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 PC: Vertical and Horizontal Asymptotes

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Do Now:

1. Graph $y = \frac{x^4 - 2x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1}$. State the domain, range coordinates of any hole(s), x- and y-intercepts and the equations of any asymptotes.

Reduced Function

$$y = x^2 - 1$$

parabola ↓

holes (1, 0)
 (-1, 0)

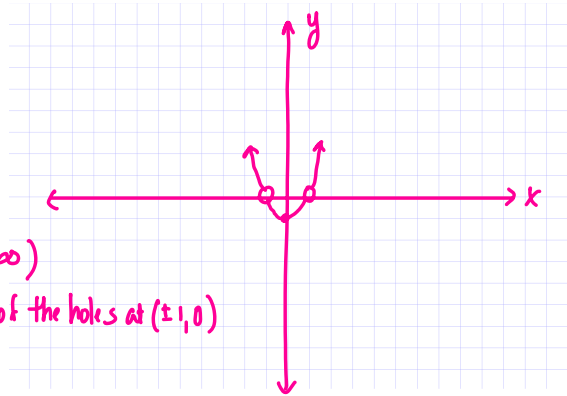
$$D: \{x | x \neq \pm 1\}$$

$$R: [-1, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

x-int: none b/c of the holes at $(\pm 1, 0)$

y-int: (0, -1)

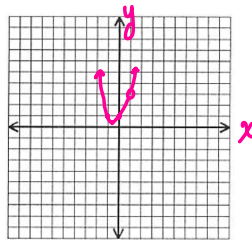
asymptotes: none



Finishing up #4 from yesterday's packet

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

hole: (1, 3)



reduced function: $y = x^2 + x + 1$

$$y = x^2 + x + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + 1$$

$$y = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$$

vertex: $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right)$

b/c the transformation makes

moving $\frac{1}{2}$ box to the left and $\frac{3}{4}$ ↑

I'm going to do a plug in instead

plug in $x=0, y=1$ (0, 1)

$x=-1, y=1$ (-1, 1)

D: $\{x | x \neq 1\}$
 R: $\{y | y \geq \frac{3}{4}\}$
 x-int: none
 y-int: (0, 1)
 asymptotes: none

Let r be the **REDUCED** rational function

$$r(x) = \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0}{b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0}$$

1. The vertical asymptotes of r are the lines $x = a$, where a is a zero of the denominator.

In other words: set the denominator of the **REDUCED** function $= 0$ to find the vertical asymptotes.

2. (a) If $n < m$, then r has a horizontal asymptote of $y = 0$.

In other words: if the degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator, you have a horizontal asymptote at $y = 0$.

- (b) If $n = m$, then r has a horizontal asymptote of $y = \frac{a_n}{b_m}$.

In other words: if the degree of the numerator is $=$ the degree of the denominator, you have a horizontal asymptote of $y =$ ratio of the leading coefficients

- (c) If $n > m$, then r has no horizontal asymptote.

In other words: if the degree of the numerator is greater than the degree of the denominator, you don't have a horizontal asymptote.

*** To find the x- and y- intercepts use the reduced function ***

set the factor you cancelled = 0 to find x, then plug that x into RF

set the den. of RF = 0

look at the degrees

let y=0 in RF

let x=0 in RF

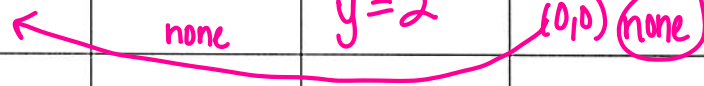
Reduced function

Function	Hole(s)	Vertical Asymptote(s)	Horizontal Asymptote	x-intercept(s)	y-intercept
① $y = \frac{1-x}{x+3}$	no	$x+3=0$ $x=-3$	$y = \frac{-1}{1}$ $y = -1$	$\frac{1-x}{x+3} = 0$ $1-x=0$ $1=x$ $(1,0)$	$y = \frac{1-0}{0+3} = \frac{1}{3}$ $(0, \frac{1}{3})$
② $y = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$ $(x+2)(x-2)$	$x-2=0$ $x=2$ $(2, \frac{1}{4})$	$x+2=0$ $x=-2$	$y=0$	$\frac{1}{x+2} = 0$ $0 \neq 1$ none	$y = \frac{1}{0+2} = \frac{1}{2}$ $(0, \frac{1}{2})$
③ $y = \frac{(x+9)(x-5)}{x^2-x-20}$ $x+4$	$x+4=0$ $x=-4$ $(-4, -9)$	no	no	$x-5=0$ $x=5$ $(5,0)$	$y = 0-5 = -5$ $(0, -5)$
④ $y = \frac{(x+4)(x-5)}{x^2-x-20}$ $x+1$	no	$x+1=0$ $x=-1$	no	$\frac{(x+4)(x-5)}{x+1} = 0$ $(x+4)(x-5) = 0$ $(-4,0), (5,0)$	$y = \frac{0^2-0-20}{0+1} = -20$ $(0, -20)$
⑤ $y = \frac{2x^2}{x^3+x}$ $x(x^2+1)$	$x=0$ $(0,0)$	$x^2+1=0$ $x^2=-1$ $x = \pm\sqrt{-1} = \pm i$ none	$y = \frac{2}{1}$ $y = 2$	$\frac{2x^2}{x^2+1} = 0$ $2x^2 = 0$ $(0,0)$ (none)	also none ble of hole
⑥ $y = \frac{x-1}{x^2-4}$					

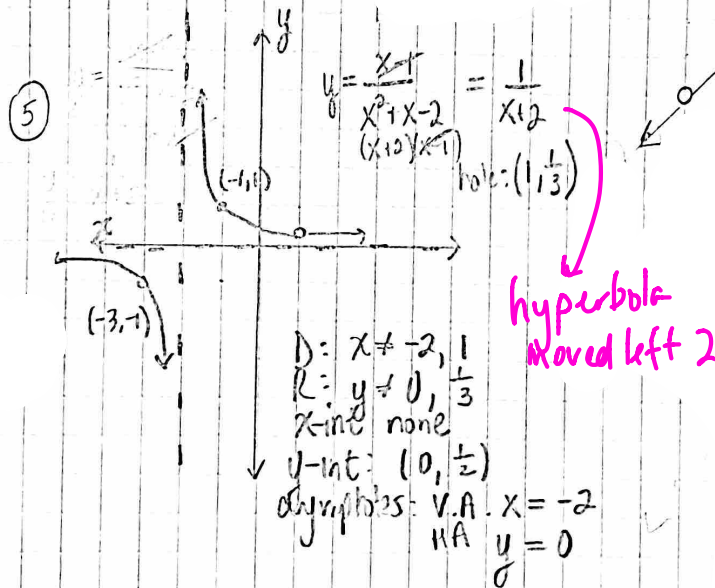
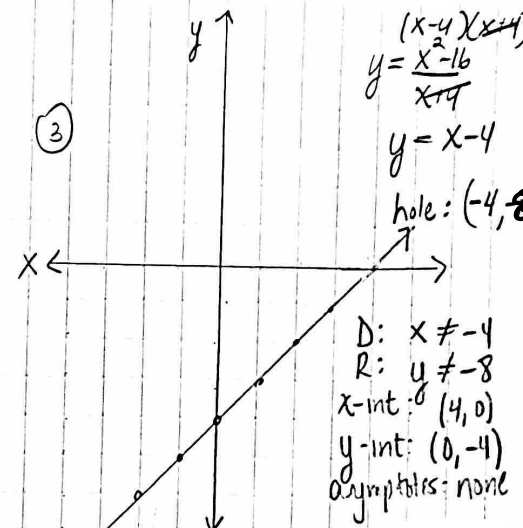
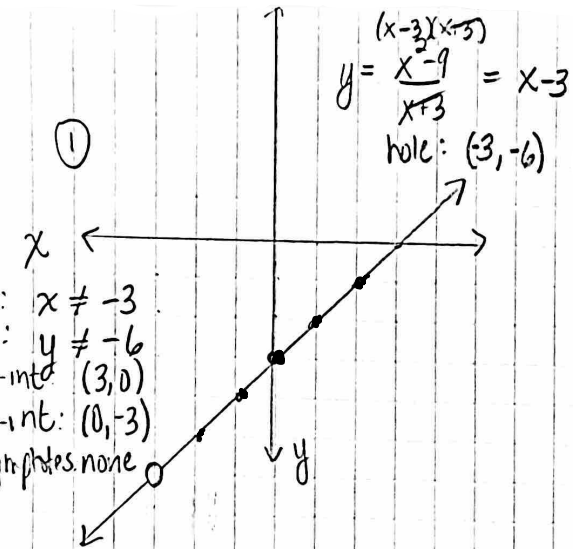
$y = \frac{1}{x+2}$

$y = x-5$

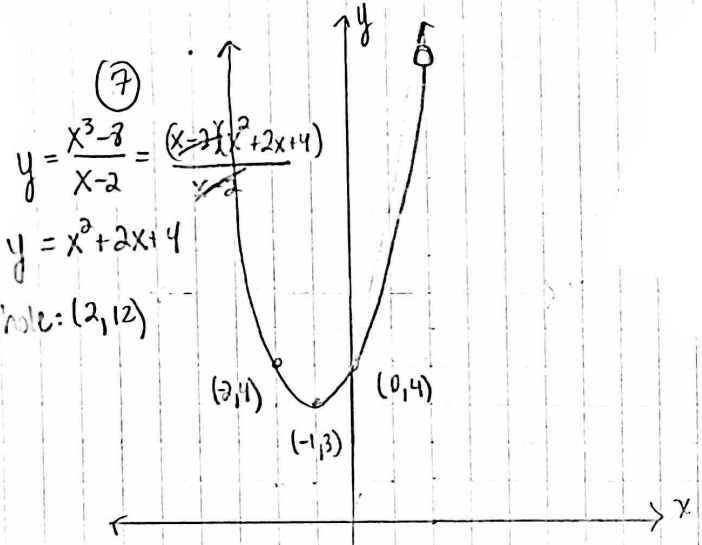
$y = \frac{2x^2}{x^2+1}$



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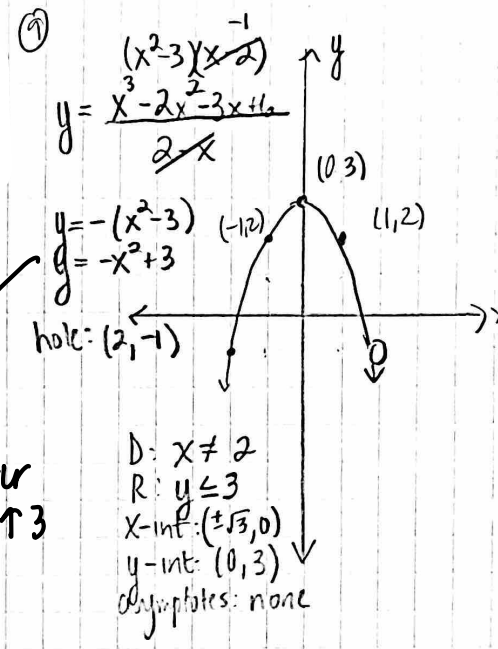


Reducible Functions Key



$y = x^2 + 2x + 1 - 1 + 4$
 $y = (x+1)^2 + 3$
 x^2 | $+1$ | $+3$

D: $x \neq 2$
 R: $y \geq 3$
 x-int: none
 y-int: (0, 4)
 asymptotes: none



parabola
 reflect down
 X-axis $\uparrow 3$

$x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x + 6$
 $x^2(x-2) - 3(x-2)$
 $(x^2 - 3)(x-2)$

X-int: let $y = 0$
 $0 = -x^2 + 3$
 $x^2 = 3$
 $x = \pm\sqrt{3}$