To find the vertical asymptote: We must set the denominator equal to 0 and solve: s + 1 = 0

s = -1There is a vertical asymptote at s=-1

To find the horizontal asymptote : First we must compare the degrees of the polynomials.

The horizontal asymptote is at a=2

Both the numerator and denominator are 1<sup>st</sup> degree polynomials.

Since they are the same degree, we must divide the coefficients of the highest terms. In the numerator, the coefficient of the highest term is 2

In the denominator, the coefficient of the highest term is an understood 1.

To find the oblique asymptote : Since the degrees of the numerator and the denominator are the same, this rational does not have an oblique asymptote

