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It so happens that this function can be simplified as:

$$\begin{aligned}r(w) &= \frac{-125+w^3}{-5-4w+w^2} \\&= \frac{(w-5)(w^2+5w+25)}{(w-5)(w+1)} \\&= \frac{w^2+5w+25}{w+1}\end{aligned}$$

To find the vertical asymptote :

$$w+1=0$$

$$w=-1$$

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

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 :

$$\text{we must divide the numerator by the denominator } \frac{-125+w^3}{-5-4w+w^2} = \frac{w^2+5w+25}{w+1} = \frac{21}{w+1} + (w+4)$$

There is an oblique asymptote at  $a=w+4$

