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It so happens that this function can be simplified as:

$$\begin{aligned} z(n) &= \frac{-8+n^3}{-2-n+n^2} \\ &= \frac{(n-2)(n^2+2n+4)}{(n-2)(n+1)} \\ &= \frac{n^2+2n+4}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

To find the vertical asymptote :

$$n+1=0$$

$$n=-1$$

There is a vertical asymptote at  $n=-1$

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  $\frac{-8+n^3}{-2-n+n^2} = \frac{n^2+2n+4}{n+1} = \frac{3}{n+1} + (n+1)$

There is an oblique asymptote at  $a=n+1$

