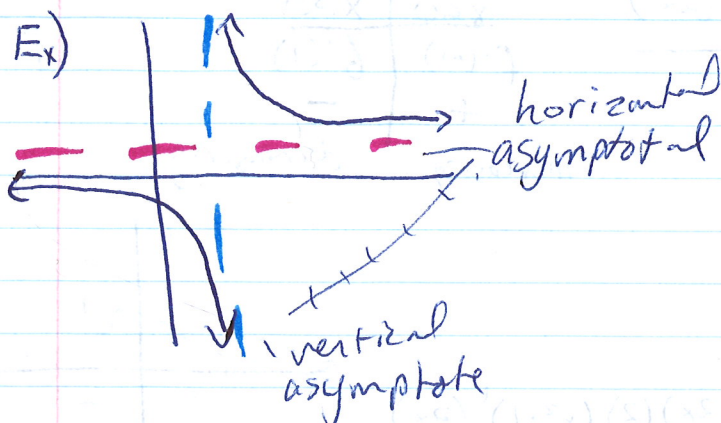


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Rational Functions

$$R(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}, \quad Q(x) \neq 0$$

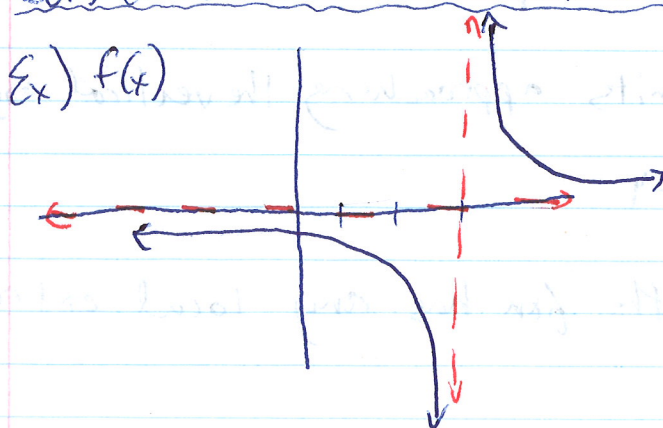


Vertical Asymptotes happen where the function is undefined (because the denominator would be zero)

Horizontal Asymptotes happen when:

- 1) degree of denom > degree of numerator $y=0$
- 2) degree of numerator > degree of denominator
divide denom into numerator + throw away remainder
- 3) degrees are equal
divide each leading coefficient

Let's combine Rational Functions with Limits



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \left(\frac{1}{x-3} \right) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \left(\frac{1}{x-3} \right) = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x-3} \right) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{1}{x-3} \right) = 0$$

Ex) For $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$, find the increasing and decreasing intervals and any points of inflection

$$f'(x) = \frac{0(x^2+1) - (1)(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

$$0 = \frac{-2x}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

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

$$x = 0$$

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

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

$$0 = \frac{6x^2 - 2}{(x^2+1)^3}$$

$$0 = 6x^2 - 2$$

$$\frac{2}{6} = x^2$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x < -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \quad x > -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \quad x < \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \quad x > \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ +	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ -	$x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ +
concave up	concave down	concave up

HW ① Find the one sided limits approaching the vertical asymptotes of $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x^2+2x-4}$

② Determine whether the fcn has any local extrema $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-4}$