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To find the vertical asymptote :

We must set the denominator equal to 0 and solve:

$$a^3 - 125 = 0$$

$$a = 5$$

There is a vertical asymptote at  $a=5$

To find the horizontal asymptote :

First we must compare the degrees of the polynomials.

The numerator contains a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree polynomial while

the denominator contains a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree polynomial.

Since the polynomial in the numerator is a lower degree than the denominator,

the horizontal asymptote is located at  $b=0$ .

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

