It so happens that this function can be simplified as:

 $n(k) = \frac{-125 + k^3}{-15 - 2 k + k^2}$  $= \frac{(k-5) (k^2 + 5 k + 25)}{(k-5) (k+3)}$ 

k + 3 = 0

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To find the vertical asymptote :

k=-3There is a vertical asymptote at k=-3To 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  $\frac{-125 + k^3}{-15 - 2 k + k^2} = \frac{k^2 + 5 k + 25}{k + 3} = \frac{19}{k + 3} + (k + 2)$ 

There is an oblique asymptote at e=k+2

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