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To find the vertical asymptote :

We must set the denominator equal to 0 and solve:

$$b^4 - 625 = 0$$

$$(b^2 - 25)(b^2 + 25) = 0$$

$$(b^2 - 25) = 0$$

$$(b - 5)(b + 5) = 0$$

$$b = 5 \text{ or } b = -5$$

There is vertical asymptote at  $b = 5$  and at  $b = -5$

To find the horizontal asymptote :

First we must compare the degrees of the polynomials.

The numerator contains a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree polynomial while the denominator contains a 4<sup>th</sup> degree polynomial.

Since the polynomial in the numerator is a lower degree than the denominator, the horizontal asymptote is located at  $v = 0$ .

To find the oblique asymptote :

Since the degrees of the numerator are less than the degrees of the denominator, this rational does not have an oblique asymptote

