

Practice 9-3

Rational Functions and Their Graphs

Find any points of discontinuity for each rational function.

1. $y = \frac{x + 3}{(x - 4)(x + 3)}$

2. $y = \frac{x - 2}{x^2 - 4}$

3. $y = \frac{(x - 3)(x + 1)}{(x - 2)}$

4. $y = \frac{3x(x + 2)}{x(x + 2)}$

5. $y = \frac{2}{(x + 1)}$

6. $y = \frac{4x}{x^3 - 9x}$

Find the horizontal asymptote of the graph of each rational function.

7. $y = \frac{2}{x - 6}$

8. $y = \frac{x + 2}{x - 4}$

9. $y = \frac{(x + 3)}{2(x + 4)}$

10. $y = \frac{2x^2 + 3}{x^2 - 6}$

11. $y = \frac{3x - 12}{x^2 - 2}$

12. $y = \frac{3x^3 - 4x + 2}{2x^3 + 3}$

Sketch the graph of each rational function.

13. $y = \frac{3}{x - 2}$

14. $y = \frac{3}{(x - 2)(x + 2)}$

15. $y = \frac{x}{x(x - 6)}$

16. $y = \frac{2x}{x - 6}$

17. $y = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 - 4}$

18. $y = \frac{2x^2 + 10x + 12}{x^2 - 9}$

19. $y = \frac{x}{x^2 + 4}$

20. $y = \frac{x + 2}{x - 1}$

21. $y = \frac{x + 3}{x + 1}$

Describe the vertical asymptotes and holes for the graph of each rational function.

22. $y = \frac{x - 2}{(x + 2)(x - 2)}$

23. $y = -\frac{x}{x(x - 1)}$

24. $y = \frac{5 - x}{x^2 - 1}$

25. $y = \frac{x^2 - 2}{x + 2}$

26. $y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 4}$

27. $y = \frac{x + 3}{x^2 - 9}$

28. $y = \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 4}$

29. $y = \frac{(x - 2)(2x + 3)}{(5x + 4)(x - 3)}$

30. $y = \frac{15x^2 - 7x - 2}{x^2 - 4}$

31. Suppose you start a home business typing technical research papers for college students. You must spend \$3500 to replace your computer system. Then you estimate the cost of typing each page will be \$.02.

- Write a rational function modeling your average cost per page. Graph the function.
- How many pages must you type to bring your average cost per page to less than \$1.50 per page, the amount you plan to charge?
- How many pages must you type to have the average cost per page equal \$1.00?
- How many pages must you type to have the average cost per page equal \$.50?
- What are the vertical and horizontal asymptotes of the graph of the function?

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