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It so happens that this function can be simplified as:

$$q(k) = \frac{-64+k^3}{-4-3k+k^2}$$

$$= \frac{(k-4)(k^2+4k+16)}{(k-4)(k+1)}$$

$$= \frac{k^2+4k+16}{k+1}$$

To find the vertical asymptote :

$$k+1=0$$

$$k=-1$$

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

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  $\frac{-64+k^3}{-4-3k+k^2} = \frac{k^2+4k+16}{k+1} = \frac{13}{k+1} + (k+3)$

There is an oblique asymptote at  $j=k+3$

