

Answer Key

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Honors Algebra II – Practice with Graphing Rationals

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Find the asymptotes of the function and sketch the graph.

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

V.A. $\rightarrow x=4$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=1$

y-int $(0, -\frac{1}{4})$

x-int $(-1, 0)$

2. $f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x^2-9}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=3$ $x=-3$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=0$

y-int $(0, \frac{2}{3})$

x-int $(-6, 0)$

3. $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2+x-12} = \frac{x-3}{(x+4)(x-3)}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=-4$

HOLE @ $(3, y_1)$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=0$

y-int $(0, \frac{1}{4})$

x-int NONE (3 isn't in domain)

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

V.A. $\rightarrow x=3$ $x=-2$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=0$

y-int $(0, \frac{2}{3})$

x-int $(4, 0)$

5. $f(x) = \frac{x^2-4x-21}{x^2-9} = \frac{(x-7)(x+3)}{(x-3)(x+3)}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=3$

HOLE @ $(-3, \frac{5}{3})$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=1$

y-int $(0, \frac{1}{3})$

x-int $(7, 0)$

6. $f(x) = \frac{1-x^2}{x^2-4x-5} = \frac{(1-x)(1+x)}{(x-5)(x+1)}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=5$

HOLE @ $(-1, \frac{1}{3})$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=-1$

y-int $(0, -\frac{1}{5})$

x-int $(1, 0)$

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

V.A. $\rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3}$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=\frac{4}{9}$

y-int $(0, 1)$

x-int $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

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

V.A. \rightarrow None

H.A. $\rightarrow y=0$

y-int $(0, \frac{1}{6})$

x-int $(-\frac{1}{4}, 0)$

* 9. $f(x) = \frac{5+x}{2x^3+8x^2+x-2}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=-3.8$ $x=-.6$ $x=.4$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=0$

y-int $(0, -\frac{5}{2})$

x-int $(-5, 0)$

10. $f(x) = \frac{2x^3-x^2-18x+9}{3x^3+3x^2-36x} = \frac{(x+3)(x-3)(2x-1)}{3x(x+4)(x-3)}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=0$ $x=-4$ HOLE @ $(3, \frac{10}{11})$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=\frac{2}{3}$

y-int \rightarrow None

x-int $\rightarrow (-3, 0)$; $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

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

V.A. $\rightarrow x=2$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=x+5$

y-int $(0, 2)$

x-int $(-4, 0)$; $(1, 0)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+5 + \cancel{x-2} \\ \hline \cancel{x^2+3x-4} \\ \hline 5x-4 \\ \hline -(5x-10) \\ \hline 6 \end{array}$$

12. $f(x) = \frac{2x^2+9x-5}{x+3} = \frac{(2x-1)(x+5)}{x+3}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=-3$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=2x+3$

y-int $(0, -\frac{5}{3})$

x-int $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$; $(-5, 0)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x+3 \\ \hline 2x^2+9x-5 \\ \hline -(2x^2+6x) \\ \hline 3x-5 \\ \hline -(3x+9) \\ \hline -14 \end{array}$$

13. $f(x) = \frac{5x^2-8x-4}{5x} = \frac{(5x+2)(x-2)}{5x}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=0$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=-\frac{8}{5}$

y-int \rightarrow None

x-int $(-\frac{2}{5}, 0)$; $(2, 0)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-2/5 \\ \hline 5x^2-8x-4 \\ \hline 5x^2 \\ \hline -8x-4 \end{array}$$

14. $f(x) = \frac{x^3-5x^2-4x+20}{x^2-1} = \frac{(x+2)(x-2)(x-5)}{(x+1)(x-1)}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=-1$ $x=1$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=x-5$

y-int $(0, -20)$

x-int $(-2, 0)$; $(2, 0)$; $(5, 0)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-5 \\ \hline x^3-5x^2-4x+20 \\ \hline x^3+0x^2-x \\ \hline -5x^2-3x+20 \\ \hline -(5x^2+0x+5) \\ \hline -3x+15 \end{array}$$

15. $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x - 12}{x^2 - x - 6}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=3, x=-2$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=x-8$

Y-int $(0, 2)$

X-int $(8, 8), (1, 0)$

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

V.A. $\rightarrow x=-1$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=x-3$

Y-int $(0, -4)$

X-int $\rightarrow (-.928, 0), (2.82, 0)$

17. $f(x) = \frac{2x^4 - 4x^3 + x - 9}{1-x^4} = \frac{\cancel{2x^3}(x-3)}{(1-x^2)(1+x)^2}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=1, x=-1$

H.A. $\rightarrow y=-2$

Y-int $= (0, -9)$

X-int $\rightarrow (-1.17, 0), (2.28, 0)$

* USE CALC
for X-int

18. $f(x) = \frac{x^4 + 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 4}{x^3 - x^2} = \frac{\cancel{x^2}(x+4)}{x^2(x-1)}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=0, x=1$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=x+4$

Y-int \rightarrow None

X-int $\rightarrow (1.5, 0), (-4.23, 0)$

19. $f(x) = \frac{5x^4 - x^2 + 3x - 4}{x^3 + 2x^2} = \frac{\cancel{x^2}(5x^2 - 1)}{x^2(x+2)}$

V.A. $\rightarrow x=0, x=-2$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=5x-10$

Y-int \rightarrow None

X-int $\rightarrow (-1.15, 0), (.816, 0)$

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

V.A. $\rightarrow x=0, x=4$

H.A. \rightarrow None

Slant $\rightarrow y=3x+14$

Y-int \rightarrow None

X-int $\rightarrow (1, 0), (-1.35, 0)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ \times & 3 & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 10 \end{array}$$

$$3x^3 + 5x^2 + 5x + 5$$