

# MHF 4U1-am Unit 3 Test - Rational Equations and Inequalities

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## KNOWLEDGE

For questions 1-5, circle one answer (1 mark each):

1. What are the asymptotes for the function  $f(x) = \frac{-5}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$ ?

a.  $x = 3, x = -1, y = 0$

b.  $x = -3, x = -1, y = -5$

c.  $x = 3, x = 1, y = -5$

d.  $x = -3, x = 1, y = 0$

2. Which function has a y-intercept of  $\frac{2}{3}$ ?

a.  $f(x) = -\frac{3x+2}{5x-1}$

b.  $f(x) = \frac{3x+2}{5x-1}$

c.  $f(x) = \frac{6x+5}{9x-7}$

d.  $f(x) = -\frac{5x+6}{7x-9}$

3. Where is the hole located in the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{x^2 - 6x - 7}$ ?

a.  $(-7, \frac{2}{3})$

b.  $(7, \frac{5}{4})$

c.  $(-7, 3)$

d.  $(7, -\frac{5}{4})$

$\frac{(x-7)(x+3)}{(x-7)(x+1)} \sim 1.24$

4. What is the behaviour of the function  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x^2 - 6x + 5}$ , as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ?

a.  $f(x) \rightarrow 0^+$

b.  $f(x) \rightarrow 0^-$

c.  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

d.  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

$\frac{3}{(x-5)(x-1)}$



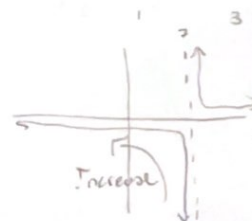
5. Where is the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x-7}$  increasing?

a.  $f(x)$  is never increasing

b.  $x < 7$

c.  $x > 7$

d.  $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 7$



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6. Solve for  $x$  in the following rational equations. Find exact solutions.

a)  $x + 2 = \frac{5x}{x-4} - \frac{20}{x-4}$

$x+2 = \frac{5x-20}{x-4}$

Restriction  
 ~~$x \neq 4$~~

$\therefore x = 3$  The value of  $x$  is 3,  
there is a hole at  $x = 4$ .

$x+2 - \frac{5x-20}{x-4} = 0$

$\frac{(x+2)(x-4) - (5x-20)}{x-4} = 0$

$\frac{x^2 - 2x - 8 - 5x + 20}{x-4} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{x^2 - 7x + 12}{x-4} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{(x-4)(x-3)}{(x-4)} = 0 \rightarrow x = 3$

b)  $\frac{x+1}{x-1} - \frac{x-1}{x+1} = \frac{5}{6}$

$\frac{(x+1)^2 - (x-1)^2}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{5}{6}$

$\frac{x^2 + 2x + 1 - (x^2 - 2x + 1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{5}{6}$

$\frac{4x}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{5}{6}$

$\frac{4x}{(x-1)(x+1)} - \frac{5}{6} = 0$

$\frac{24x - (5(x-1)(x+1))}{6(x-1)(x+1)} = 0$

$\frac{24x - (5x^2 - 5)}{6(x-1)(x+1)} = 0$

$\frac{24x - (5x^2 + 5x - 5)}{6(x-1)(x+1)} = 0$

$\frac{24x - 5x^2 + 5}{6(x-1)(x+1)} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{-5x^2 + 24x + 5}{6(x-1)(x+1)} = 0$   
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$\therefore x$  is equal to  $5 \pm \frac{1}{5}$

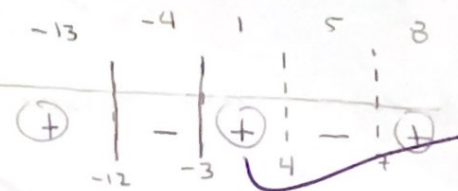
### APPLICATION

1. Solve the inequality  $\frac{x^2 + 15x + 36}{x^2 - 11x + 28} \geq 0$  algebraically.

Factoring  $\rightarrow \frac{x^2 + 15x + 36}{x^2 - 11x + 28}$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $(x+3)(x+12) \quad (x-7)(x-4)$

$x$ -int:  $-3, -12$   
VA:  $7, 4$

$\frac{(x+3)(x+12)}{(x-7)(x-4)} \geq 0$



Conclusion:  $x < -12, -3 \leq x < 4, x > 7$

2. Graph the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 3x - 2}{x^2 + x - 20}$ . Show all the key features, asymptotes, intercepts, behaviors, and discontinuous point(s) if any.

Factor  $\rightarrow x^3 - 3x - 2$  Roots:  $(-1, 2)$

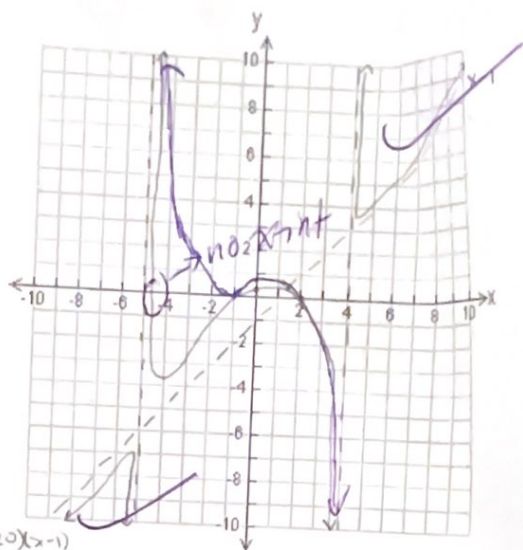
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -2 \\ & & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$\hookrightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1$   
 $\hookrightarrow (x+1)^2$

$f(x) = \frac{(x+1)^2(x-2)}{(x+5)(x-4)}$

$\frac{f(-2)}{f(5)} = \frac{-2}{-20}$

$x^2 + x - 20$   
 $(x+5)(x-4)$



(VA) Restrictions:  $x \neq -5, 4$  Cross:  $\frac{27}{10} = y$   
Oblique:  $x=1$  Test case at  $x=5$   
 $x \rightarrow \infty: 2, -1$   $\hookrightarrow y = 10.8$   
 $y \rightarrow \infty: 1/10$   
Test case at  $x = -6$   
 $\hookrightarrow y = -100$

$x^3 - 3x - 2 = (x^2 + x - 20)(x - 1)$   
 $x^3 - 3x - 2 = x^3 - x^2 + x^2 - 20x + 20$   
 $-3x - 2 = -x - 20x + 20$   
 $-22 = -19x$   
 $(1.21) \frac{22}{19} = x$

$\frac{x-1}{x^2+x-20} \div \frac{x^3+x^2-3x-2}{x^2+x-20}$   
 $\frac{x-1}{x^2+x-20} \cdot \frac{x^2+x-20}{x^3+x^2-3x-2}$   
 $\frac{x-1}{x^3+x^2-3x-2}$   
 $\frac{x-1}{x^3+x^2-3x-2} \cdot \frac{x^2+x-20}{x^2+x-20}$   
 $\frac{x-1}{13x-22}$

b) Determine when  $f(x) < 0$ .  $-5 < x < -1$ ,  $x < -5$ ,  $2 < x < 4$

### COMMUNICATION

1. Circle the equation below that represents the graph shown. Justify your choice.

$N(x+3)$

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

b)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+3x}{x^2+9}$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2-3x} \rightarrow \frac{x-3}{x(x-3)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}$

$\hookrightarrow$  LHA: 0  
VA:  $x=0$   
 $x \rightarrow \infty: 0$   
Hole: 0

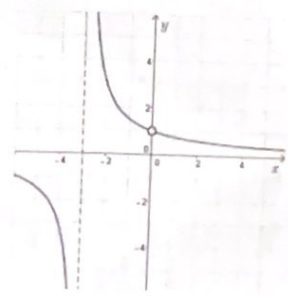
$\frac{3x}{x(x+3)}$

$= \frac{3}{x+3}$

$\frac{x(x+3)}{(x-3)(x+3)}$

Hole: 3

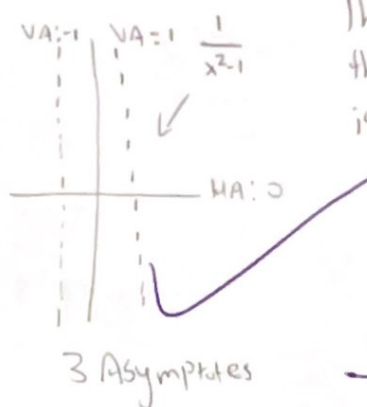
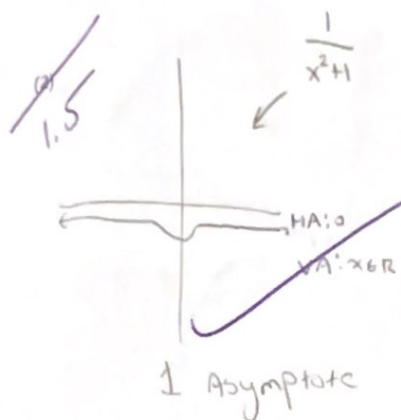
$\therefore$  option A is correct because the hole is at 0 (none others had a hole at 0), and the VA is also in the correct spot, -3. The HA is also 0, as shown the graph.



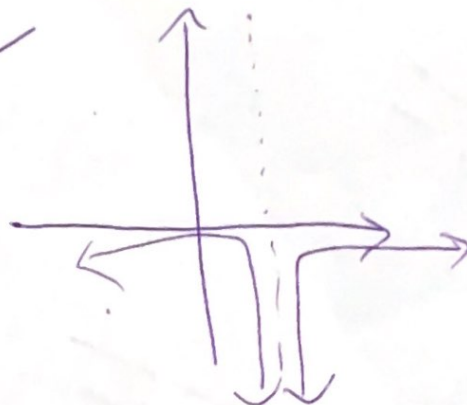


2. How many asymptotes can the reciprocal of a parabola have? Draw examples of each type.

A reciprocal of a parabola can have 1 or 3 asymptotes



This assumes that the horizontal asymptote is counted as such.



### THINKING

- Determine, with support, an equation for a rational function of the form  $y = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$  that satisfies the given conditions:  $g(2) = 0$ ,  $h(2) = 0$ , a vertical asymptote at  $x = 2$ , and a hole at  $(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{5}{6})$ . Leave answer in expanded non-factored form.

$$VA: x=2$$

$$x\text{-int: } 2$$

$$\text{Holes: } \frac{1}{5}, \frac{5}{6}$$

no hole here!

$$y = \frac{(5x-1)(6x-5)(x-2)}{(5x-1)(6x-5)(x-2)(x-2)}$$

$$(5x-1)(6x-5)(kx) = 0$$

$$63kx = 0$$

$$k = 0$$

2 y of  $\frac{1}{5}$  (0.2) approx  
input (0.21)  $\rightarrow -1.79 \rightarrow -0.5536$

$$y = a \frac{1}{x-2}$$

$$a = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \rightarrow a = \frac{0.3965 - (-0.5536)}{0.33 - 0.2}$$

$$a = 2.26$$

$$y \text{ of } \frac{5}{6} (0.33)$$

$$\text{input } (0.35) \rightarrow -1.15 \rightarrow -0.8625$$

I have implemented  $5x-1$ ,  $6x-5$ ,  $x-2$  on both equations since holes should be on both top and bottom. The pair of  $x-2$  is there to ensure the equation  $= 0$  when  $x$  is 2.

The final  $x-2$  is to ensure the final equation has a VA of  $x=2$ . I also found the a-value from the y-values of the holes.

$$y = 2.26 \frac{1}{x-2} x$$

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