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It so happens that this function can be simplified as:

$$\begin{aligned}V(W) &= \frac{-8+W^3}{-8+2W+W^2} \\&= \frac{(W-2)(W^2+2W+4)}{(W-2)(W+4)} \\&= \frac{W^2+2W+4}{W+4}\end{aligned}$$

To find the vertical asymptote :

$$W+4=0$$

$$W=-4$$

There is a vertical asymptote at  $W=-4$

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 2<sup>nd</sup> degree polynomial.

Since the polynomial in the numerator is a higher degree than the denominator, there is no horizontal asymptote.

To find the oblique asymptote :

we must divide the numerator by the denominator  $\frac{-8+W^3}{-8+2W+W^2} = \frac{W^2+2W+4}{W+4} = \frac{12}{W+4} + (W-2)$

There is an oblique asymptote at  $z=W-2$

