

## ***Solution***      **Section 3.4 – Rational Functions**

### ***Exercise***

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{3x}{1-x}$

### **Solution**

$$1-x=0 \Rightarrow x=1$$

$$y = \frac{3x}{-x} = \frac{3}{-1} = -3$$

<b>VA</b>	$x=1$
<b>HA</b>	$y=-3$

### ***Exercise***

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{x^2}{x^2+9}$

### **Solution**

**VA:**  $n/a$

**HA:**  $y=1$

### ***Exercise***

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4x+3}$

### **Solution**

$$x^2-4x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=1, 3$$

$$y = \frac{x}{x^2} \rightarrow 0$$

**VA:**  $x=1, x=3$       **HA:**  $y=0$

### ***Exercise***

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{3}{x-5}$

### **Solution**

**VA:**  $x=5$       **HA:**  $y=0$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 + 1}$

#### Solution

**VA:** none      **HA:** none

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{3x^2 - 27}{(x + 3)(2x + 1)}$

#### Solution

$$x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow x = -3$$

$$2x + 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{3x^2}{(x)(2x)} = \frac{3x^2}{2x^2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

**VA:**  $x = -3, -\frac{1}{2}$       **HA:**  $y = \frac{3}{2}$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - 2}{x^2 - 4}$

#### Solution

**VA:**  $x = \pm 2$       **HA:**  $n/a$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{x - 3}{x^2 - 9}$

#### Solution

$$x^2 - 9 = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{x = \pm 3}$$

$$y = \frac{x - 3}{(x - 3)(x + 3)} = \frac{1}{x + 3}$$

**VA:**  $x = 3$       **HA:**  $y = 0$       **Hole:**  $x = 3 \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{6}$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{6}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4x}}$

#### Solution

$$x^2 - 4x = 0 \Rightarrow x(x - 4) = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{x = 0, 4}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = 0, x = 4 \quad \text{HA: } y = 0$$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $y = \frac{5x - 1}{1 - 3x}$

#### Solution

$$\text{VA: } x = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{HA: } y = -\frac{5}{3}$$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $f(x) = \frac{2x - 11}{x^2 + 2x - 8}$

#### Solution

$$\text{VA: } x = 2, x = -4 \quad \text{HA: } y = 0$$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^3 - x}$

#### Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{x(x - 4)}{x(x^2 - 1)} = \frac{x - 4}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -1, x = 1 \quad \text{HA: } y = 0 \quad \text{Hole: } x = 0 \rightarrow y = 4$$

### Exercise

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes (if any) of:  $f(x) = \frac{x - 2}{x^3 - 5x}$

#### Solution

$$\text{VA: } x = 0, x = \pm\sqrt{5} \quad \text{HA: } y = 0$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{x^2 + 10x}$

#### Solution

$$x^2 + 10x = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, -10 \quad \text{Domain: } (-\infty, -10) \cup (-10, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{4x}{x(x+10)} = \frac{4}{x+10}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -10$$

$$\text{HA: } y = 0$$

$$\text{Hole: } x = 0 \rightarrow y = \frac{4}{10} \Rightarrow \text{hole } \left(0, \frac{2}{5}\right)$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } n/a$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{3-x}{(x-4)(x+6)}$

#### Solution

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -6) \cup (-6, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -6 \text{ and } x = 4$$

$$\text{HA: } y = 0$$

$$\text{Hole: } n/a$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } n/a$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{2x^3 - x^2 - 3x}$

#### Solution

$$2x^3 - x^2 - 3x = x(2x^2 - x - 3) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, -1, \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{3}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{2x^3 - x^2 - 3x} = \frac{x^3}{x(2x^2 - x - 3)} = \frac{x^2}{2x^2 - x - 3}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -1 \text{ and } x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{HA: } y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Hole: } x = 0 \rightarrow y = 0 \Rightarrow \text{hole } (0, 0)$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } n/a$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 5}{4x^2 - 3}$

#### Solution

$$4x^2 - 3 = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{Domain: } \left(-\infty, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \infty\right)$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ and } x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{HA: } y = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{Hole: } n/a$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } n/a$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x^3 + 2x^2}$

#### Solution

$$x^3 + 2x^2 = x^2(x+2) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, -2 \quad \text{Domain: } (-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

$$\text{VA: } x = 0 \text{ and } x = 2$$

$$\text{HA: } y = 0$$

$$\text{Hole: } n/a$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } n/a$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x - 1}{x + 3}$

#### Solution

$$x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow x = -3$$

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$$

$$x+3 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x+1 \\ x^2+4x-1 \end{array}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x^2-3x \\ \hline x-1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x-3 \\ \hline -4 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x - 1}{x + 3} = x + 1 - \frac{4}{x + 3}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -3$$

$$\text{HA: } n/a$$

$$\text{Hole: } n/a$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } y = x + 1$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 6x}{x - 5}$

#### Solution

$$x - 5 = 0 \rightarrow x = 5$$

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$$

$$x - 5 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x - 1 \\ x^2 - 6x \end{array}}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = 5$$

$$\text{HA: N/A}$$

$$\text{Hole: N/A}$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } y = x - 1$$

$$\frac{-x^2 + 5x}{-x}$$

$$\frac{x - 5}{-5}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 6x}{x - 5} = x - 1 - \frac{5}{x - 5}$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x^2 + x - 4}{x^2 + 2x - 1}$

#### Solution

$$x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -1 - \sqrt{2}) \cup (-1 - \sqrt{2}, -1 + \sqrt{2}) \cup (-1 + \sqrt{2}, \infty)$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 1 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} x - 3 \\ x^3 - x^2 + x - 4 \end{array}}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{HA: N/A}$$

$$\text{Hole: N/A}$$

$$\text{Oblique asymptote: } y = x - 3$$

$$\frac{-x^3 - 2x^2 + x}{-3x^2 + 2x - 4}$$

$$\frac{3x^2 + 6x - 3}{8x - 7}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x^2 + x - 4}{x^2 + 2x - 1} = x - 3 + \frac{8x - 7}{x^2 + 2x - 1}$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{-3x}{x + 2}$

#### Solution

$$\text{VA: } x = -2$$

$$\text{HA: } y = -3$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2+2x-3}$

#### Solution

$$VA: x = -3, 1 \quad HA: y = 0$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2-2x-4}{x^2+x-12}$

#### Solution

$$VA: x = -4, 3 \quad HA: y = 2$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{-2x^2+10x-12}{x^2+x}$

#### Solution

$$VA: x = -1, 0 \quad HA: y = -2$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-x-6}{x+1}$

#### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r} x-2 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^2-x-6} \\ \underline{x^2+x} \phantom{-6} \\ -2x-6 \\ \underline{-2x-2} \\ -4 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2-x-6}{x+1} = x-2 - \frac{4}{x+1}$$

The oblique asymptote is:  $y = x - 2$

The vertical asymptote is:  $x = -1$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^3+1}{x-2}$

#### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + 2x + 4 \\
 x-2 \overline{) x^3 - 1} \\
 \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \phantom{- 1} \\
 2x^2 \phantom{- 1} \\
 \underline{2x^2 - 4x} \phantom{- 1} \\
 4x - 1 \\
 \underline{4x - 8} \\
 7
 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 4 + \frac{7}{x-2}$$

The oblique asymptote is:

$$y = x^2 + 2x + 4$$

The vertical asymptote is:  $x = 2$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{(2x-3)(x+2)}{(x+1)(x+2)} \\
 &= \frac{2x-3}{x+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

<b>VA</b>	$x = -1$
<b>HA</b>	$y = 2$
<b>Hole</b>	$x = -2$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{1-x^2}$

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{x-1}{(1-x)(1+x)} \\
 f(x) &= -\frac{1}{1+x}
 \end{aligned}$$

<b>VA</b>	$x = -1$
<b>HA</b>	$y = 0$
<b>Hole</b>	$x = 1$



### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x + 2}$

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{(x+2)(x-1)}{x+2} \\ &= x-1 \end{aligned}$$

<b>VA</b>	<i>na</i>
<b>HA</b>	<i>na</i>
<b>Hole</b>	$x = -2$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 8}{x - 2}$

#### Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 4)(x - 2)}{x - 2} = x^2 - 4$$

<b>Hole</b>	$x = 2$
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### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{x - 2}$

#### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x+1 \\ x-2 \overline{) 2x^2 - 3x - 1} \\ \underline{-2x^2 + 4x} \phantom{-1} \\ x-1 \\ \underline{-x+2} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{x - 2} = (2x + 1) + \frac{1}{x - 2}$$

The **oblique asymptote** is the line  $y = 2x + 1$

**VA:**  $x = 2$       **HA:**  $y = 1$       **Hole:**  $n / a$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{3x^2+7x-6}$

#### Solution

$$3x^2 + 7x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3, \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -3 \text{ and } x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{HA: } y = 0$$

$$\text{Hole: } n/a$$

$$\text{OA: } n/a$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2+x-6}$

#### Solution

$$x^2 + x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3, 2$$

$$1 = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2+x-6} \Rightarrow x^2 + x - 6 = x^2 - 1$$

$$\boxed{x=5}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = -3 \text{ and } x = 2$$

$$\text{HA: } y = 1$$

$$\text{Hole: } n/a$$

$$\text{OA: } n/a$$

### Exercise

Determine all asymptotes of the function  $f(x) = \frac{-2x^2-x+15}{x^2-x-12}$

#### Solution

$$x^2 - x - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3, 4$$

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{(-2x+5)(x+3)}{(x-4)(x+3)} = \frac{-2x+5}{x-4}$$

$$\text{VA: } x = 4$$

$$\text{HA: } y = -2$$

$$\text{Hole: } x = -3 \rightarrow y = -\frac{11}{7} \quad \text{OA: } n/a$$

$$\text{hole } \left(-3, -\frac{11}{7}\right)$$

### Exercise

Find an equation of a rational function  $f$  that satisfies the given conditions

$$\begin{cases} \text{vertical asymptote: } x = 4 \\ \text{horizontal asymptote: } y = -1 \\ x\text{-intercept: } 3 \end{cases}$$

### Solution

Vertical Asymptote:  $f(x) = \frac{\quad}{x-4}$

Horizontal Asymptote:  $f(x) = \frac{-x+a}{x-4}$

$x$ -intercept:  $f(x=3) = \frac{-3+a}{3-4}$

$$0 = -3 + a$$

$$a = 3$$

$$f(x) = \frac{-x+3}{x-4}$$

### Exercise

Find an equation of a rational function  $f$  that satisfies the given conditions

$$\begin{cases} \text{vertical asymptote: } x = -3, x = 1 \\ \text{horizontal asymptote: } y = 0 \\ x\text{-intercept: } -1, f(0) = -2 \\ \text{hole at } x = 2 \end{cases}$$

### Solution

Vertical Asymptote:  $f(x) = \frac{\quad}{(x+3)(x-1)}$

Horizontal Asymptote:  $f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{(x+3)(x-1)}$

$x$ -intercept:  $f(x=-1) = \frac{a(-1)+b}{(-1+3)(-1-1)} = \frac{-a+b}{-4} = 0$

$$-a+b=0 \Rightarrow a=b$$

$$f(x=0) = \frac{a(0)+b}{(0+3)(0-1)} = \frac{b}{-3} = -2$$

$$\boxed{b=6=a}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{6x+6}{(x+3)(x-1)}$$

Hole at  $x=2$ :  $f(x) = \frac{6x+6}{(x+3)(x-1)} \cdot \frac{x-2}{x-2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{6(x+1)(x-2)}{(x^2+2x-3)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{6(x^2-x-2)}{x^3-7x+6}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Exercise

Find an equation of a rational function  $f$  that satisfies the given conditions

$$\begin{cases}
 \text{vertical asymptote: } x = -4, x = 5 \\
 \text{horizontal asymptote: } y = \frac{3}{2} \\
 x\text{-intercept: } -2
 \end{cases}$$

### Solution

**Vertical Asymptote:**  $f(x) = \frac{\quad}{(x+4)(x-5)}$

**Horizontal Asymptote:**  $f(x) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{(x+a)(x+b)}{(x+4)(x-5)}$

**x-intercept:**  $f(x = -2) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{(-2+a)(-2+b)}{\quad}$

$$0 = (-2+a)(-2+b)$$

$$\boxed{a = b = 2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{(x-2)^2}{x^2-x-20} \\
 &= \frac{3x^2-12x+12}{2x^2-2x-40}
 \end{aligned}$$