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To find the vertical asymptote :

We must set the denominator equal to 0 and solve:

$$m^4 - 256 = 0$$

$$(m^2 - 16)(m^2 + 16) = 0$$

$$(m^2 - 16) = 0$$

$$(m - 4)(m + 4) = 0$$

$$m = 4 \text{ or } m = -4$$

There is vertical asymptote at  $m = 4$  and at  $m = -4$

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 4<sup>th</sup> degree polynomial.

Since the polynomial in the numerator is a lower degree than the denominator, the horizontal asymptote is located at  $n = 0$ .

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

