

Unit 4 Lesson 5

Graphs of Rational Functions

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$$i \ 22) \ ((3x+4)^2 = (x)^2$$

$$3x+4 = x^2$$

$$0 = x^2 - 3x - 4$$

$$0 = (x-4)(x+1)$$

$$x=4 \quad x=-1$$

$$(\sqrt{x+5})^2 = (-3)^2$$

$$x+5 = 9$$

$$-5 \quad -5$$

$$x=4$$



$$2\sqrt{x+3} - 7 = 3$$

$$+7 \quad +7$$

$$2\sqrt{x+3} = 10$$

$$\frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{10}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x+3} = 5$$

$$x+3 = 25$$

$$-3 \quad -3$$

$$x=22$$

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Math 2 – Honors
 Unit 4 – Radical & Rational Functions
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➤ A rational function is a function that can be written as the ratio of two polynomials where the denominator does not equal zero.

➤ $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ where $q(x) \neq 0$

❖ Steps to graph a rational function: $y = \frac{n}{x-h} + k$

1) Determine the location of the asymptotes based on the transformations:

A) Vertical asymptotes are placed based on the **horizontal translation**: $x = h$


B) Horizontal asymptotes are placed based on the **vertical translation**: $y = k$

2) **Vertical Stretch or Compression**: n tells us how far the branches have been stretched from the asymptotes. We can use it to help us find out corner points to start our branches.

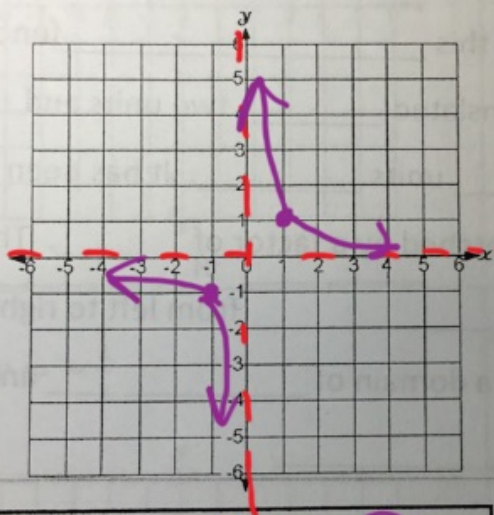
Distance from asymptotes = \sqrt{n}

3) Look at the table on the calculator for other points and then sketch the two branches.

Handwritten notes: $(x-h)^2 + k$
 L, R
 0
 up & down

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1. $y = \frac{1}{x+0} + 0$



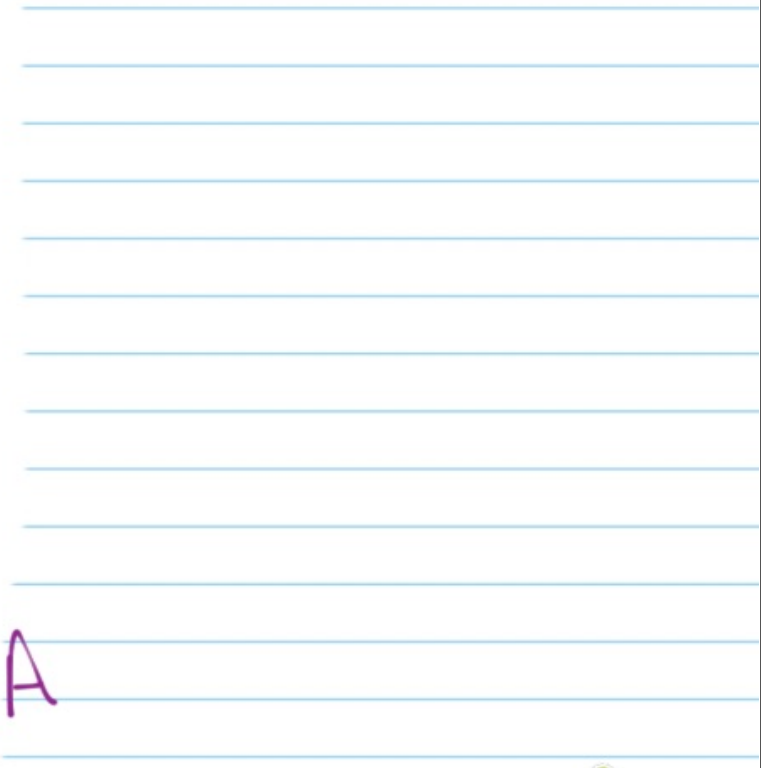
Equation of VA: $x = 0$

Equation of HA: $y = 0$

Describe translations: ~~translations:~~ transformations: N/A

Domain: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$ $x \neq 0$

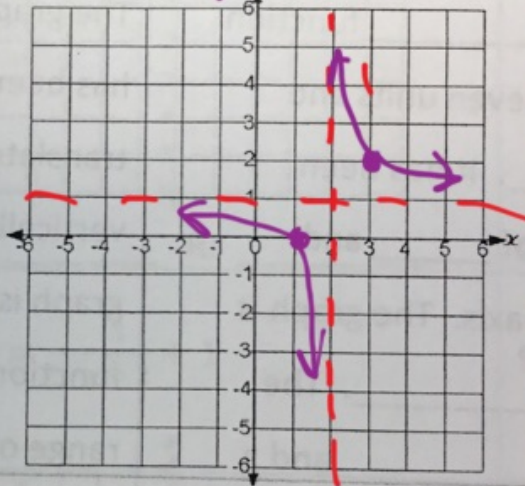
Range: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$ $y \neq 0$



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2. $y = \frac{1}{x-2} + 1$
 R2 U1



Equation of VA: $x=2$

Equation of HA: $y=1$

Describe translations: **transformations: R2, U1**

Domain: $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$ $x \neq 2$

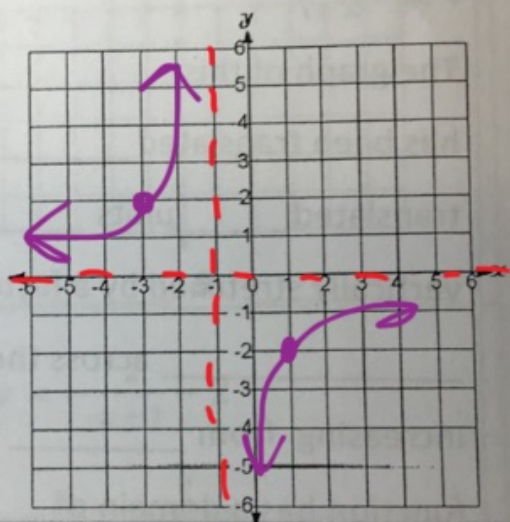
Range: $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$ $y \neq 1$

$(x+3)^2 - 2$
 L3 down 2

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3. $y = -\frac{4}{x+1} + 0$



Equation of VA: $x = -1$

Equation of HA: $y = 0$

Describe translations:

Domain: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

reflect across x-axis, stretch by 4, left +1

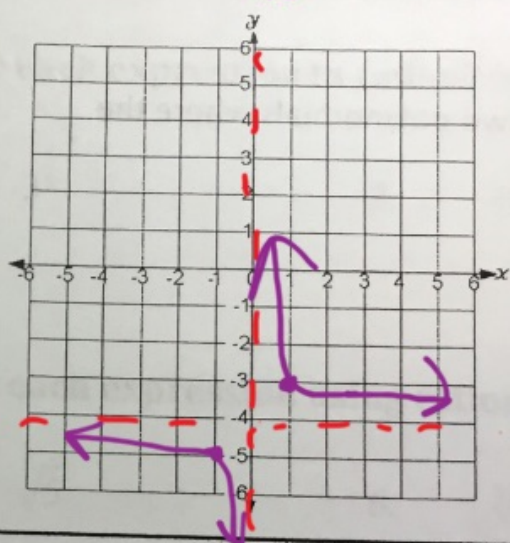
$x \neq -1$

$y \neq 0$

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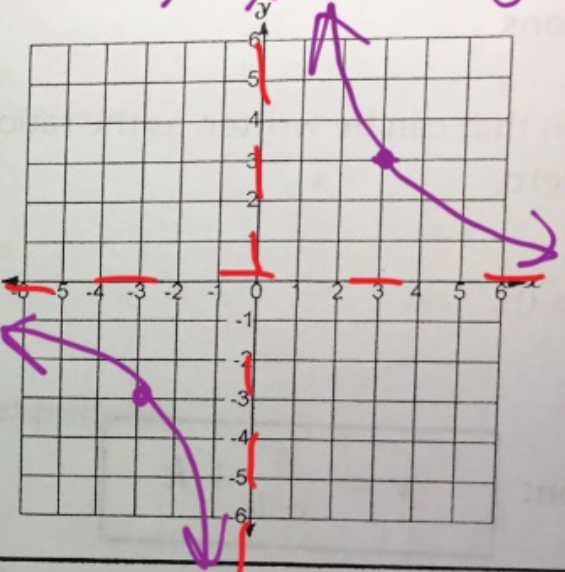
4. $y = \frac{1}{x} - 4$



Equation of VA: $x = 0$
Equation of HA: $y = -4$
Describe translations: $D4$
Domain: $x \neq 0$ $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
Range: $y \neq -4$ $(-\infty, -4) \cup (-4, \infty)$

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5. $\frac{xy}{x} = \frac{9}{x}$ $y = \frac{9}{x}$




Equation of VA: $x = 0$

Equation of HA: $y = 0$

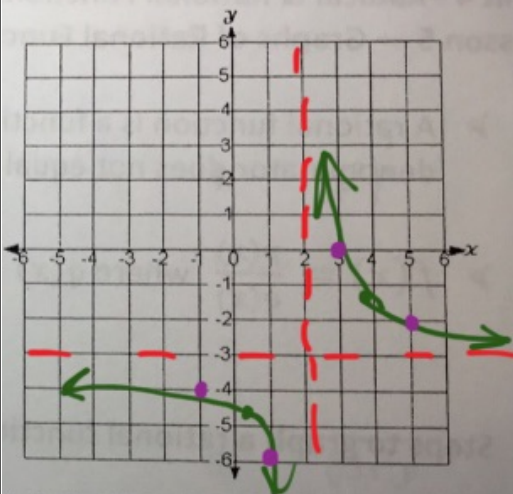
Describe translations: Stretch by 9

Domain: $x \neq 0$

Range: $y \neq 0$

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



Equation of VA: $x = 2$

Equation of HA: $y = -3$

Describe translations: 5 by B, R2, D3

Domain: $x \neq 2$

Range: $y \neq -3$

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7. Describe each graph as compared to the parent graph $y = \frac{1}{x}$.

$$y = \frac{-2}{x-7} + 5$$

The graph of this rational function has been translated right seven units and translated 5 units up. It has been vertically stretched by a factor of 2 and reflected across the x-axis. The graph is increasing from left to right. The function has a domain of $x \neq 7$ and a range of $y \neq 5$.

$$y = \frac{7}{x+2} - 4$$

The graph of this rational function has been translated left two units and translated 4 units down. It has been vertically stretched by a factor of 7. The graph is decreasing from left to right. The function has a domain of $x \neq -2$ and a range of $y \neq 4$.

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8. Write the equation of a rational function $y = \frac{1}{x}$ with following transformations:

A. Right 4 and Down 5
 $y = \frac{1}{x-4} - 5$

B. Left 3 and Up 2 and Reflected across x -axis.

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

C. Left 6 and Vertically Stretched by a factor of 4.

$$y = \frac{4}{x+6}$$

D. Right 5 and graph will be in II & IV quadrants

$$y = -\frac{1}{x-5}$$

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