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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.

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:

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

In other words:

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

In other words:

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

In other words:

Function	Hole(s)	Vertical Asymptote(s)	Horizontal Asymptote	x-intercept(s)	y-intercept
$y = \frac{1-x}{x+3}$					
$y = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$					
$y = \frac{x^2-x-20}{x+4}$					
$y = \frac{x^2-x-20}{x+1}$					
$y = \frac{2x^3}{x^3+x}$					
$y = \frac{x-1}{x^2-4}$					

More Asymptotes and Holes

Function	Hole(s)	Vertical Asymptote(s)	Horizontal Asymptote	x-intercept(s)	y-intercept
$y = \frac{4x}{x-3}$					
$y = \frac{5x^2}{3+x}$					
$y = \frac{-4x^2}{(x-2)(x+4)}$					
$y = \frac{-4+x^2}{(x-2)(x+4)}$					
$y = \frac{3x(x-1)}{2x^2-5x+3}$					
$y = \frac{x}{x^4-1}$					