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The domain is all values that a is allowed to be.

Since I can't divide by zero (division by zero isn't allowed,
I need to find all values of a that would cause division by zero.
The domain will then be all other a -values.

When is this denominator equal to zero?

$$2a^4 + 16 = 0$$

impossible , then the domain of r is $(-\infty, \infty)$ i.e. $a \in \mathbb{R}$