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We must set the denominator equal to  $oldsymbol{0}$  and solve: a<sup>3</sup> – 125=0

To find the vertical asymptote :

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 s=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 1.5 1.0 0.5 -10 15 -5 10 -0.5-1.0

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