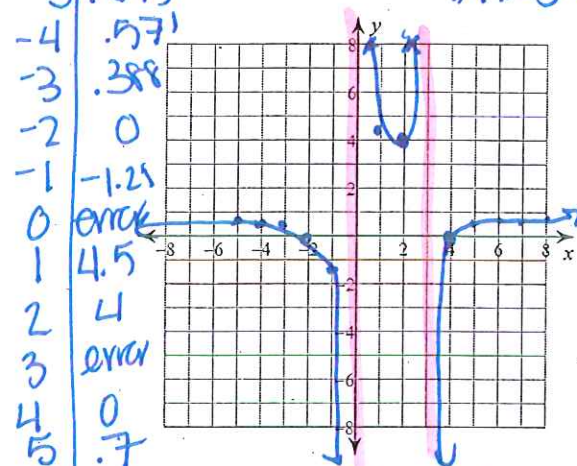


## 8.3 Graphing Rational Functions

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Identify the points of discontinuity, holes, vertical asymptotes, x-intercepts, y-intercepts, domain and horizontal asymptote of each. Then sketch the graph.

1)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 3x} = \frac{(x-4)(x+2)}{x(x-3)}$



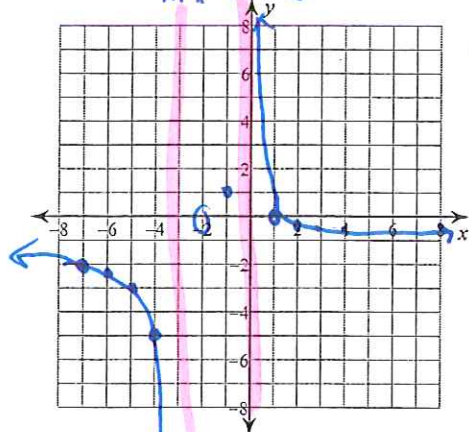
VA @  $x=0$  &  $x=3$

HA: @  $y=1$   
 $x=4$   
 $y=DNE$

D:  $\mathbb{R}; x \neq 0, x \neq 3$

R:  $\mathbb{R} y \neq 1$

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



note @  $x=-2$

VA @  $x=0$  &  $x=-3$

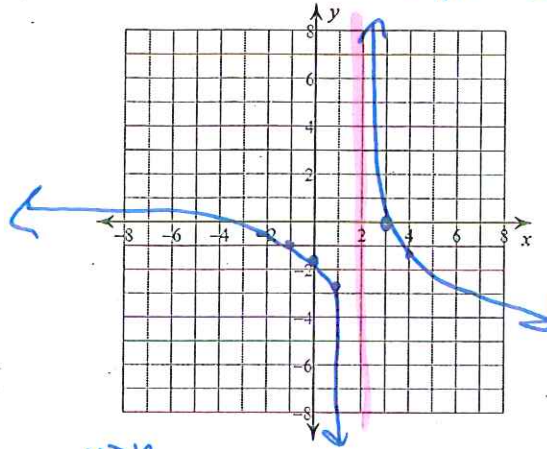
HA  $y=-1$

D:  $\mathbb{R}; x \neq 0, x \neq -3$

R:  $\mathbb{R} y \neq -1/3$

x	y
-7	-2
-6	-2.33
-5	-3
-4	-5
-3	error
-2	error
-1	1
0	error
1	0
2	-1/2
3	-3/3
4	-4/28
5	-5/5

2)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{-3x + 6} = \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{-3(x-2)}$



\*  $m > n$   
NO HA

VA @  $x=2$

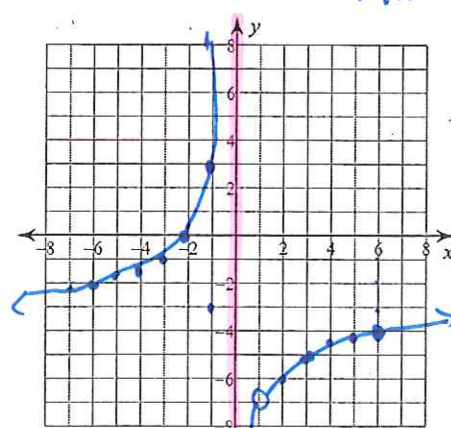
$x=3$

$y=-1.5$

D:  $\mathbb{R} x \neq 2$

R:  $\mathbb{R} y \neq -1/3$

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



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

note @  $x=1$   
VA @  $x=0$

D:  $\mathbb{R}; x \neq 0, x \neq 1$

HA @  $y=-3$  R:  $\mathbb{R} y \neq -3$

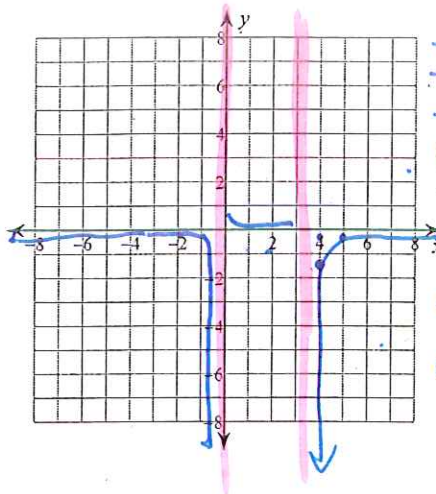
x	y
-2	-4
-1	-8
0	-1.5
1	-2.000
2	error
3	0
4	-1.03
5	
-3	0
-4	-3

x	y
-7	-2.14
-6	-2
-5	-1.8
-4	-1.5
-3	-1
-2	0
-1	3
0	error
1	error
2	-4
3	-5
4	-4.5
5	-4.2
6	-4



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

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



X	Y
-2	-.05
-1	-.125
0	error
1	.25
2	.25
3	error
4	-1.25
5	-.05

VA:  $x=0$  &  $3$

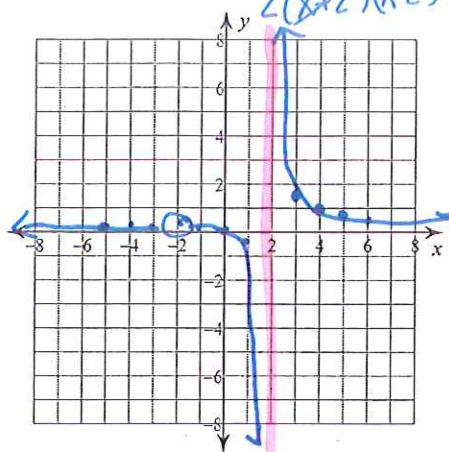
HA:  $y=0$

D:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 3\}$

R:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

$$6) f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x}{2x^2 - 8}$$

$$\frac{x(x+2)}{2x(x-2)}$$



X	Y
-5	.357
-4	.333
-3	.3
-2	error
-1	.166
0	0
1	-.5
2	error
3	1.5
4	1
5	.83
6	.75

note @  $x=-2$

VA @  $x=-2$

HA @  $y=1/2$

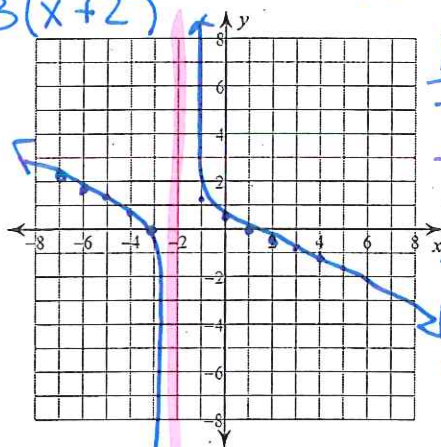
D:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 2\}$

R:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1/2\}$

$$7) f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{-3x - 6}$$

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

$$-3(x+2)$$



X	Y
-7	2.133
-6	1.75
-5	1.33
-4	.833
-3	0
-2	error
-1	1.33
0	.5
1	0
2	-.416
3	-.8
4	-1.167
5	-1.571

VA @ ~~x~~  $x=-2$

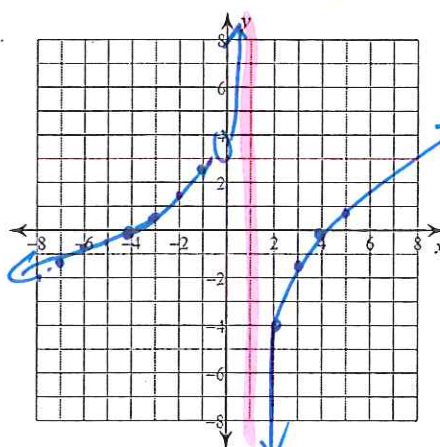
HA @ none

D:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2\}$

R:  $\mathbb{R}$

$$8) f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 16x}{3x^2 - 3x}$$

$$\frac{x(x^2 - 16)}{3x(x-1)} = \frac{x(x+4)(x-4)}{3x(x-1)}$$



X	Y
-7	-1.375
-6	-.95
-5	-.5
-4	0
-3	.58
-2	1.33
-1	2.5
0	error
1	error
2	-4
3	-1.167
4	0
5	.75

note @  $x=0$

VA @  $x=1$

HA:  $y=0$

D:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$

R:  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$

## 8.3 Rational Functions

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Find the information below. (Hint: You must factor numerator and denominator first!)

$$1) f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 8x}{4x^2 - 4x - 24}$$

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

Holes: noneVertical Asymptotes:  $x = -2$ Horizontal Asymptote: none [ $m > n$ ]x-intercept: 0, 2, -4y-intercept: 0Domain:  $\mathbb{R}, x \neq -2$ 

$$3) f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 8x}{-4x^2 - 12x}$$

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

Holes: 0Vertical Asymptotes:  $x = -3$ Horizontal Asymptote: none [ $m > n$ ]x-intercept: ~~0~~, 4, -2y-intercept: noneDomain:  $\mathbb{R}, x \neq 0, -3$ 

$$2) f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{4x^2 - 8x}$$

$$\frac{x(x^2-1)}{4x(x-2)}$$

Holes:  $x = 0$ Vertical Asymptotes:  $x = 2$ Horizontal Asymptote: none [ $m > n$ ]x-intercept: 1, -1y-intercept: noneDomain:  $\mathbb{R}, x \neq 0, 2$ 

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

$$\frac{(x-4)(x+1)}{-4(x-1)}$$

Holes: noneVertical Asymptotes: 1Horizontal Asymptote: none [ $m > n$ ]x-intercept: ~~4~~, -1y-intercept: -1Domain:  $\mathbb{R}, x \neq 1$

$$5) f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 8x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

$$\frac{x(x+4)(x-2)}{4(x-2)(x+2)}$$

Holes: 2

Vertical Asymptotes: -2

Horizontal Asymptote: none  $m > n$

x-intercept: 0, -4

y-intercept: 0

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}, x \neq 2, -2$

$$7) f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}$$

Holes: none

Vertical Asymptotes: -3

Horizontal Asymptote:  $y=0$   $m < n$

x-intercept: none

y-intercept:  $1/3$

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

$$6) f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x}{-3x^2 + 9x}$$

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

Holes: 0

Vertical Asymptotes: 3

Horizontal Asymptote: none  $m > n$

x-intercept: 0, 4, -1

y-intercept: none

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}, x \neq 0, 3$

$$8) f(x) = \frac{x+2}{-2x-8}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{-2(x+4)}$$

Holes: none

Vertical Asymptotes: -4

Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = -1/2$   $m = n$

x-intercept: -2,

y-intercept:  $y = -.25$

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}, x \neq -4$