

College Algebra

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Unit 2B Review - Rational Functions

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Sketch the following rational functions and identify all key information for the given function.

1. $h(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 5}{x^2 - 1}$ ← you should factor this!

a. Vertical Asymptote(s): $x = 1$

b. Horizontal Asymptote: $y = 1$

c. Hole(s): $(-1, 3)$

d. Domain: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

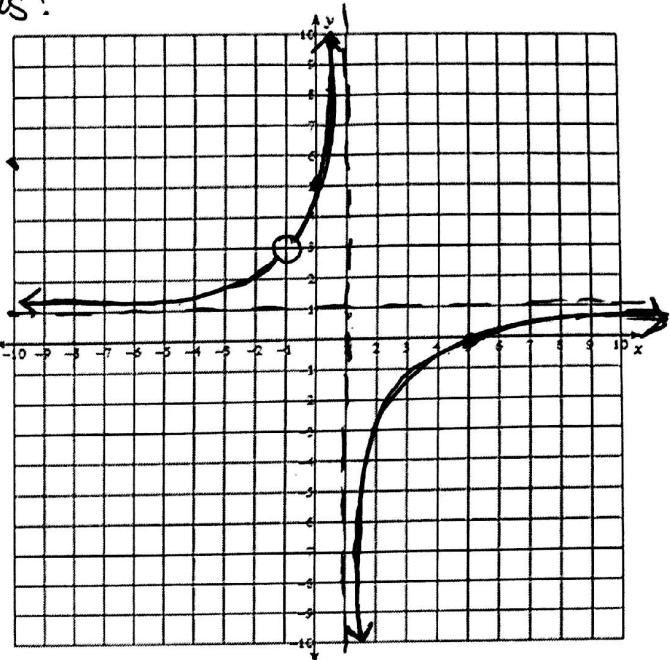
e. Range: $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

f. x-intercept(s): $x = 5$

g. y-intercept: $y = 5$

h. End behavior: As $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \underline{1}$

As $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \underline{1}$



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

a. Vertical Asymptote(s): $x = -1, 3$

b. Horizontal Asymptote: $y = 0$

c. Hole(s): none

d. Domain: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

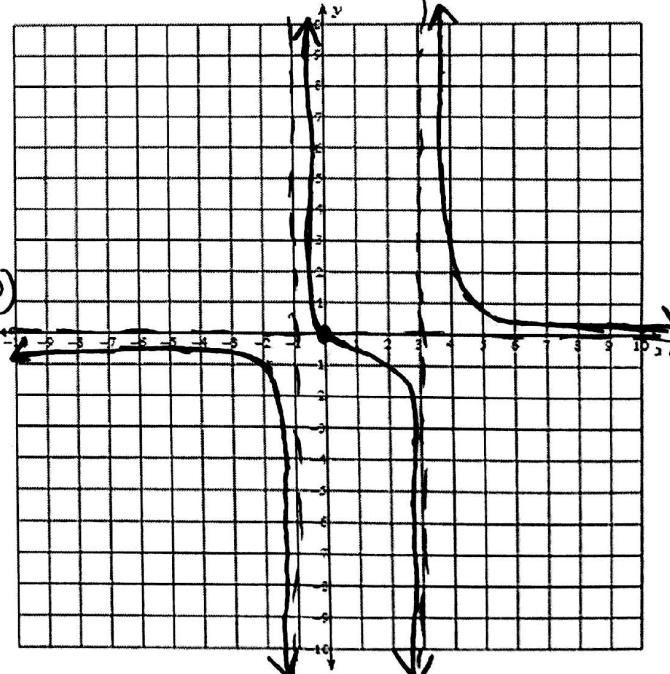
e. Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$

f. x-intercept(s): $x = 0$

g. y-intercept: $y = 0$

h. End behavior: As $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow \underline{0}$

As $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow \underline{0}$



Solve the following rational equations and identify any extraneous solutions.

$$3.) \quad \frac{1}{n-4} + \frac{n}{n-2} = \frac{2}{n^2 - 6n + 8}$$

$$h = -1$$

$$4.) \quad \frac{x+8}{x-6} = -4$$

$$x = \frac{16}{5}$$

$$5.) \quad \frac{m-3}{m-4} + \frac{5}{m^2 - 3m - 4} = 1$$

$$m = -6$$

$$6.) \quad \frac{2}{x} - \frac{4}{x+1} = 3$$

$$x = 1/3, -2$$

7.) Circle all that apply to the function $h(x) = \frac{x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x}{-4x^2 - 4x + 24}$

a. (0, 0) is an y-intercept

b. (0, 0) is an x-intercept

c. (2, 0) is an x-intercept

d. (3, 0) is an x-intercept

e. (-3, 0) is an x-intercept

f. (2, 1/10) is a hole

g. $x = -3$ is a vertical asymptote

h. $x = 3$ is a vertical asymptote

Refer to the rational function $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 - 9}$ to answer problems 8 through 11.

8.) The horizontal asymptote of $g(x)$ is _____

9.) A vertical asymptote(s) of $g(x)$ is _____

a. $x = 1$

a. $x = 1$

b. $y = 1$

b. $y = 1$

c. $x = 3$

c. $x = 3$

d. $y = 3$

d. $y = 3$

10.) A hole of $g(x)$ is located at _____

11.) The domain of $g(x)$ is _____

a. $(-3, 0)$

a. $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

b. $(-3, -\frac{1}{6})$

b. $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$

c. $(3, 0)$

c. $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

d. $\left(3, -\frac{1}{6}\right)$

d. $(-\infty, \infty)$