

Review Finding horizontal asymptotes . . .

$$f(x) = \frac{ax^n + \dots}{bx^m + \dots} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{nth degree polynomial} \\ \leftarrow \text{mth degree polynomial} \end{matrix}$$

1 If $n < m$, then the x -axis is the horizontal asymptote.

2 If $n = m$, then the horizontal asymptote is the line

$$y = \frac{a}{b}$$

3 If $n > m$, then there is no horizontal asymptote. (There is a slant diagonal or oblique asymptote.)

Example 1 Find each limit.

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^3 + 2x} \right) = 0$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{3x + 1}{x^2} \right) = 0$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{5x^2 + 2x - 3}{9x^{23} + x + 4} \right) = 0$$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4x^2 + 1}{2x} \right) = \text{does not exist}$$

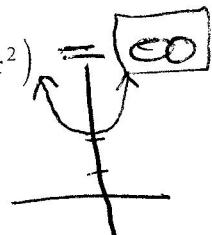
direction is ∞

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\frac{4x^2 + 1}{2x} \right) = \text{does not exist}$$

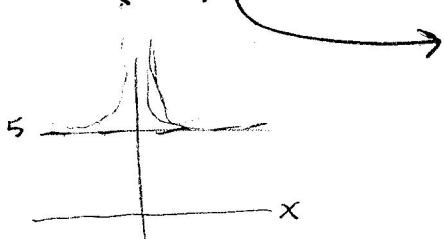
direction is $-\infty$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2x+1)(x-7)}{(3x-2)(4x+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 - 13x - 7}{12x^2 - 5x - 2} = \frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (2 + x^2) = \boxed{\infty}$

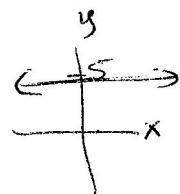


8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{7}{x^2} + 5 \right) = \boxed{5}$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{x^2} + \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 5$$

$$0 + 5$$



Example 2 Draw a function if ...

$f(0) = 3$ point $(0, 3)$

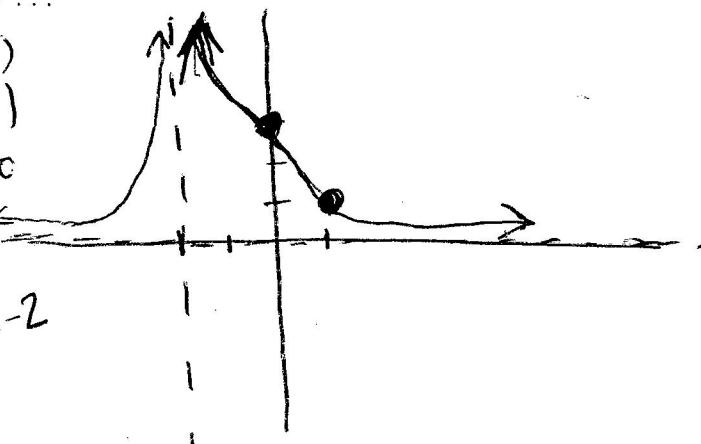
$f(1) = 1$ point $(1, 1)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ h.o. at $y = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$ h.o. at $y = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = \infty$ v.a. at $x = -2$



$f(0) = 0$ (o, c)

there is a removable discontinuity at $x = 4$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = \text{does not exist}$

h.o. $y = 1$

$y = -1$

