

1.7 Rational Functions and End Behavior

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Directions: For each of the following rational functions write the **equation** of the asymptote. Then write the **left** and **right** limit statements to describe the end behavior.

$$1. f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 1}{2x^2 + 5x + 7}$$

[Horizontal]

Equation: $y = \frac{3}{2}$

Left: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \frac{3}{2}$

Right: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \frac{3}{2}$

$$2. \quad h(x) = \frac{5x^3 - 2x^2 - 1}{x^4 - 6}$$

[Horizontal]

Equation: $y=0$

Left: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} h(x) = 0$

Right: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = 0$

$$3. \quad p(x) = \frac{3x^2(3x-1)^2}{2x^2+3x+5}$$

[Horizontal]

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Equation: $y = \frac{9}{2}$

Left: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} p(x) = \frac{9}{2}$

Right: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} p(x) = \frac{9}{2}$

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

[Slant] $x-1=0$
 $x=1$

5. $k(x) = \frac{6x^3 + 2x + 3}{2x^2 - 11x + 4}$

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

~~[Start]~~ [Neither]

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$$

Equation:

Left: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

Right: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

Equation:

Left: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} k(x) = -\infty$

Right: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} k(x) = \infty$

Equation:

Left: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty$

Right: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x \\ 2x^2 - 11x + 4 \overline{) 6x^3 + 2x + 3} \\ \underline{6x^3 - 33x + 12x} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -35x - 8 \\ 3x + 16.5 \\ \hline 2x^2 - 11x + 4 \overline{) 6x^3 + 0x^2 + 2x + 3} \\ \underline{6x^3 + 33x^2 + 12x} \\ +33x^2 - 10x + 3 \end{array}$$

Equation:

Left: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty$

Right: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 2) & 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ & & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ & & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array}$$

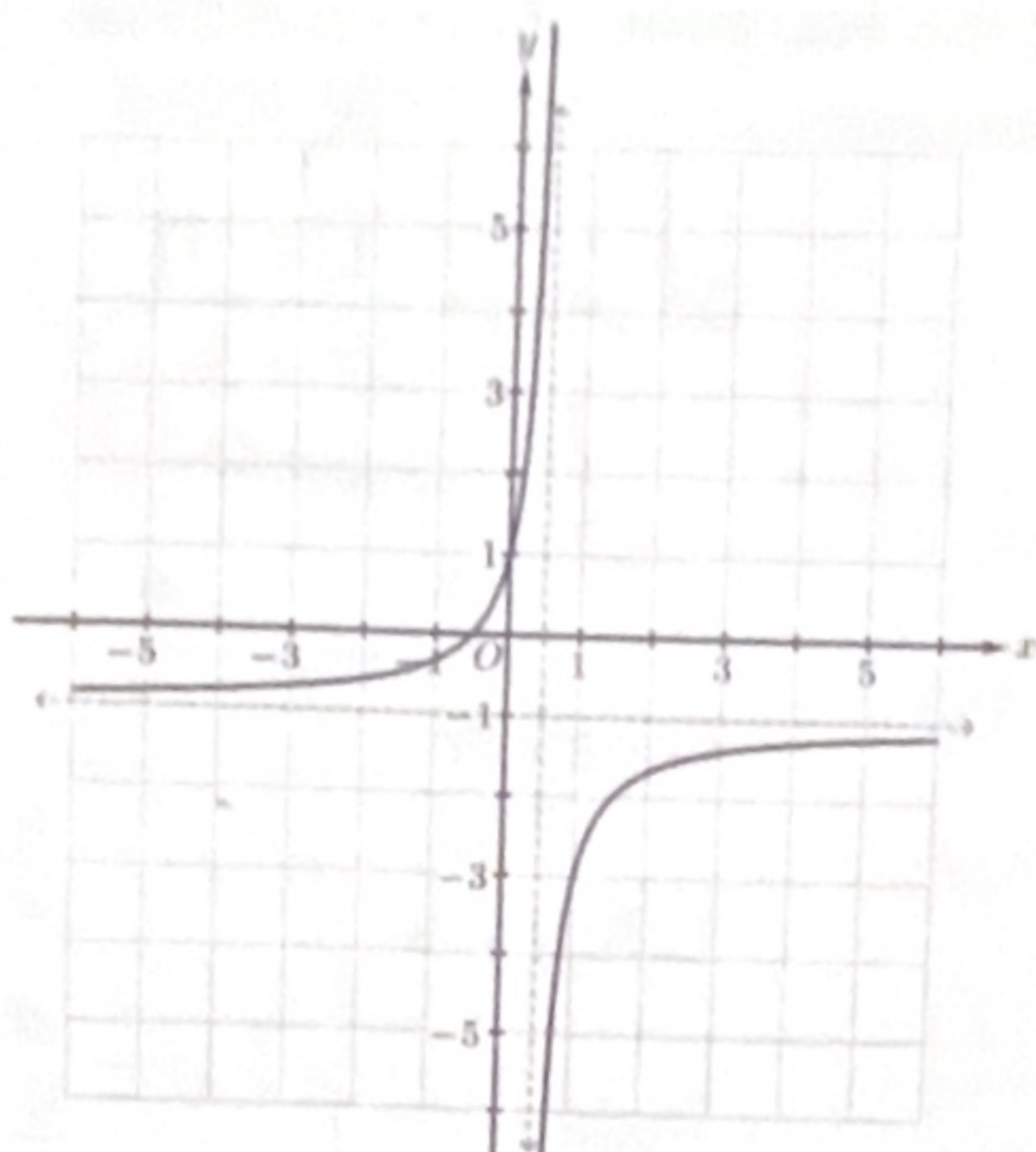
$$x^2 - 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \mid 1 \quad 2-1-2 \\ \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 14 \end{array}$$

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Directions: Write a limit statement describing the output values for the following graphs and verbal descriptions of the input values.

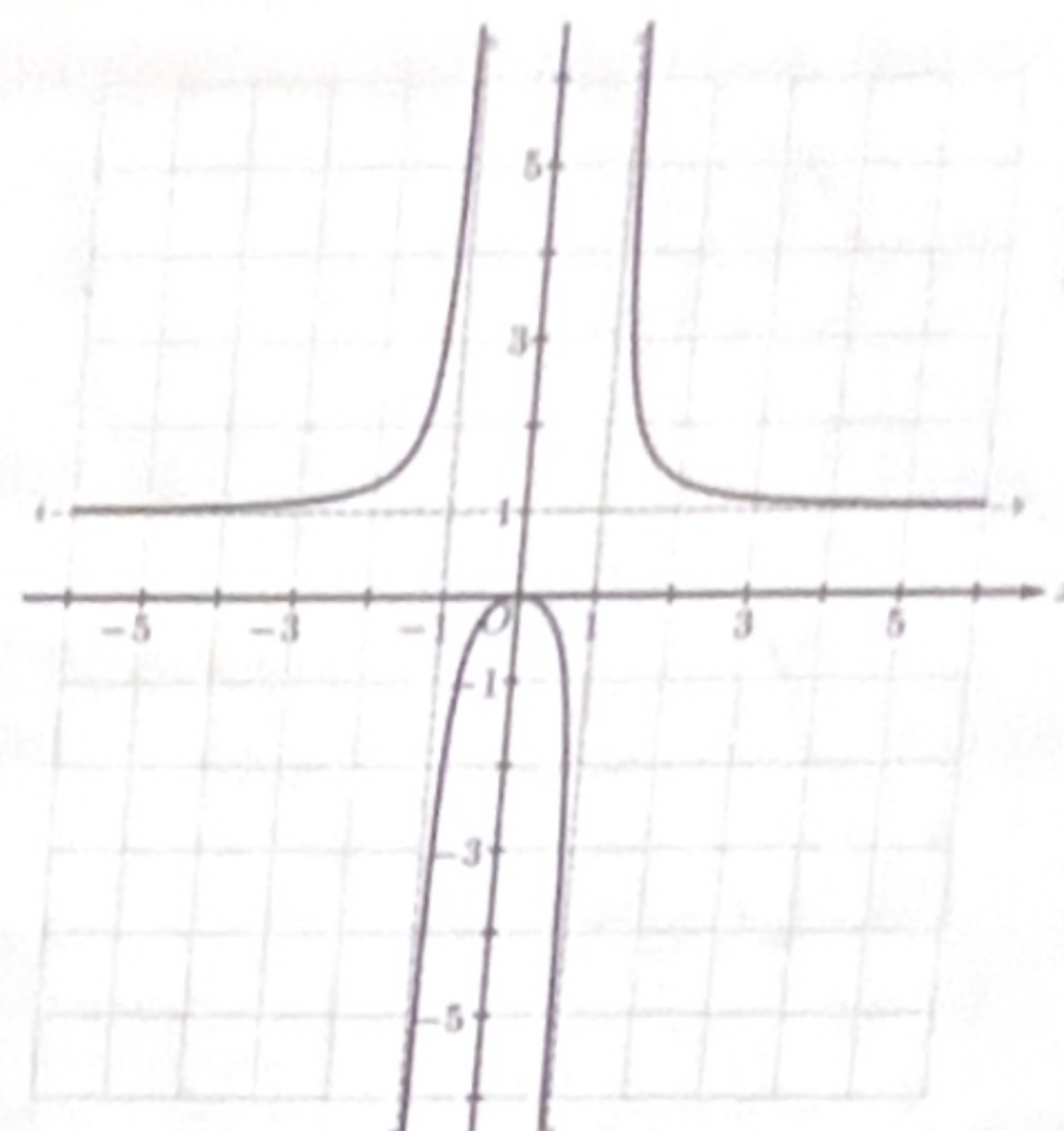
13. The input values decrease without bound



Graph of $f(x)$

13. Limit Statement: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -1$

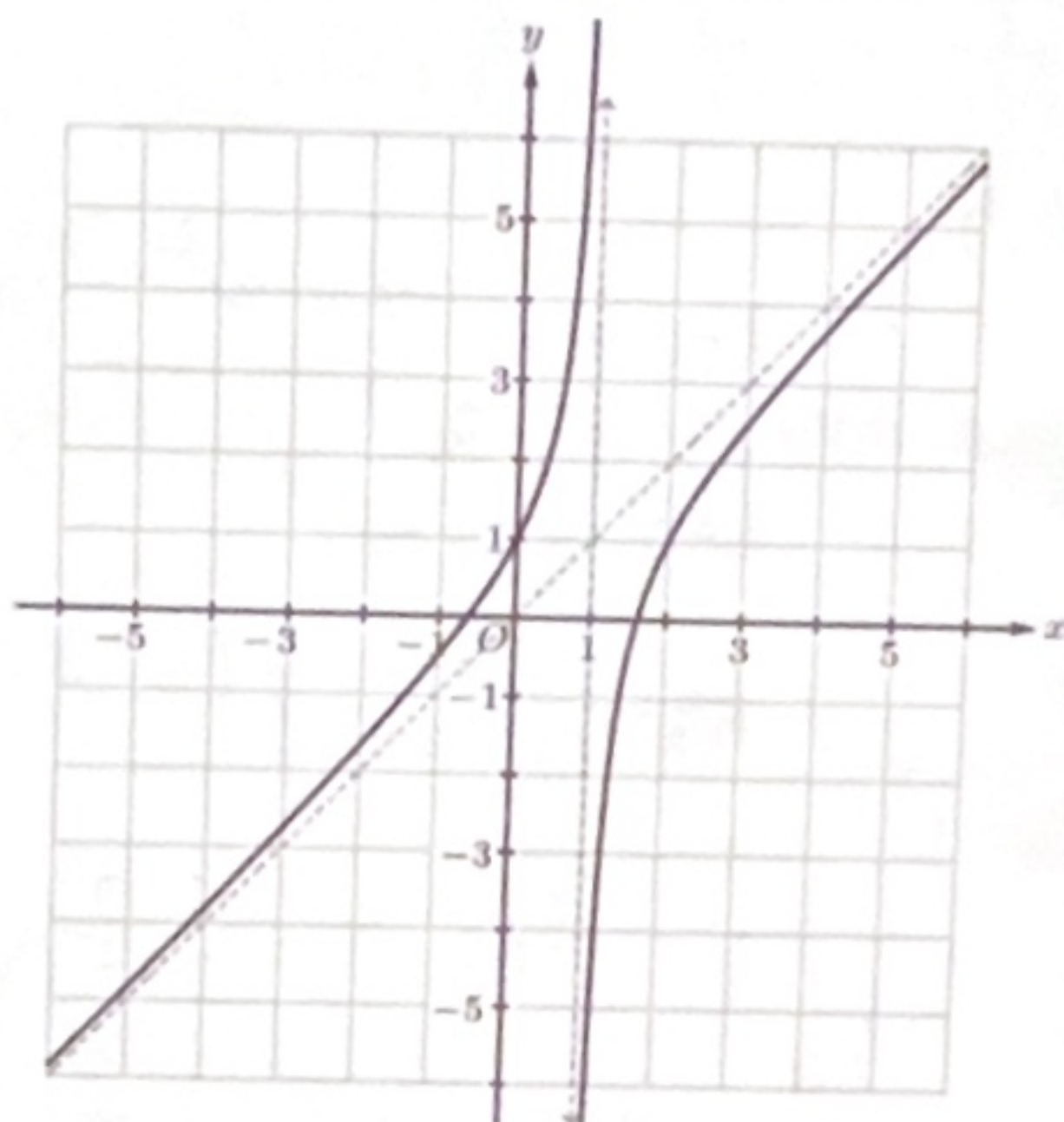
14. The input values increase without bound



Graph of $g(x)$

14. Limit Statement: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 1$

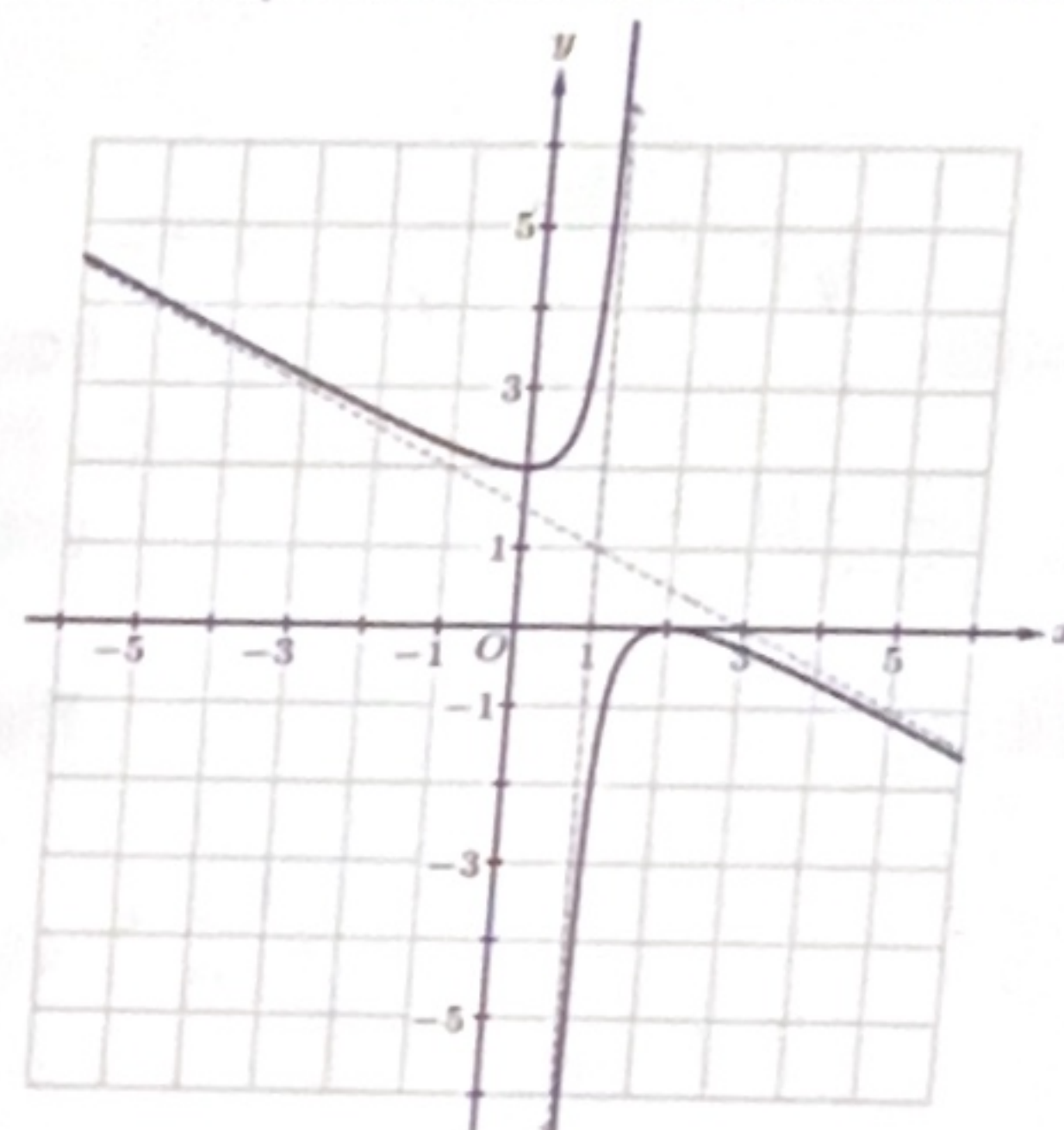
15. The input values increase without bound



Graph of $h(x)$

15. Limit Statement: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = \infty$

16. The input values decrease without bound



Graph of $k(x)$

16. Limit Statement: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} k(x) = \infty$