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PCH: Oblique Asymptotes

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Do Now:

1. Find the vertical asymptote(s) of the function $y = \frac{x+6}{x^2-36} = \frac{1}{x+b}$ VA: $x-b=0$
 $x=b$

2. Find the horizontal asymptote of the function $y = \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x+1}$ none

3. Is there a hole in the graph of $y = \frac{x^2+9}{x+3}$? no, it is reducible

4. What is the domain of the function $y = \frac{x^2-x-12}{x-4}$? $y = x+3$ hole (4,7)
 $(-\infty, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$
 $\{x | x \neq 4\}$

5. Are there any x- or y- intercepts for the graph of $y = \frac{3x^2+x-2}{x+1}$? If so, state them.
 $y = 3x-2$ hole: (-1, -5) x-int: $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$
y-int: (0, -2)

When the end behavior of a rational function is not horizontal (meaning there is no horizontal asymptote), it is oblique.

Recall: In what situation is there no horizontal asymptote for a rational function?

Happens when the degree of the numerator > the degree of the denominator.

To find oblique asymptotes:

1. reduce the function if possible
2. divide the numerator by the denominator using long or synthetic division
3. the oblique asymptote is $y =$ the quotient (ignore remainder)

1. Find the oblique asymptote of $y = \frac{x^2-3x+5}{x+2}$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \overline{) 1 \quad -3 \quad 5} \\ \underline{1 \quad -2 \quad 10} \\ 1 \quad -5 \quad 15 \end{array}$$

→ remainder

Oblique Asymptote: $y = x - 5$

2. Find the oblique asymptote of $y = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & -1 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \text{ remainder}$$

OA: $y = x - 1$

3. Find the oblique asymptote for $y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x}$

can't use synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r} x \\ x \overline{) x^2 \quad -4} \\ \underline{x^2} \\ -4 \end{array} \text{ OA: } y = x$$

-4 remainder

4. Find the oblique asymptote of $y = \frac{x^2 - 1}{-x + 3}$
 $-(x - 3)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} 3 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ & & 3 & 9 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & 8 \end{array} \text{ remainder}$$

$\underbrace{1 \quad 3}_{\div -1}$

OA: $y = -x - 3$

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PCH: Practice with Vertical, Horizontal and Oblique Asymptotes

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Function	Hole(s)	Vertical Asymptote(s)	Horizontal Asymptote Does graph intersect HA?	Oblique Asymptote Does graph intersect the OA?	x-intercept(s)	y-intercept
① $y = \frac{x-5}{x^2-4x-5}$ RF $= \frac{1}{x+1}$ $(x-5)(x+1)$	$(5, \frac{1}{6})$	$x+1=0$ $x=-1$	$y=0$ $\frac{1}{x+1} \neq 0$ NO	NO	none	$(0, 1)$
② $y = \frac{2x+1}{x^2}$						
③ $y = \frac{x-5}{x^2+1}$						
④ $y = \frac{2x}{x^2-x-6}$						
⑤ $y = \frac{-3x^2+2}{x-1}$	no	$x=1$	no	$y=-3x-3$ no	$\frac{-3x^2+2}{x-1} = 0$ $-3x^2 = -2$ $x^2 = \frac{2}{3}$ $x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ $(\pm\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, 0)$	$(0, -2)$
⑥ $y = \frac{2x^3-17x^2-8x-9}{3-x^2}$						

⑤
$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \quad -3 \quad 0 \quad 2 \\ \quad \quad -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline -3 \quad -3 \quad -1 \end{array}$$

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

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

$$\cancel{-3x+2} = -3x+3$$

$$2 \neq 3$$

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Function	Hole(s)	Vertical Asymptote(s)	Horizontal Asymptote Does graph intersect HA?	x-intercept(s) let $y=0$	y-intercept let $x=0$
① $y = \frac{1-x}{x+3}$	no	$x+3=0$ $x=-3$	$y = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$ $\frac{1-x}{x+3} = -1$ $-x-3 = 1-x$ $-3 \neq 1$ Doesn't intersect HA	$0 = \frac{1-x}{x+3}$ $0 = 1-x$ $x=1$ (1,0)	$y = \frac{1-0}{0+3} = \frac{1}{3}$ (0, $\frac{1}{3}$)
② $y = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$ $(x+2)(x-2)$ $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$	(2, $\frac{1}{4}$)	$x+2=0$ $x=-2$	$y=0$ $\frac{1}{x+2} = 0$ $1 \neq 0$ No	$0 = \frac{1}{x+2}$ $0 \neq 1$ none	$y = \frac{1}{0+2}$ (0, $\frac{1}{2}$)
③ $y = \frac{(x-5)(x+4)}{x^2-x-20}$ $x+4$ $y = x-5$	(-4, -9)	none	none	$0 = x-5$ $5 = x$ (5,0)	$y = 0-5$ $y = -5$ (0, -5)
④ $y = \frac{(x-5)(x+4)}{x^2-x-20}$ $x+1$	no	$x+1=0$ $x=-1$	none	$0 = \frac{(x-5)(x+4)}{x+1}$ $0 = (x-5)(x+4)$ (5,0), (-4,0)	$y = \frac{-20}{1}$ (0, -20)
⑤ $y = \frac{2x^2}{x^3+x}$ $x(x^2+1)$ $\frac{2x^2}{x^2+1}$	(0,0)	$x^2+1=0$ $x^2=-1$ $x=\pm i$ none	$y=2$ $\frac{2x^2}{x^2+1} = 2$ no	$0 = \frac{2x^2}{x^2+1}$ $0 = 2x^2$ whole $0 = x^2$ (0,0) $0 = x$ (no)	no
⑥ $y = \frac{x-1}{x^2-4}$ $(x-2)(x+2)$	no	$(x-2)(x+2)=0$ $x=\pm 2$	$y=0$ $\frac{x-1}{(x-2)(x+2)} = 0$ $x-1=0$ $x=1$	$0 = \frac{x-1}{x^2-4}$ $0 = x-1$ $x=1$ (1,0)	$y = \frac{0-1}{0^2-4} = \frac{1}{4}$ (0, $\frac{1}{4}$)

$$2x^2 = 2x^2 + 2$$

$$0 \neq 2$$



(1,0) intersects the HA