It so happens that this function can be simplified as:  $e(k) = \frac{-125 + k^3}{-10 - 3 k + k^2}$ 

 $= \frac{(k-5) \left(k^2 + 5 k + 25\right)}{(k-5) (k+2)}$ 

k + 2 = 0k=-2

-15

-10

To find the vertical asymptote :

There is a vertical asymptote at k=-2

there is no horizontal asymptote. To find the oblique asymptote :

There is an oblique asymptote at r=k+3

To find the horizontal asymptote :

5

10

15

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,

we must divide the numerator by the denominator  $\frac{-125 + k^3}{-10 - 3 k + k^2} = \frac{k^2 + 5 k + 25}{k + 2} = \frac{19}{k + 2} + (k + 3)$