

Ch. 1.5 Notes: Limits approaching infinity (V.A.'s)

Infinite Limits: a limit where the function increases or decreases without bound as x approaches c

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

* If the limit as x approaches c from either right or left is $\pm \infty$, then $x=c$ is a vertical asymptote.

Rational functions: $y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

← If $g(x)$ doesn't cancel, then it's an asymptote.

Ex. 1 Find all vertical asymptotes of $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 - 4}$

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

vertical asymptote: $x = -2$

Ex. 2 Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ for $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-2}$

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x+1}{x-2} \rightarrow$

Steps: (one-sided limits)

1) plug in x -value

2) If undefined, simplify and re-plug in value

3) If still undefined, plug decimal values, determine signs of numerator/denominator, decide if $+\infty/-\infty$



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x+1}{x-2} = \frac{1.9+1}{1.9-2} = \frac{+}{-} = \boxed{-\infty}$$

$$b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x+1}{x-2} = \frac{2.1+1}{2.1-2} = \frac{+}{+} = \boxed{+\infty}$$

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29-41 odd, 49, 51, 53-57,
60, 62, 63, 67-69

$$5) f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-9} = \frac{1}{(x+3)(x-3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{1}{x^2-9} = \frac{1}{(x+3)(x-3)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(-2.9+3)(-2.9-3)} = \frac{1}{(+)(-)} = \frac{+}{-} = \boxed{-\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{1}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{1}{(-3.1+3)(-3.1-3)} = \frac{+}{(-)(-)} = \frac{+}{+} = \boxed{+\infty}$$

$$7) f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2-9} = \frac{x^2}{(x+3)(x-3)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x^2}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{+}{(+)(-)} = \boxed{-\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x^2}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{+}{(-)(-)} = \boxed{+\infty}$$

ii) Find vertical asymptote $h(x) = \frac{x^2-2}{x^2-x-2} = \frac{(x^2-2)}{(x-2)(x+1)}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2-2}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{1.9^2-2}{(1.9-2)(1.9+1)} = \frac{+}{(-)(+)} = \frac{+}{-} = \boxed{-\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^2-2}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{2.1^2-2}{(2.1-2)(2.1+1)} = \frac{+}{(+)(+)} = \boxed{+\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x^2-2}{(x-2)(x+1)} = \frac{(-0.9)^2-2}{(-0.9-2)(-0.9+1)} = \frac{-}{(-)(+)} = \boxed{+\infty}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{(-1)^2-2}{(-1.1-2)(-1.1+1)} = \frac{-}{(-)(-)} = \frac{-}{+} = \boxed{-\infty}$$

V.A. at $x=2, x=-1$

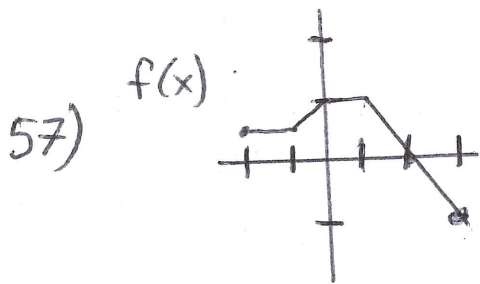
$$35) \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x^2}{x^2-9} \rightarrow \frac{9}{0} \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{(x+3)(x-3)} \rightarrow \frac{(3.1)^2}{(3.1+3)(3.1-3)} = \frac{+}{(+)(+)} = \boxed{+\infty}$$

$$37) \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x^2+2x-3}{x^2+x-6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{(x+3)(x-1)}{(x+3)(x-2)} = \frac{-3-1}{-3-2} = \frac{-4}{-5} = \boxed{\frac{4}{5}}$$

$$41) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{0} \rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{-0.1} = 1 - 10 = - \rightarrow \boxed{-\infty}$$

54) Vertical Asymptote: The line $x=c$ is a vertical asymptote if the graph approaches $\pm\infty$ as x approaches c .

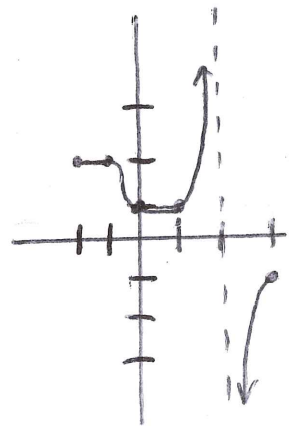
56) Not all rational functions have vertical asymptote:
(see #15: $g(t) = \frac{t-1}{t^2+1}$)



x	$f(x)$
-2	$1/2$
-1	$1/2$
0	1
1	1
2	0
3	-1

$g(x) = \frac{1}{f(x)}$

x	$g(x)$
-2	$1/(1/2) = 2$
-1	$1/(1/2) = 2$
0	$1/1 = 1$
1	$1/1 = 1$
2	$1/0 = \text{und.}$
3	$1/-1 = -1$



60) % of illegal drugs

$$C = \frac{528x}{100-x} \quad 0 \leq x < 100$$

a) $x=25 \rightarrow C(25) = \176 million

b) $x=50 \rightarrow C(50) = \528 million

c) $x=75 \rightarrow C(75) = \1584 million

d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 100^-} \frac{528x}{100-x} = \frac{52800}{0} \rightarrow \frac{+}{+} = +\infty$

seizing 100% of illegal drugs is not possible.

$$62) r = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{625-x^2}} \text{ ft/sec.}$$

a) Find r when $x=7$ $r = \frac{14}{\sqrt{625-49}} = \frac{7}{12} \text{ ft/s}$

b) Find r when $x=15$ $r = \frac{30}{\sqrt{625-15^2}} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ ft/s}$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 25^-} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{625-x^2}} = \frac{50}{0}$ $\rightarrow \frac{2(24.9)}{\sqrt{625-(24.9)^2}} = \frac{+}{+} = \boxed{+\infty}$

True/False

67) $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{x-1}$ has vertical asymptote at $x=1$

* False $f(x) = \frac{x(x-1)}{(x-1)}$

68) ^{All} Rational function has vertical asymptote

* False: $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$

69) All polynomial Functions have no vertical asymptote: True