$
 - $y = 1$
- $y = 2x - 4$
 - $y = x$
 - $y = 3x + 1$
 - $y = x + 6$
- $y = 2x + 1$
 - $y = x + 5$
- (i) \$8667.67 (ii) 7000 (iii) \$6571.43 (iv) 6065.57
 - max at $t = 0$
 - 6000 (d) no (e) no
- Graph
- $C(x) = \frac{500}{x}, x \leq 30, C(x) = \frac{500 + 25x}{x}, x > 30$
 - 25 d) No

Graphing Rational Functions and Solving Inequalities

Answer questions 1 to 5 without graphing technology.
For question 1 – 6, refer to the following functions.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{x}{2x-10}$

(b) $g(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 5x + 2}{0x^2 + x + 0}$

$y = 3x - 5$ oblique

1. What are the x- and y-intercepts of each function?

a) x-int: 0

y-int: 0

b) x-int:

$(3x-2)(x-1) = 0$

$x = 1, 2/3$

y-int: N/A.

2. Write the domain for each function.

a) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 5\}$

b) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0\}$

3. What are the vertical asymptote(s)?

a) VA: $x = 5$

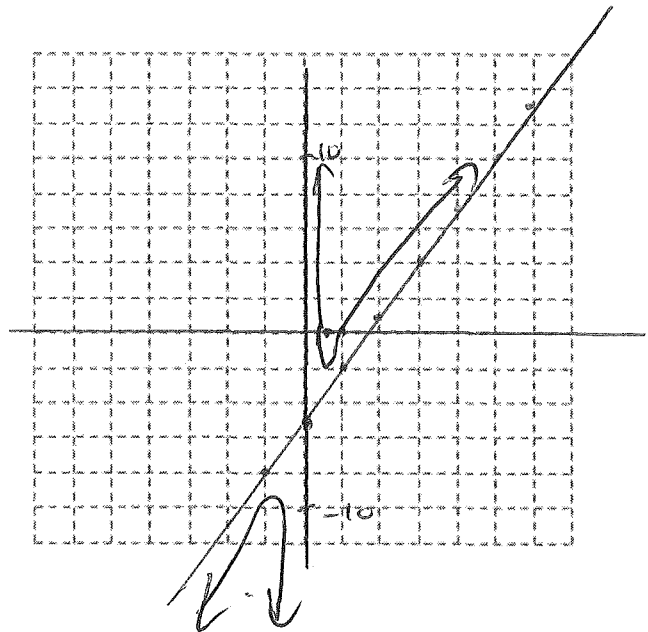
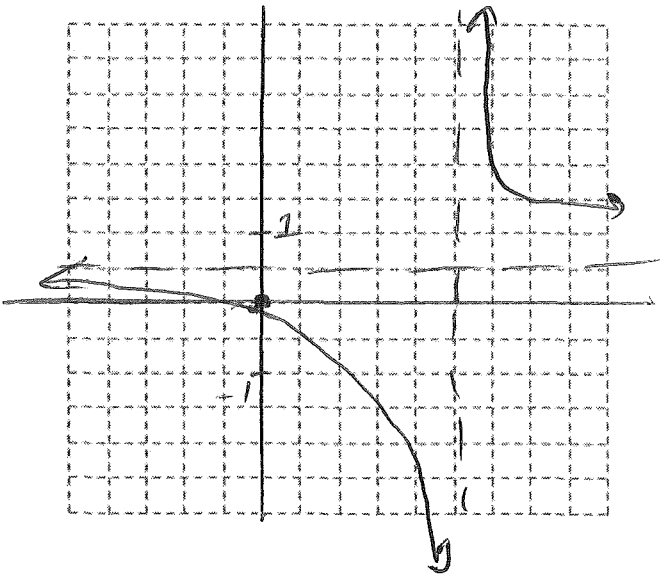
b) $x = 0$

4. What are the horizontal asymptote(s)?

a) HA: $y = 1/2$

b) NONE

5. Use the information from questions 1 to 5 to graph each function.



6. Use the domain and intercepts, and vertical, horizontal and oblique asymptotes to graph each function.

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

VA: $x=3, -1$

x-int: $-\frac{1}{2}$

HA: $y=0$

y-int: $-\frac{1}{3}$

$x \rightarrow 3^+ \quad y \rightarrow \infty$

$x \rightarrow 3^- \quad y \rightarrow -\infty$

$x \rightarrow -1^+ \quad y \rightarrow \infty$

$x \rightarrow -1^- \quad y \rightarrow -\infty$

$$(b) g(x) = \frac{3x^2-7x}{x^2-1} = \frac{3x^2-7x}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{x(3x-7)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$$

x-int: $x=0, 7/3$

y-int: 0

VA: $x=\pm 1$ HA: $y=3$

$x \rightarrow 1^+ \quad y \rightarrow -\infty$

$x \rightarrow 1^- \quad y \rightarrow +\infty$

$x \rightarrow -1^+ \quad y \rightarrow -\infty$

$x \rightarrow -1^- \quad y \rightarrow \infty$

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

HOLE at $x=1, -1$
 $(1, -1) \quad (-1, -1/3)$

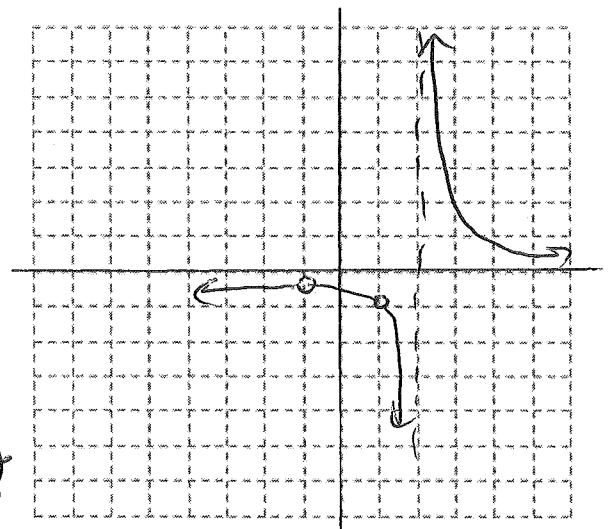
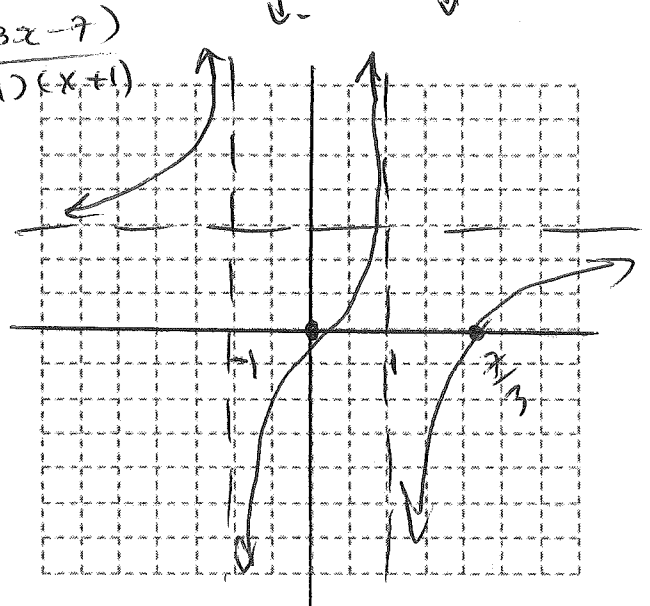
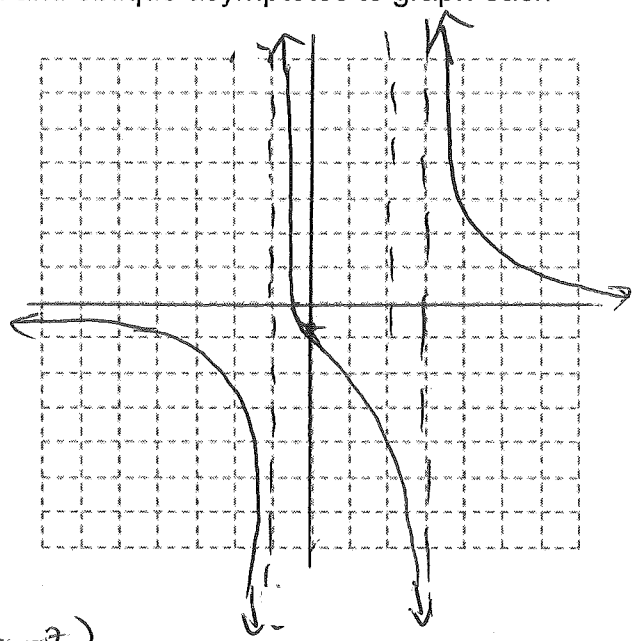
x-int: NONE

y-int: $y=-\frac{1}{2}$

VA: $x=2$

HA: $y=0$

D: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 2, \pm 1\}$



*Answers on page 6 $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \neq 0, -1, -1/3\}$

~~7~~ Solve the following rational inequality.

$$\frac{x}{2x-8} \geq \frac{x^2+x-6}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{x}{2x-8} - \frac{x^2+x-6}{x+2} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x(x+2) - (2x-8)(x^2+x-6)}{2(x-4)(x+2)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x^2+2x - 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 12x + 8x^2 + 8x - 48}{2(x-4)(x+2)} \geq 0$$

→ will need technology.

8. What is a rational inequality? How do you solve a rational inequality?

↳ An expression involving rational expressions and one symbol from $<$, \leq , $>$, or \geq .

To solve: work with 0 on one side.

10. For each case, create a function that has a graph with the given features.

(a) a vertical asymptote $x = 3$, a horizontal asymptote $y = 0$, no x-intercepts, and y-intercept = -1

$$y = \frac{3}{x-3} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{ax+b}{cx+d} \\ a=0 \\ d=-3 \\ \frac{b}{d} = -1 \\ \Rightarrow b = 3 \end{array} \right.$$

(b) a vertical asymptote the y-axis, an oblique asymptote $y = 2x+1$ and no x- and y-intercepts.

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

Answers:

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| 1. | (a) x-int=0, y-int=0 | (b) x-int=2/3, 1, y-int=none |
| 2. | (a) $x \neq 5$ | (b) $x \neq 0$ |
| 3. | (a) $x = 5$ | (b) $x = 0$ |
| 4. | (a) $y = 0$ | (b) no |
| 8. | $x \neq -2.95, -2 < x \leq 1.71, 4 < x \leq 4.75$ | |

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| 10. | (a) $y = \frac{3}{x-3}$ | (b) $y = \frac{2x^2+x+1}{x}$ |
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