

## ***Solution***      **Section 3.1 – Quadratic Functions**

### ***Exercise***

Give the vertex, axis, domain, and range. Then, graph the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 6x + 5$

### **Solution**

$$\text{Vertex: } x = -\frac{b}{2a}$$

$$= -\frac{6}{2(1)}$$

$$= -3$$

$$y = f(-3) = (-3)^2 + 6(-3) + 5$$

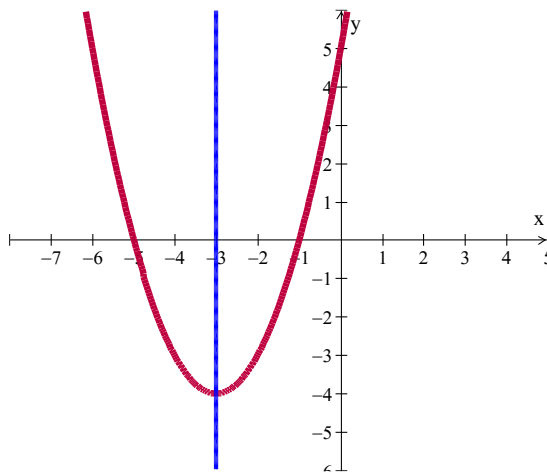
$$= -4$$

$$\text{Vertex point: } (-3, -4)$$

$$\text{Axis of symmetry: } x = -3$$

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

$$\text{Range: } [-4, \infty)$$



### ***Exercise***

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### **Solution**

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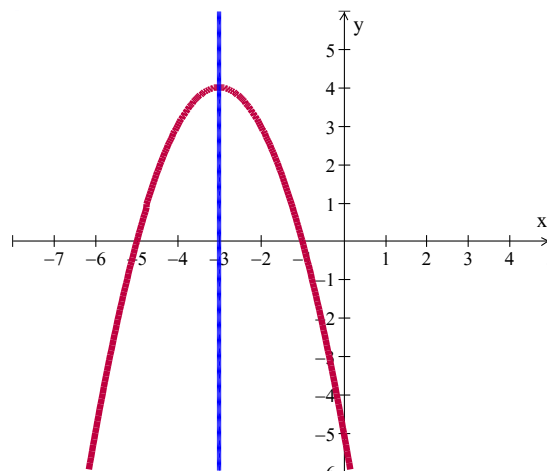
$$= 4$$

$$\text{Vertex point: } (-3, 4)$$

$$\text{Axis of symmetry: } x = -3$$

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

$$\text{Range: } (-\infty, 4]$$



### Exercise

Graph the quadratic. Give the vertex, axis of symmetry, domain, and range:

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2$$

### Solution

Vertex point:

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-4}{2(1)} = \underline{2}$$

$$f(2) = 2^2 - 4(2) + 2 = \underline{-2}$$

The **vertex point**:  $\underline{(2, -2)}$

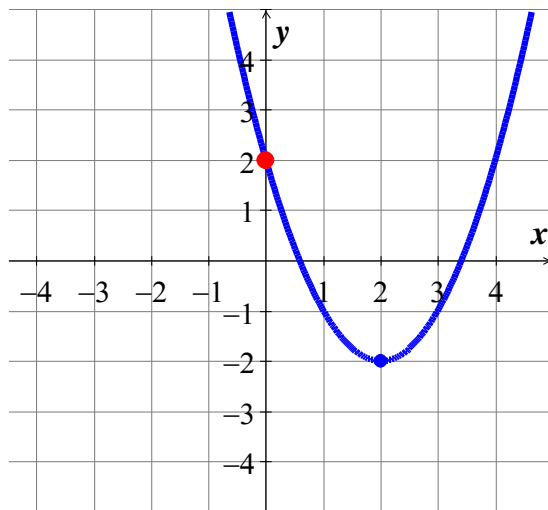
**Axis of symmetry** is:  $\underline{x = 2}$

**Domain**:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

**Range**:  $[-2, \infty)$  (Since function has a minimum)

To graph: find another point:

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow y = f(0) = 2$$



### Exercise

Graph the quadratic. Give the vertex, axis of symmetry, domain, and range:

$$f(x) = -2x^2 + 16x - 26$$

### Solution

Vertex point:

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{16}{2(-2)} = \underline{4}$$

$$f(4) = -2(4^2) + 16(4) - 26 = \underline{6}$$

The **vertex point**:  $\underline{(4, 6)}$

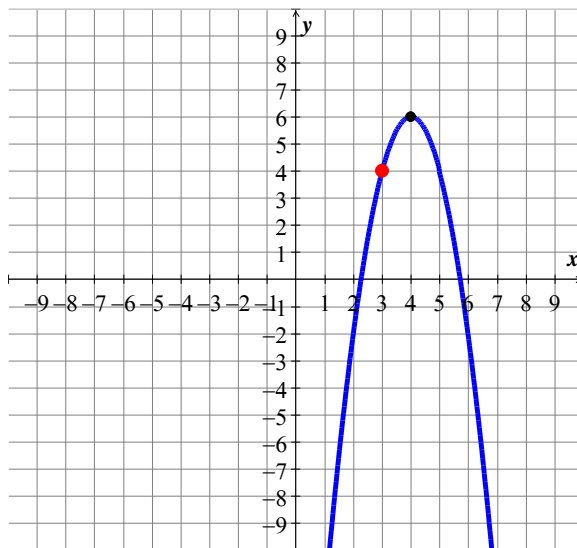
**Axis of symmetry** is:  $\underline{x = 4}$

**Domain**:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

**Range**:  $(-\infty, 6]$  (Since function has a maximum)

To graph: find another point:

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow y = f(3) = 4$$



### Exercise

You have 600 *ft* of fencing to enclose a rectangular plot that borders on a river. If you do not fence the side along the river, find the length and width of the plot that will maximize the area. What is the largest area that can be enclosed?

### Solution

$$P = l + 2w$$

$$600 = l + 2w \rightarrow l = 600 - 2w$$

$$A = lw$$

$$= (600 - 2w)w$$

$$= 600w - 2w^2$$

$$= -2w^2 + 600w$$

$$\text{Vertex: } w = -\frac{600}{2(-2)} = 150$$

$$\rightarrow l = 600 - 2w = 300 \quad (x - 8)(x - 22) = 0$$

$$A = lw = (300)(150)$$

$$= 45000 \text{ ft}^2$$

### Exercise

A picture frame measures 28 cm by 32 cm and is of uniform width. What is the width of the frame if 192  $\text{cm}^2$  of the picture shows?

### Solution

$$\text{Area of the picture} = (32 - 2x)(28 - 2x) = 192$$

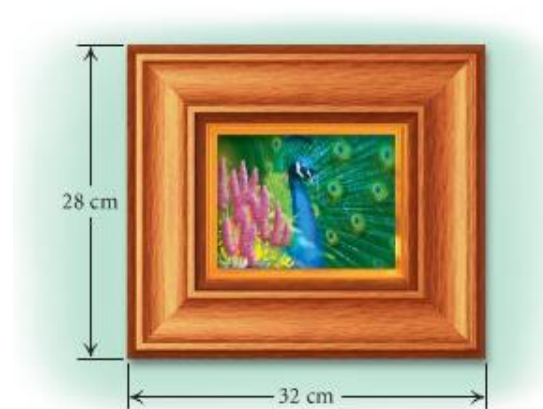
$$896 - 64x - 56x + 4x^2 = 192$$

$$896 - 120x + 4x^2 - 192 = 0$$

$$4x^2 - 120x + 704 = 0$$

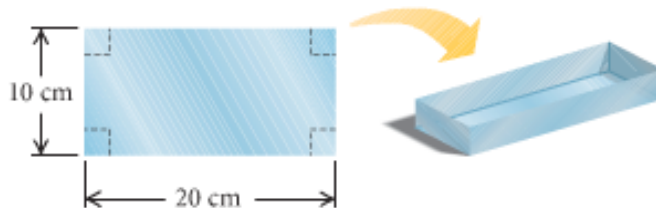
$$x^2 - 30x + 176 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} x - 8 = 0 \rightarrow x = 8 \\ x - 22 = 0 \rightarrow x = 22 \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

An open box is made from a 10-cm by 20-cm of tin by cutting a square from each corner and folding up the edges. The area of the resulting base is  $96 \text{ cm}^2$ . What is the length of the sides of the squares?



### Solution

$$\text{Area of the base} = (20 - 2x)(10 - 2x) = 96$$

$$200 - 40x - 20x + 4x^2 = 96$$

$$4x^2 - 60x + 200 - 96 = 0$$

$$4x^2 - 60x + 104 = 0 \quad \text{Solve for } x$$

$$x = 2, \quad \cancel{x = 8}$$

The length of the sides of the squares is 3-cm

### Exercise

A fourth-grade class decides to enclose a rectangular garden, using the side of the school as one side of the rectangle. What is the maximum area that the class can enclose with 32 ft. of fence? What should the dimensions of the garden be in order to yield this area?

### Solution

$$\text{Perimeter: } P = l + 2w = 32$$

$$l = 32 - 2w$$

$$\text{Area: } A = lw$$

$$A = (32 - 2w)w$$

$$= 32w - 2w^2$$

$$= -2w^2 + 32w$$

$$\text{Vertex: } \underline{w = -\frac{32}{2(-2)} = 8}$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{l = 32 - 2(8) = 16}$$

$$A = lw = (16)(8)$$

$$\underline{= 128 \text{ ft}^2}$$



### Exercise

A rancher needs to enclose two adjacent rectangular corrals, one for cattle and one for sheep. If a river forms one side of the corrals and 240 yd of fencing is available, what is the largest total area that can be enclosed?

### Solution

$$\text{Perimeter: } P = l + 3w = 240$$

$$l = 240 - 3w$$

$$\text{Area: } A = lw$$

$$A = (240 - 3w)w$$

$$= 240w - 3w^2$$

$$= -3w^2 + 240w$$

$$\text{Vertex: } \left[ w = -\frac{240}{2(-3)} = 40 \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ l = 240 - 3(40) = 120 \right]$$

$$A = lw = (120)(40)$$

$$= 4800 \text{ yd}^2$$



### Exercise

A Norman window is a rectangle with a semicircle on top. Sky Blue Windows is designing a Norman window that will require 24 ft. of trim on the outer edges. What dimensions will allow the maximum amount of light to enter a house?

### Solution

$$\text{Perimeter of the semi-circle} = \frac{1}{2}(2\pi x)$$

$$\text{Perimeter of the rectangle} = 2x + 2y$$

$$\text{Total perimeter: } \pi x + 2x + 2y = 24$$

$$2y = 24 - \pi x - 2x$$

$$y = 12 - \frac{\pi}{2}x - x$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(\pi x^2) + (2x)y$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}x^2 + 2x\left(12 - \frac{\pi}{2}x - x\right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}x^2 + 24x - \pi x^2 - 2x^2$$

$$= 24x - \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\right)x^2$$



$$= -\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\right)x^2 + 24x$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{24}{2\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}-2\right)} = -\frac{24}{-2\left(\frac{\pi+4}{2}\right)} = \frac{24}{\pi+4}$$

$$y = 12 - \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{24}{\pi+4} - \frac{24}{\pi+4}$$

$$= \frac{24\pi + 96 - 24\pi - 48}{2(\pi+4)}$$

$$= \frac{24}{\pi+4}$$

### Exercise

A frog leaps from a stump 3.5 ft. high and lands 3.5 ft. from the base of the stump.

It is determined that the height of the frog as a function of its distance,  $x$ , from the base of the stump is given by the function  $h(x) = -0.5x^2 + 0.75x + 3.5$  where  $h$  is in feet.

- How high is the frog when its horizontal distance from the base of the stump is 2 ft.?
- At what two distances from the base of the stump after is jumped was the frog 3.6 ft. above the ground?
- At what distance from the base did the frog reach its highest point?
- What was the maximum height reached by the frog?

### Solution

a) At  $x = 2$  ft. Find  $h(x = 2)$

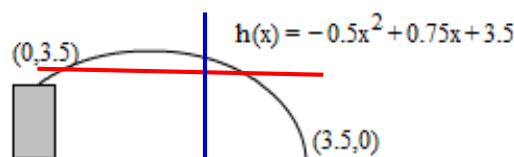
$$h = 3.6 \quad h(2) = -0.5(2^2) + 0.75(2) + 3.5 = 3.6 \text{ ft}$$

$$x = 2 \quad b) \quad h(x) = -0.5x^2 + 0.75x + 3.5 = 3.6$$

$$-0.5x^2 + 0.75x + 3.5 - 3.6 = 0$$

$$-0.5x^2 + 0.75x - .1 = 0$$

$$\text{Solve for } x: \underline{x = 0.1, 1.4 \text{ ft}}$$



c) The distance from the base for the frog to reach the highest point is

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{.75}{2(-.5)} = .75 \text{ ft}$$

d) Maximum height:

$$h(x = .75) = -0.5(.75)^2 + 0.75(.75) + 3.5 = 3.78 \text{ ft}$$

## Exercise

For the graph of the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 6x + 3$

- Find the vertex point
- Find the line of symmetry
- State whether there is a maximum or minimum value *and* find that value
- Find the zeros of  $f(x)$
- Find the y-intercept
- Find the range and the domain of the function.
- Graph the function and label, show part *a thru d* on the plot below:
- On what intervals is the function increasing? Decreasing?

## Solution

a)  $x = -\frac{6}{2(1)} = -3$

$y = f(-3) = (-3)^2 + 6(-3) + 3 = -6$       **Vertex point**  $(-3, -6)$

b) Line of symmetry:  $x = -3$

c) Minimum point, value  $(-3, -6)$

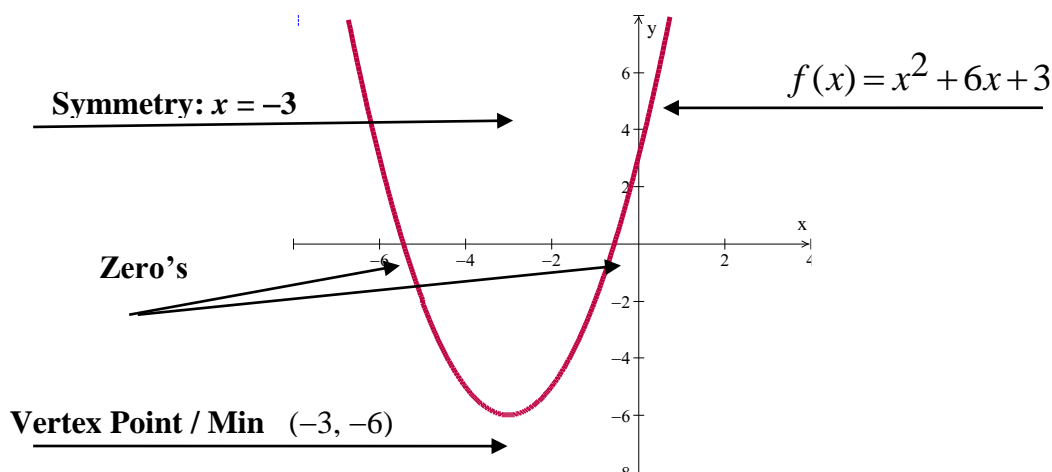
d)  $x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4(1)(3)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 12}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{24}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{6}}{2} = -3 \pm \sqrt{6}$

$$x = \begin{cases} -3 + \sqrt{6} = -0.5 \\ -3 - \sqrt{6} = -5.45 \end{cases}$$

e) y-intercept       $y = 3$

f) Range:  $[-6, \infty)$       Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

g)



h) Decreasing:  $(-\infty, -3)$       Increasing:  $(-3, \infty)$

## ***Solution***      **Section 3.2 – Polynomial Functions**

### ***Exercise***

$f(x)$  Determine the end behavior of the graph of the polynomial function     $f(x) = 5x^3 + 7x^2 - x + 9$

### **Solution**

Leading term:  $5x^3$  with 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ( $n$  is odd)

$$x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow -\infty \quad f(x) \text{ falls left}$$

$$x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow \infty \quad f(x) \text{ rises right}$$

$11x^3$

### ***Exercise***

Determine the end behavior of the graph of the polynomial function     $f(x) = 11x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 3$

### **Solution**

Leading term: with 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ( $n$  is odd)

$$x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow -\infty \quad f(x) \text{ falls left}$$

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### ***Exercise***

Determine the end behavior of the graph of the polynomial function     $f(x) = -11x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 3$

### **Solution**

Leading term:  $-11x^3$  with 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ( $n$  is odd)

$$x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow \infty \quad f(x) \text{ rises left}$$

$$x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow -\infty \quad f(x) \text{ falls right}$$

### ***Exercise***

Determine the end behavior of the graph of the polynomial function     $f(x) = 5x^4 + 7x^2 - x + 9$

### **Solution**

Leading term:  $5x^4$  with 4<sup>th</sup> degree ( $n$  is even)

$$x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow \infty \quad f(x) \text{ rises left}$$

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### Exercise

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = x^3 - x - 1$ ; between 1 and 2

#### Solution

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - (1) - 1 = -1$$

$$f(2) = (2)^3 - (2) - 1 = 5$$

Since  $f(1)$  and  $f(2)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between 1 and 2.

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2$ ; between 0 and 1

### **Solution**

$$f(0) = (0)^3 - 4(0)^2 + 2 = 2$$

$$f(1) = (1)^3 - 4(1)^2 + 2 = -1$$

Since  $f(0)$  and  $f(1)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between 0 and 1.

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = 2x^4 - 4x^2 + 1$ ; between -1 and 0

### **Solution**

$$f(-1) = 2(-1)^4 - 4(-1)^2 + 1 = -1$$

$$f(0) = 2(0)^4 - 4(0)^2 + 1 = 1$$

Since  $f(0)$  and  $f(-1)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between -1 and 0.

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = x^4 + 6x^3 - 18x^2$ ; between 2 and 3

### **Solution**

$$f(2) = (2)^4 + 6(2)^3 - 18(2)^2 = -8$$

$$f(3) = (3)^4 + 6(3)^3 - 18(3)^2 = 81$$

Since  $f(2)$  and  $f(3)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between 2 and 3.

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 1$ ; between -3 and -2

### **Solution**

$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 + (-3)^2 - 2(-3) + 1 = -11$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3 + (-2)^2 - 2(-2) + 1 = 1$$

Since  $f(-3)$  and  $f(-2)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between  $-2$  and  $-3$ .

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = x^5 - x^3 - 1$ ; between 1 and 2

#### **Solution**

$$f(1) = (1)^5 - (1)^3 - 1 = -1$$

$$f(2) = (2)^5 - (2)^3 - 1 = 23$$

Since  $f(1)$  and  $f(2)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between 1 and 2.

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 10x + 9$ ; between  $-3$  and  $-2$

#### **Solution**

$$f(-3) = 3(-3)^3 - 10(-3) + 9 = -42$$

$$f(-2) = 3(-2)^3 - 10(-2) + 9 = 5$$

Since  $f(-3)$  and  $f(-2)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between  $-3$  and  $-2$ .

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 8x^2 + x + 2$ ; between 2 and 3

#### **Solution**

$$f(2) = 3(2)^3 - 8(2)^2 + (2) + 2 = -4$$

$$f(3) = 3(3)^3 - 8(3)^2 + (3) + 2 = 14$$

Since  $f(2)$  and  $f(3)$  have opposite signs; therefore, the polynomial has a real zero between 2 and 3.

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 8x^2 + x + 2$ ; *between 1 and 2*

### **Solution**

$$f(1) = 3(1)^3 - 8(1)^2 + (1) + 2 = -2$$

$$f(2) = 3(2)^3 - 8(2)^2 + (2) + 2 = -4$$

Since  $f(1)$  and  $f(2)$  have same signs; therefore, cannot be determined.

### ***Exercise***

Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.  $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x - 3$ ; *between 0 and 1*

### **Solution**

$$f(0) = (0)^5 + 2(0)^4 - 6(0)^3 + 2(0) - 3 = -3$$

$$f(1) = (1)^5 + 2(1)^4 - 6(1)^3 + 2(1) - 3 = -4$$

Since  $f(0)$  and  $f(1)$  have same signs; therefore, cannot be determined.

## ***Solution***      **Section 3.3 – Properties of Division**

### ***Exercise***

Find the quotient and remainder if  $f(x)$  is divided by  $p(x)$ :  $f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 7x - 12$ ;  $p(x) = x^2 - 3$

### **Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{x^2 - 3} \overline{2x^4 - x^3 + 0x^2 + 7x - 12} \\ \phantom{x^2 - 3} \underline{2x^4 \phantom{- x^3} - 6x^2} \phantom{+ 7x - 12} \\ \phantom{x^2 - 3} \phantom{2x^4 -} -x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x \phantom{- 12} \\ \phantom{x^2 - 3} \phantom{2x^4 -} \underline{-x^3 \phantom{+ 6x^2} + 3x} \phantom{- 12} \\ \phantom{x^2 - 3} \phantom{2x^4 -} \phantom{-x^3 +} 6x^2 + 4x - 12 \\ \phantom{x^2 - 3} \phantom{2x^4 -} \phantom{-x^3 +} \underline{6x^2 \phantom{+ 4x} - 18} \\ \phantom{x^2 - 3} \phantom{2x^4 -} \phantom{-x^3 +} \phantom{6x^2 -} 4x + 6 \end{array}$$

$$Q(x) = 2x^2 - x + 6; \quad R(x) = 4x + 6$$

### ***Exercise***

Find the quotient and remainder if  $f(x)$  is divided by  $p(x)$ :  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x - 4$ ;  $p(x) = 2x^2 + 1$

### **Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{2x^2 + 1} \overline{3x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x - 4} \\ \phantom{2x^2 + 1} \underline{3x^3 \phantom{+ 0x^2} + \frac{3}{2}x} \phantom{- 4} \\ \phantom{2x^2 + 1} \phantom{3x^3 +} \frac{1}{2}x - 4 \end{array}$$

$$Q(x) = \frac{3}{2}x; \quad R(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$$

### ***Exercise***

Find the quotient and remainder if  $f(x)$  is divided by  $p(x)$ :  $f(x) = 7x + 2$ ;  $p(x) = 2x^2 - x - 4$

### **Solution**

$$Q(x) = 0; \quad R(x) = 7x + 2$$

### Exercise

Find the quotient and remainder if  $f(x)$  is divided by  $p(x)$ :  $f(x) = 9x + 4$ ;  $p(x) = 2x - 5$

### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{9}{2} \\ 2x-5 \overline{) 9x+4} \\ \underline{9x-\frac{45}{2}} \\ -\frac{37}{2} \end{array}$$

$$Q(x) = \frac{9}{2}; \quad R(x) = -\frac{37}{2}$$

### Exercise

Use the remainder theorem to find  $f(c)$ :  $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 4x - 8$ ;  $c = -3$

### Solution

$$f(-3) = (-3)^4 - 6(-3)^2 + 4(-3) - 8 = 7$$

### Exercise

Use the remainder theorem to find  $f(c)$ :  $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^2 - 12$ ;  $c = -2$

### Solution

$$f(-2) = (-2)^4 + 3(-2)^2 - 12 = 16$$

### Exercise

Use the factor theorem to show that  $x - c$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ :  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 12$ ;  $c = -3$

### Solution

$$f(-3) = (-3)^3 + (-3)^2 - 2(-3) + 12 = 0$$

From the factor theorem;  $x + 3$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

### Exercise

Use the synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder if the first polynomial is divided by the second:  $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 5$ ;  $x - 2$

### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 2 & -3 & 4 & -5 \\ & & 4 & 2 & 12 \\ \hline & 2 & 1 & 6 & \boxed{7} \end{array}$$

$$Q(x) = 2x^2 + x + 6 \quad R(x) = 7$$

### Exercise

Use the synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder if the first polynomial is divided by the second:  $5x^3 - 6x^2 + 15$ ;  $x - 4$

### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 4 & 5 & -6 & 0 & 15 \\ & & 20 & 56 & 224 \\ \hline & 5 & 14 & 56 & \boxed{239} \end{array}$$

$$Q(x) = 5x^2 + 14x + 56 \quad R(x) = 239$$

### Exercise

Use the synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder if the first polynomial is divided by the second:  $9x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x - 4$ ;  $x - \frac{1}{3}$

### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} \frac{1}{3} & 9 & -6 & 3 & -4 \\ & & 3 & -1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ \hline & 9 & -3 & 2 & \boxed{-\frac{10}{3}} \end{array}$$

$$Q(x) = 9x^2 - 3x + 2 \quad R(x) = -\frac{10}{3}$$

### Exercise

Use the synthetic division to find  $f(c)$ :  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 4$ ;  $c = 3$

### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 3 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 4 \\ & & 9 & 36 & 93 \\ \hline & 3 & 12 & 32 & \boxed{97} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{f(3) = 97}$$

**Exercise**

Use the synthetic division to find  $f(c)$ :  $f(x) = 8x^5 - 3x^2 + 7$ ;  $c = \frac{1}{2}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} \frac{1}{2} & 8 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 7 \\ & & 4 & 2 & 1 & -1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline & 8 & 4 & 2 & -2 & -1 & \boxed{\frac{13}{2}} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{13}{2}}$$

**Exercise**

Use the synthetic division to find  $f(c)$ :  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 8$ ;  $c = 1 + \sqrt{2}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 + \sqrt{2} & 3 & -3 & 0 & -8 \\ & & 3 + 3\sqrt{2} & 6 + 3\sqrt{2} & 12 + 9\sqrt{2} \\ \hline & 3 & 3\sqrt{2} & 6 + 3\sqrt{2} & \boxed{4 + 9\sqrt{2}} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{f(1 + \sqrt{2}) = 4 + 9\sqrt{2}}$$

**Exercise**

Use the synthetic division to show that  $c$  is a zero of  $f(x)$ :  $f(x) = 3x^4 + 8x^3 - 2x^2 - 10x + 4$ ;  $c = -2$

**Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -2 & 3 & 8 & -2 & -10 & 4 \\ & & -6 & -4 & 12 & -4 \\ \hline & 3 & 2 & -6 & 2 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{f(-2) = 0}$$

**Exercise**

Use the synthetic division to show that  $c$  is a zero of  $f(x)$ :  $f(x) = 27x^4 - 9x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x + 1$ ;  $c = -\frac{1}{3}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -\frac{1}{3} & 27 & -9 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ & & -9 & 6 & -3 & -1 \\ \hline & 27 & -18 & 9 & 3 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{f\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0}$$



### Exercise

Find all values of  $k$  such that  $f(x)$  is divisible by the given linear polynomial:

$$f(x) = kx^3 + x^2 + k^2x + 3k^2 + 11; \quad x + 2$$

### Solution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & k & 1 & k^2 & 3k^2 + 11 \\ & & -2k & 4k - 2 & -2k^2 - 8k + 4 \\ \hline & k & 1 - 2k & k^2 + 4k - 2 & k^2 - 8k + 15 \end{array}$$

$$k^2 - 8k + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{k = 3, 5}$$

### Exercise

Find all solutions of the equation:  $x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$

### Solution

$$\text{possibilities for } \frac{c}{d} : \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8}{\pm 1}$$

Using the calculator, the result will show that the solutions are:  $x = -1, -2, 4$

### Exercise

Find all solutions of the equation:  $x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 24 = 0$

### Solution

$$\text{possibilities for } \frac{c}{d} : \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 12, \pm 24}{\pm 1}$$

Using the calculator, the result will show that the solutions are:  $\boxed{x = -2}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 1 & -14 & -24 \\ & & -2 & 2 & 24 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & -12 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

We have the factorization of:  $(x + 2)(x^2 - x - 12) = 0$

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

### Exercise

Find all solutions of the equation:  $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30 = 0$

### Solution

possibilities for  $\frac{c}{d}$ :  $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 6, \pm 10, \pm 15, \pm 30}{\pm 1, \pm 2}$

Using the calculator, the result will show that the solutions are:  $x = 2$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 2 & -3 & -17 & 30 \\ & & 4 & 2 & -30 \\ \hline & 2 & 1 & -15 & 0 \end{array}$$

We have the factorization of:  $(x - 2)(2x^2 + x - 15) = 0$

$$2x^2 + x - 15 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3, \frac{5}{2}$$

### Exercise

Find all solutions of the equation:  $12x^3 + 8x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$

### Solution

possibilities for  $\frac{c}{d}$ :  $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2}{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 12}$

Using the calculator, the result will show that the solutions are:  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} \frac{1}{2} & 12 & 8 & -3 & -2 \\ & & 6 & 7 & 2 \\ \hline & 12 & 14 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$$

We have the factorization of:  $(x - \frac{1}{2})(12x^2 + 14x + 4) = 0$

$$12x^2 + 14x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

### Exercise

Find all solutions of the equation:  $x^4 + 3x^3 - 30x^2 - 6x + 56 = 0$

### Solution

possibilities for  $\frac{c}{d}$ :  $\frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 7, \pm 8, \pm 14, \dots, \pm 56}{\pm 1}$

Using the calculator, the result will show that the solutions are:  $x = 4$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 4 & 1 & 3 & -30 & -6 & 56 \\ & & 4 & 28 & -8 & -56 \\ \hline & 1 & 7 & -2 & -14 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

We have the factorization of:  $(x-4)(x^3+7x^2-2x-14)=0$

$$\text{For } x^3+7x^2-2x-14 \Rightarrow \frac{c}{d} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 7, \pm 14}{\pm 1}$$

$x=-7$  is another solution.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -7 & 1 & 7 & -2 & -14 \\ & & -7 & 0 & 14 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & -2 & \boxed{0} \end{array}$$

We have the factorization of:  $(x+4)(x+7)(x^2-2)=0$

$$\text{By applying quadratic formula to solve: } x^2-2=0 \Rightarrow x=\pm\sqrt{2}$$

### ***Exercise***

Find all solutions of the equation:  $3x^5-10x^4-6x^3+24x^2+11x-6=0$

### **Solution**

$$x=-1, -1, \frac{1}{3}, 2, 3$$

### ***Exercise***

Find all solutions of the equation:  $6x^5+19x^4+x^3-6x^2=0$

### **Solution**

$$x^2(6x^3+19x^2+x-6)=0$$

$$x=0, 0, -\frac{2}{3}, -3, \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

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

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