

Notes: 29.3 Rational Graphs (Round 3)

<u>Holes (AKA removable discontinuity)</u>	
LOOK OUT FOR HOLES AT ALL TIMES IF THERE IS A HOLE, IT SUPERSEDES ANY ASYMPTOTES OR INTERCEPTS	
They are points: (x, y)	
Find the x -value of the factor(s) that get canceled out when those canceled factor(s) = 0, then plug that x -value into the simplified equation (after you've canceled) to determine the y -value.	
<u>y-intercept</u>	<u>x-intercept(s)</u>
It is a point: $(0, y)$	They are points: $(x, 0)$
Find y -value when $x = 0$	Find x -value when numerator = 0
<u>Vertical asymptote(s)</u>	<u>Horizontal asymptote</u>
They are lines: $x = \#$	It is a line: $y = \#$
Find x -value when denominator = 0	① degree num < degree denom: $y = 0$ ② degree num = degree denom: $y = \frac{\text{leading coefficient}}{\text{leading coefficient}}$ ③ degree num > degree denom: no HA
A vertical asymptote can <u>NEVER</u> be crossed	A horizontal asymptote <u>CAN</u> be crossed (...wait for Precalculus for that!)

Graph the function by identifying any holes, any intercepts, any asymptotes, and possibly testing more points. Then state D & R.

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

Holes: $(-2, -2/7)$

y -int: $(0, -2/5)$

x -int: $(2, 0)$

VA: $x = 0, x = 5$

HA: $y = 0$

test: $x = 1 \rightarrow y = 1/3$, $x = 3 \rightarrow y = -1/6$, $x = 6 \rightarrow y = 2/3$

D: $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 0) \cup (0, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$

R: $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$2) f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x - 14}{x^2 - 4} = \frac{(x+7)(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$

hole: $x = 2$ $f(x) = \frac{x+7}{x+2}$

Hole: $(2, \frac{9}{4}) = (2, 2.25)$

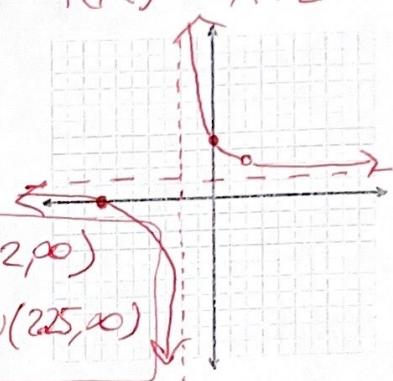
y-int: $(0, \frac{7}{2}) = (0, 3.5)$

x-int: $(-7, 0)$

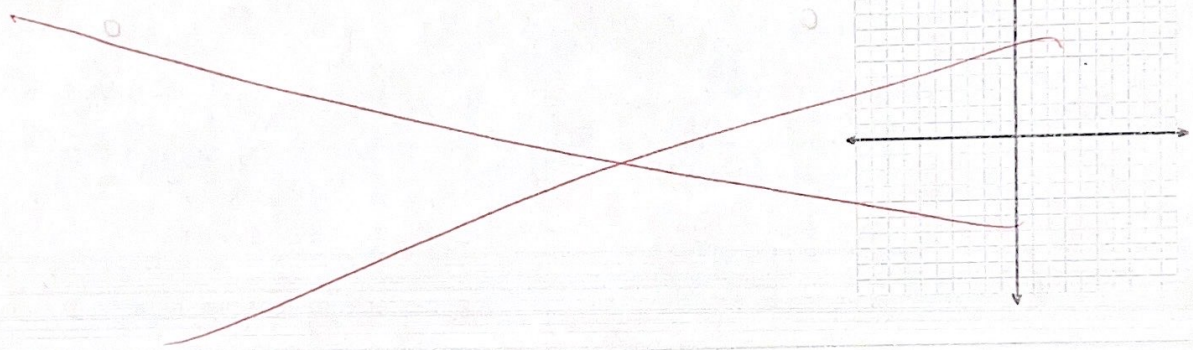
VA: $x = -2$

HA: $y = \frac{1}{1} = 1$

D: $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
R: $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, 2.25) \cup (2.25, \infty)$



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



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

