

Rational Functions Assignment

Find the domain, vertical asymptotes and x-intercepts of each rational function given.

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

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

3. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+9x+20}{x^4}$

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

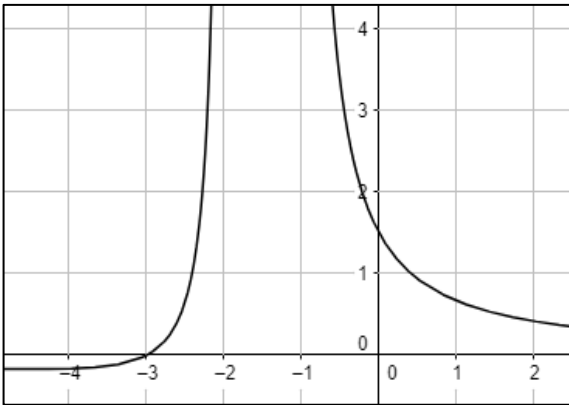
5. $f(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{x^3}$

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

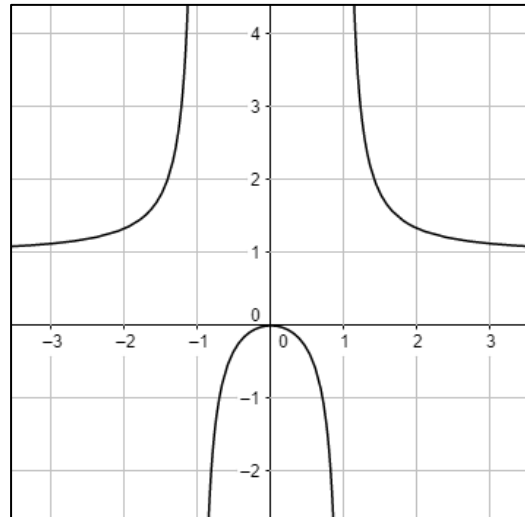
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For the graphs given below, find the x-intercepts and vertical asymptotes (if any).

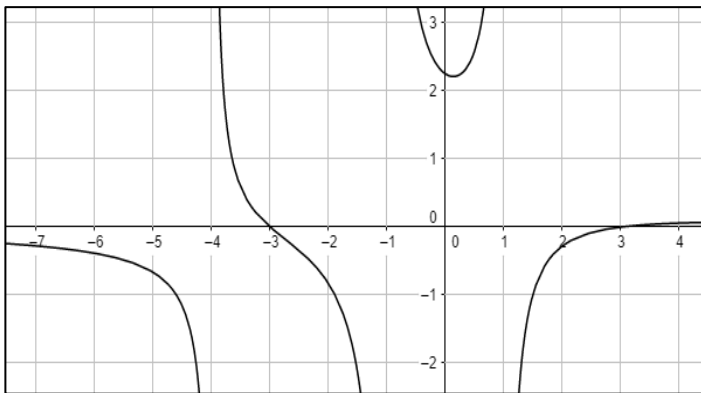
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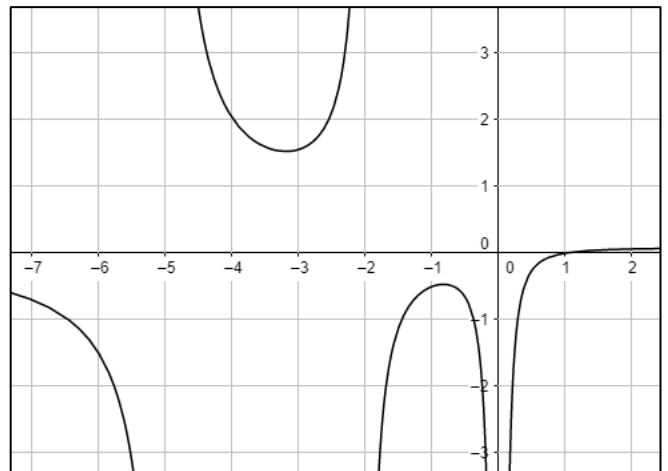
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Solve each equation.

1. $\frac{x-1}{2x-4} + \frac{x+2}{3x} = 1$

2. $\frac{4}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x} = \frac{14}{x^2-2x}$

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Answers

Find the domain, vertical asymptotes and x-intercepts of each rational function given.

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

Denominator has roots $x = 3, x = -3$.

Numerator has roots $x = 2, x = -2$.

Domain: $\mathbb{R} - \{3, -3\}$

Vertical Asymptotes: $x = 3, x = -3$

x-intercepts: $x = 2, x = -2$

$$3. f(x) = \frac{x^2+9x+20}{x^4}$$

Denominator has roots $x = 0$.

Numerator has roots:

$$x^2 + 9x + 20 = (x + 4)(x + 5)$$

Domain: $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

Vertical Asymptotes: $x = 0$

x-intercepts: $x = -4, x = -5$

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

Denominator has roots $x = 0$.

Numerator has roots: $x = 1, x = -1$

Domain: $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

Vertical Asymptotes: $x = 0$

x-intercepts: $x = 1, x = -1$

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

Denominator has roots $x = -4, x = 5$.

Numerator has roots $x = -2, x = 3$.

Domain: $\mathbb{R} - \{-4, 5\}$

Vertical Asymptotes: $x = -4, x = 5$

x-intercepts: $x = -2, x = 3$

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

Denominator has roots $x = -4, x = 2$.

Numerator has roots $x = 1, x = -1$.

Domain: $\mathbb{R} - \{-4, 2\}$

Vertical Asymptotes: $x = -4, x = 2$

x-intercepts: $x = 1, x = -1$

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

Denominator has roots $x = 2, x = -1$.

Numerator has no roots.

Domain: $\mathbb{R} - \{2, -1\}$

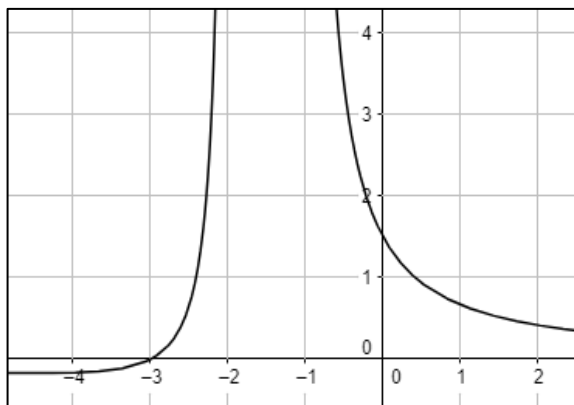
Vertical Asymptotes: $x = -2, x = -1$

x-intercepts: **None**

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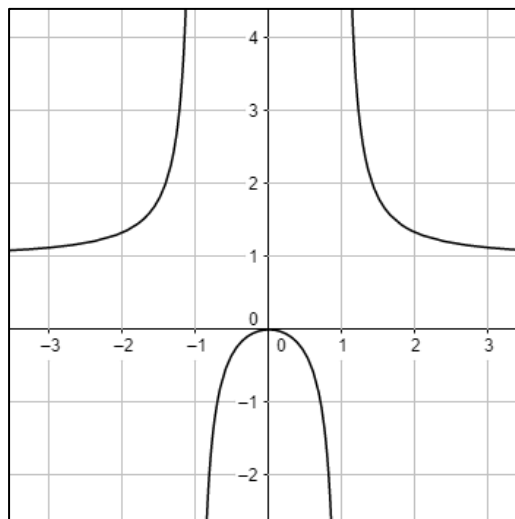
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x-intercepts: $x = -3$

vertical asymptotes: $x = -2, x = -1$

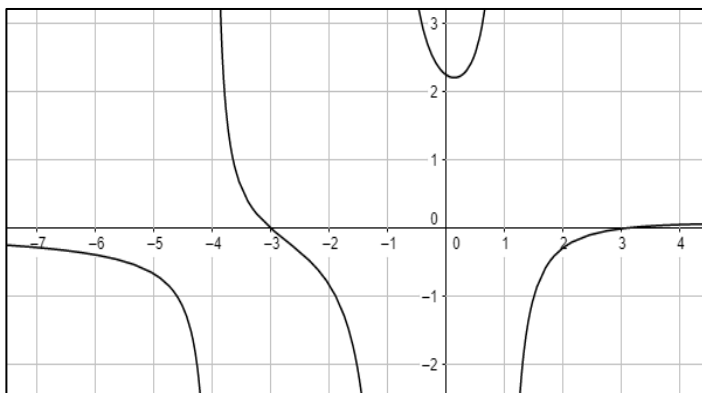
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x-intercepts: $x = 0$

vertical asymptotes: $x = -1, x = 1$

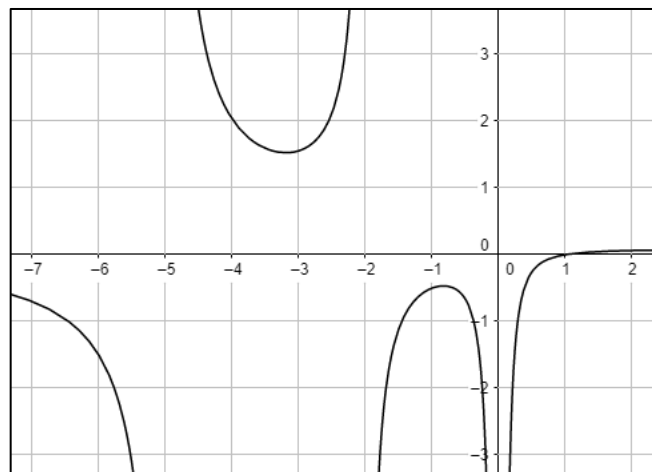
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x-intercepts: $x = -3, x = 3$

vertical asymptotes: $x = -4, x = -1, x = 1$

4.



x-intercepts: $x = 1$

vertical asymptotes: $x = -5, x = -2, x = 0$

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Solve each equation.

1. $\frac{x-1}{2x-4} + \frac{x+2}{3x} = 1$

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

$$(x-1)3x + (x+2)(2x-4) = 6x^2 - 12x$$

$$3x^2 - 3x + 2x^2 + 4x - 4x - 8 = 6x^2 - 12x$$

$$0 = 6x^2 - 5x^2 - 12 + 3x + 8$$

$$x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0$$

$$(x-8)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 8, x = 1$$

2. $\frac{4}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x} = \frac{14}{x^2-2x}$

$$x(x-2)\left(\frac{4}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x}\right) = x(x-2)\left(\frac{14}{x(x-2)}\right)$$

$$4x - 2(x-2) = 14$$

$$4x - 2x + 4 = 14$$

$$2x = 10$$

$$x = 5$$