

# Math 1050 ~ College Algebra

## 14 Graphs with Holes and Variations on Asymptotes

### Learning Objectives

$$\begin{aligned} -3x + 4y &= 5 \\ 2x - y &= -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n z^k = \frac{1-z^{n+1}}{1-z}$$

- Identify holes in the graph of a rational function.
- Graph rational functions without vertical asymptotes.
- Find slant (oblique) asymptotes.
- Graph rational functions having slant asymptotes.

Since there can be no points on the vertical asymptotes, what happens in an example like this?

Note: To graph a rational fn, add to your steps to ① simplify completely and ② find all holes (before finding VA, etc.)

Ex 1: Analyze and graph.

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

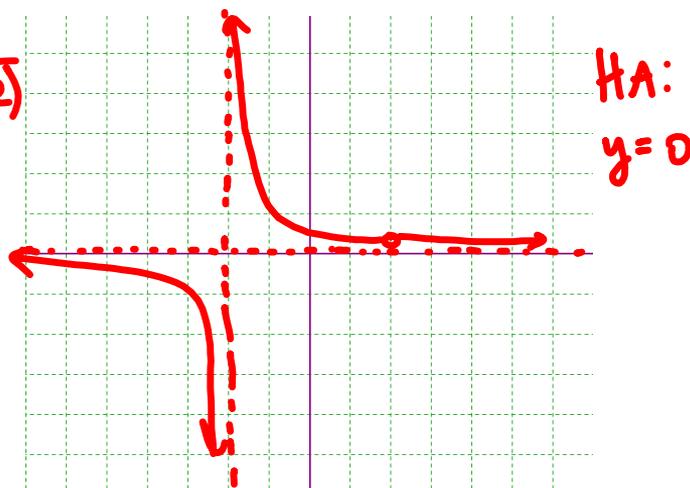
$$H(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$$

we lost info that

$$x \neq 2$$

$$\text{hole: } (2, \frac{1}{4}) \quad y = \frac{1}{2+2}$$

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



Graphing Rational Functions with No Vertical Asymptotes

Ex 2: Analyze and graph.  $H(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x^2+2}$

VA: none

HA:  $y=0$

no holes

x-int:

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

$0 = 2x + 3$

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

y-int:

$(0, \frac{3}{2})$

$y = \frac{0+3}{0+2} = \frac{3}{2}$



← - + → sign line  
 $\frac{3}{2}$

## SA

### Identifying Slant (Oblique) Asymptotes

Strategy to find SA:

① look for HA first.  
If there is NO HA, then

① do long division (i.e. divide denominator of rational fn into its numerator)

②  $y =$  result of division WITHOUT remainder is SA.

NOTE: these may or may not be lines. Slant asymptotes describe end behavior, which could be curvy.

NOTE: we only look for SA when degree of numerator  $>$  degree of denominator.

Ex 3: Analyze and graph.

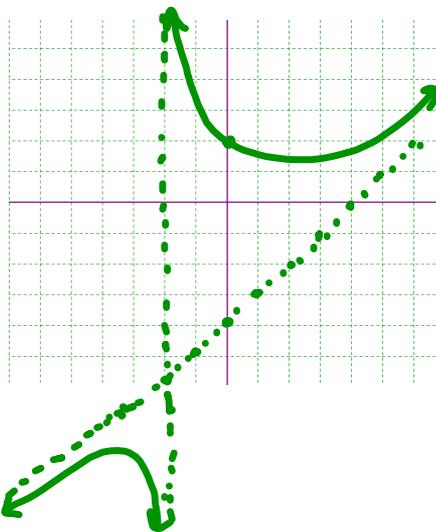
$$H(x) = \frac{x^2 - x + 6}{x + 3}$$

(numerator does not factor)  
 $\Rightarrow$  no holes

VA:  $x = -3$

HA: none  
need to look for SA.

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



x-int:  
 $D = x^2 - x + 6$   
N.S.  
**no x-int.**

y-int:  
 $y = \frac{6}{3} = 2$   
**(0, 2)**

$$H(x) = x - 4 + \frac{18}{x + 3}$$

$\Rightarrow$  SA:  $y = x - 4$

Ex 4: Analyze and graph.

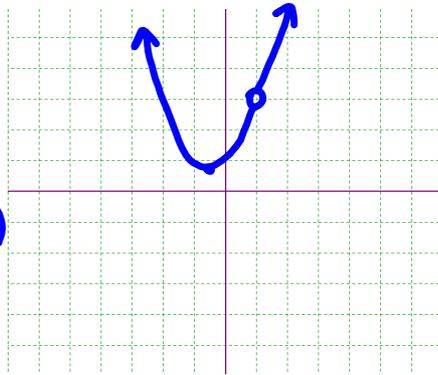
$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1}$$

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

$$f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$$

hole: (1, 3)

$$y = 1^2 + 1 + 1 = 3$$



no VA  
no HA

vertex:

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

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$$