

Show all work on these pages and circle your answers. Read the instructions for each set of questions, and have fun ☺

Provide a short description for the following:

1) What is a removable discontinuity? factors common to top & bottom;
 (3) makes a hole in the graph

2) What is a non-removable discontinuity? values for x that cause a
 (3) division by zero error (except holes) Makes a vert. asymptote

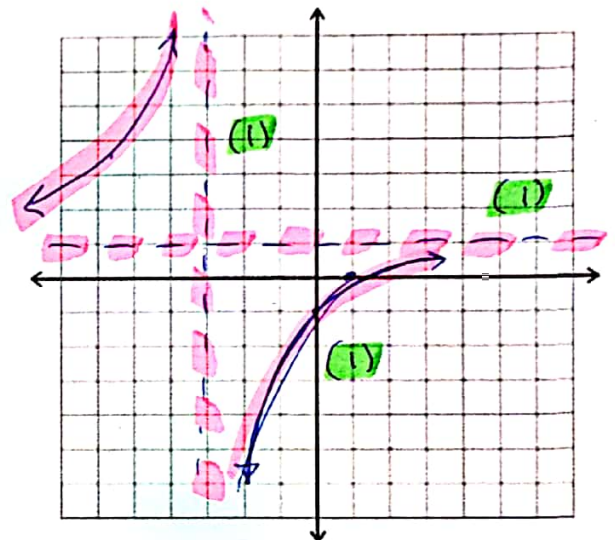
For each of the following find the vertical asymptotes, horizontal asymptotes, and holes if they exist. Sketch the graph.

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

(1) vertical asymptote $x = -3$

(1) horizontal asymptote $y = 1$

(1) hole none



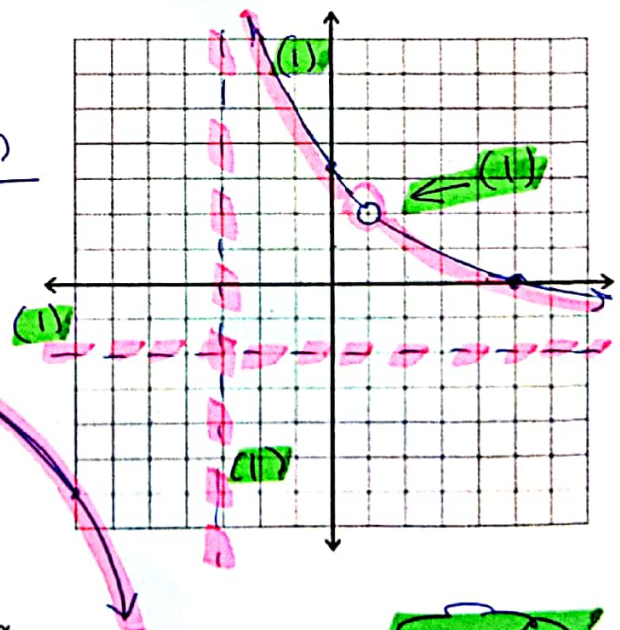
4) $f(x) = \frac{-2x^2+12x-10}{x^2+2x-3}$ $\frac{-2(x^2-6x+5)}{(x+3)(x-1)}$

(1) vertical asymptote $x = -3$

(1) horizontal asymptote $y = -2$

(1) hole $x = 1, y = 2$

$$\frac{-2(x-5)\cancel{(x-1)}}{(x+3)(\cancel{x-1})}$$



~more~

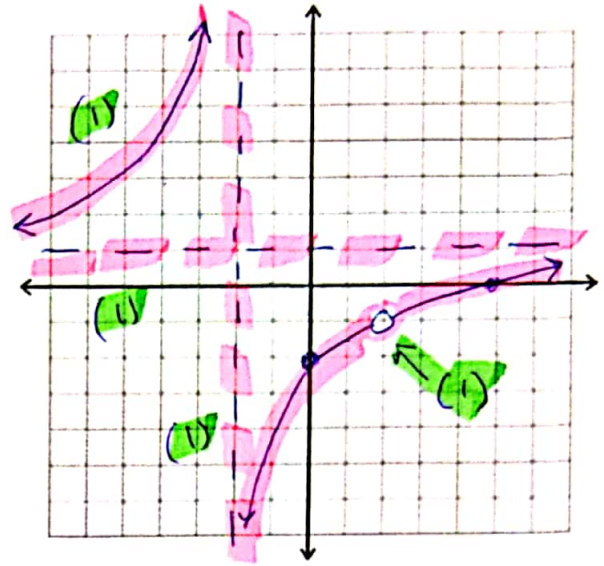
For each of the following find the vertical asymptotes, horizontal asymptotes, and holes if they exist. Sketch the graph.
(continued)

5) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 7x + 10}{x^2 - 4}$

(1) vertical asymptote $x = -2$

(1) horizontal asymptote $y = 1$

(1) hole $(2, -3/4)$



Give a possible rational function, $f(x)$, that ...

- 6) ... has a hole at $x=3$, and a vertical asymptote at $x=4$ (make one up).

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

sample answer -

~end~

