

Offline HW 4 due 10/9

Exam 2 on 10/16

Section 3.4

Ex: Solve: $x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$

$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 4 \rightarrow 0 \text{ changes in signs}$$

No positive roots

$$f(-x) = (-x)^3 + 2(-x)^2 + 5(-x) + 4$$
$$= -x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 4 \rightarrow 3 \text{ changes in signs}$$

3, 1 negative roots

$4: \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$
 $1: \pm 1$ } possible rational roots: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$

Using the Descartes's thm. we can eliminate
1, 2, 4.

Test: -1

	1	2	5	4
-1	↓	-1	-1	-4
	1	1	4	0

$$x^2 + x + 4 = 0$$

Test -1:

	1	1	4
-1	↓	-1	0
	1	0	4

$\neq 0$ not a root

Test -2:

	1	1	4
-2		-2	2
	1	-1	6

$\neq 0$
not a root

Test -4:

	1	1	4
-4	↓	-4	12
	1	-3	16

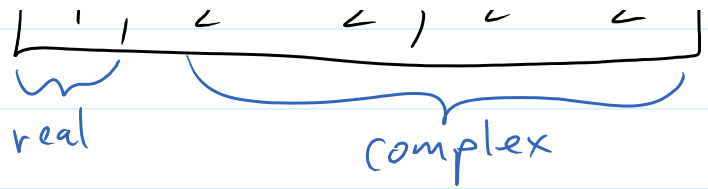
$\neq 0$ not a root

$$x^2 + x + 4 = 0$$

Use quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 4}}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 16}}{2}$$
$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-15}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{15}}{2}$$

The solutions are: $-1, \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{i\sqrt{15}}{2}, \frac{-1}{2} - \frac{i\sqrt{15}}{2}$



Section 3.5

Def: A rational function can be expressed as

$$\frac{p(x)}{q(x)},$$

where p and q are polynomials.

Ex:

function	$\frac{x^2 - x}{x + 3}$	$\frac{x}{\sqrt{2} \cdot x}$	$\frac{x^5 - 1}{\sqrt{x + 3}}$	$x^5 + 3x - 2$
rational?	yes	yes	NO	yes

Notes: To find the domain of $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, we have to find all real solutions of $q(x) = 0$.

Ex: Find the domain:

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

$$x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = -3$$

$$\text{Domain: } (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$$

$$\bullet g(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 9}$$

$$x^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x = \pm 3$$

$$\text{Dom: } (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$\bullet h(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2-9}$$

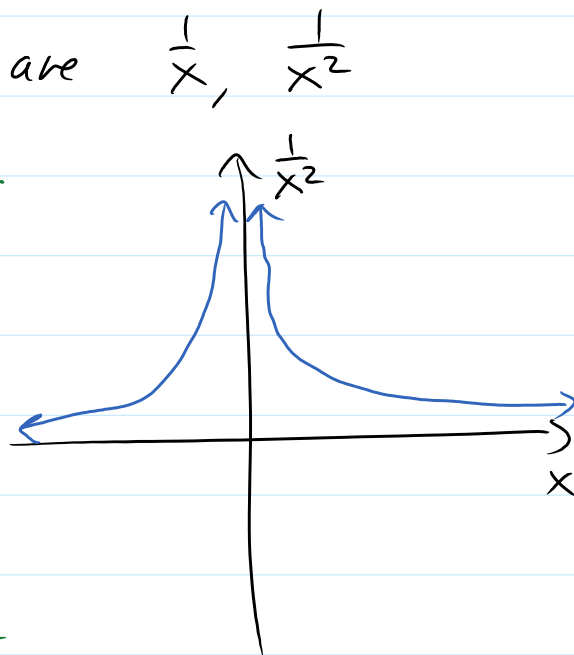
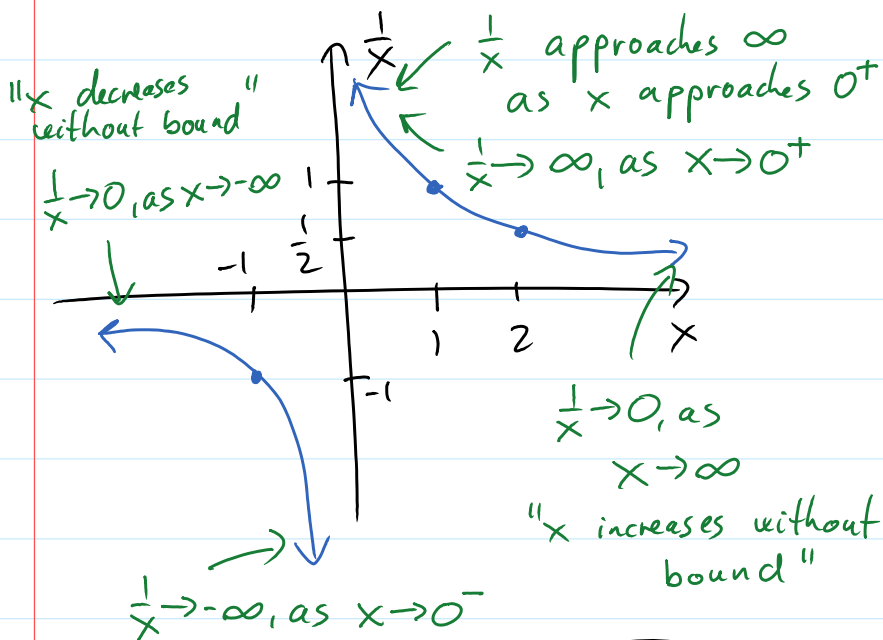
$$x^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x = \pm 3$$

$$\text{Dom: } (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$$

Basic rational functions are $\frac{1}{x}$, $\frac{1}{x^2}$



Vertical asymptote

Vertical asymptote

$f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$, where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ have no

common factors.

The line $x=a$ is a vertical asymptote of $f(x)$ if $q(a)=0$. ($p(a) \neq 0$)

Ex: Find all vertical asymptotes

$$\bullet f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-9} = \frac{x}{(x-3)(x+3)} \quad (x-3)(x+3)=0$$

$x = \pm 3$ ver. asym.

$$\bullet g(x) = \frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = \frac{\cancel{x+3}}{(x-3)\cancel{(x+3)}} = \frac{1}{x-3},$$

$$x-3=0$$

$x=3$ ver. asym.

Horizontal asymptote

The line $y=b$ is a horizontal asymptote of the graph of $f(x)$ if $f(x)$ approaches b

of the graph of $f(x)$ if $f(x)$ approaches b as x increases or decreases without bound.

$$(f(x) \rightarrow b, \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty \text{ or } x \rightarrow -\infty)$$

Does $\frac{1}{x}$ have a hor. asymptote?

yes: $y=0$.