

# MHF 401 - Unit 3 Practice Test Solutions

1. a)  $y = \frac{x^2(x-3)}{(x-1)^3}$

Restrictions:  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 1\}$

x-int:  $0 = \frac{x^2(x-3)}{(x-1)^3}$

$0 = x^2(x-3)$

$x=0 \quad x=3$

$\therefore$  x-int at  $(0,0)$  &  $(3,0)$

y-int:  $y = \frac{0^2(0-3)}{(0-1)^3}$

$y=0$

$\therefore$  y-int  $(0,0)$

V. Asymptotes:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2(x-3)}{(x-1)^3}$

$\approx \frac{(1)(-2)}{-sm}$   
 $= +\infty$

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

$\approx \frac{(1)(-2)}{+sm}$   
 $= -\infty$

$\therefore$  V.A. at  $x=1$

H. Asymptotes:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2(x-3)}{(x-1)^3}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1}$

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

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

$= 1$

$\therefore$  H.A. at  $y=1$

Test pt  $x=10$ :

$y = \frac{(10)^2(10-3)}{(10-1)^3}$

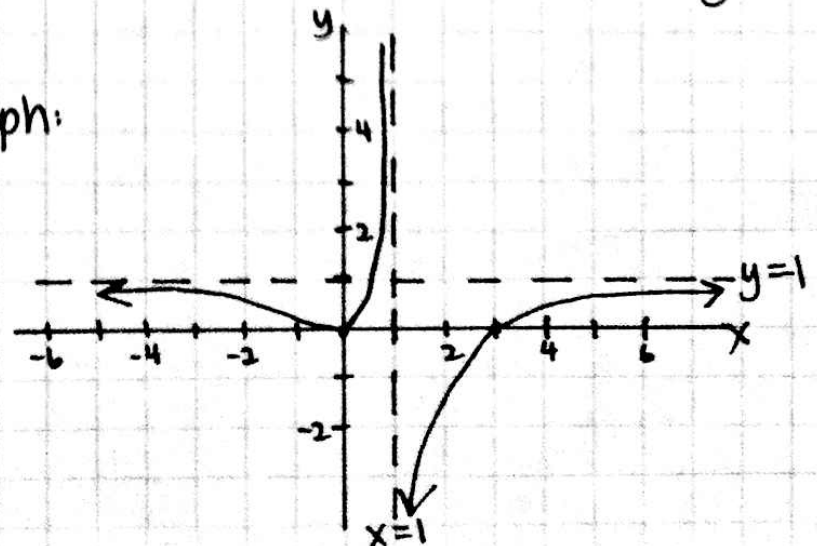
$\approx 0.96 < 1$

Test pt  $x=-10$ :

$y = \frac{(-10)^2(-10-3)}{(-10-1)^3}$

$\approx 0.98 < 1$

Graph:



There are no oblique asymptotes since the degree of the numerator and denominator are equal.

$$1) b) y = \frac{3x^2 - 12}{x - 1}$$

$$\text{Restrictions: } \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 1\}$$

$$x\text{-int: } 0 = \frac{3x^2 - 12}{x - 1}$$

$$y\text{-int: } y = \frac{3(0)^2 - 12}{0 - 1}$$

$$0 = 3(x^2 - 4)$$

$$0 = 3(x - 2)(x + 2)$$

$$y = 12 \quad \therefore y\text{-int } (0, 12)$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$\therefore x\text{-int at } (2, 0) \text{ \& } (-2, 0)$$

$$V. \text{ Asymptotes: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{3x^2 - 12}{x - 1} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{3x^2 - 12}{x - 1} \quad \therefore V.A. \text{ at } x = 1$$

$$\approx \frac{-9}{-sm}$$

$$\approx +\infty$$

$$\approx \frac{-9}{+sm}$$

$$\approx -\infty$$

H. Asymptote  $\Rightarrow$  there is no H.A. since the degree of the numerator is one more than the degree of the denominator.

Oblique Asymptotes:

$$\text{Divide: } \begin{array}{r|rrr} 1 & 3 & 0 & -12 \\ & 3 & 3 & \\ \hline & 3 & 3 & -9 \end{array}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 - 12}{x - 1}$$

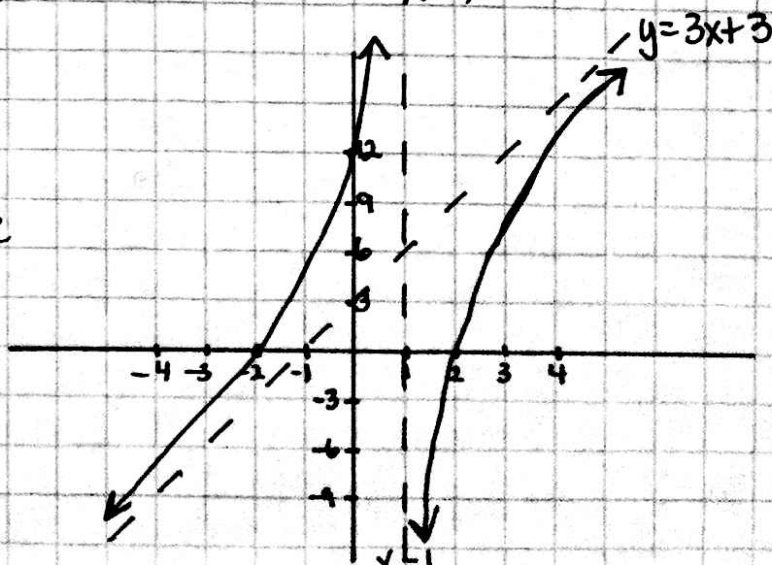
$$\therefore 3x^2 - 12 = (x - 1)(3x + 3) - 9$$

$$\frac{3x^2 - 12}{x - 1} = \frac{3(x + 1) - 9}{x - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3(x + 1) - \frac{9}{\underbrace{x - 1}_{\rightarrow 0}}$$

$$= +\infty$$

$\therefore$  Equation of O. Asymptote is  $y = 3x + 3$



2. a) To find pt. of intersection, set  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

$$\frac{x-2}{x+2} = 4x-1$$

$$x-2 = (x+2)(4x-1)$$

$$x-2 = 4x^2 + 7x - 2$$

$$0 = 4x^2 + 6x$$

$$0 = 2x(2x+3)$$

$$x = 0 \quad x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Find y-value:

$$g(0) = 4(0) - 1 = -1 \quad g\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = 4\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) - 1 = -7$$

$\therefore$  the curves intersect at  $(0, -1)$  and  $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -7\right)$ .

b) When  $f(x) \geq g(x)$ :

$$\frac{x-2}{x+2} \geq 4x-1$$

$$\frac{x-2}{x+2} - 4x-1 \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x-2 - (x+2)(4x-1)}{x+2} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x-2 - (4x^2 + 7x - 2)}{x+2} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{-4x^2 - 6x}{x+2} \geq 0$$

$$h(x) = \frac{-2x(2x+3)}{x+2} \geq 0$$

Find interval boundaries:

Numerator = 0:  $x = 0$   $x = -\frac{3}{2}$       Denominator = 0:  $x = -2$

Interval Chart:

Interval	$-2x$	$2x+3$	$x+2$	$h(x)$
$x \leq -2$	+	-	-	+
$-2 \leq x \leq -\frac{3}{2}$	+	-	+	-
$-\frac{3}{2} \leq x \leq 0$	+	+	+	+
$x \geq 0$	-	+	+	-

$\therefore f(x) \geq g(x)$  when

$$\left\{ x \leq -2 \cup -\frac{3}{2} \leq x \leq 0 \right\}$$

2. a) Analysis for  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x+2}$

Restrictions:  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq -2\}$

x-int:  $0 = \frac{x-2}{x+2}$

y-int:  $y = \frac{0-2}{0+2}$

$0 = x-2$   
 $x = 2$

$= -1$

$\therefore$  y-int  $(0, -1)$

$\therefore$  x-int  $(2, 0)$

V.A.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{x-2}{x+2}$

$\approx \frac{(-4)}{-sm}$   
 $\approx +\infty$

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

$\approx \frac{(-4)}{+sm}$   
 $\approx -\infty$

$\therefore$  V.A. at  $x = -2$

H.A.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-2}{x+2}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x-2}{x+2}$

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

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

$= 1$

$= 1$

$\therefore$  H.A. at  $y = 1$

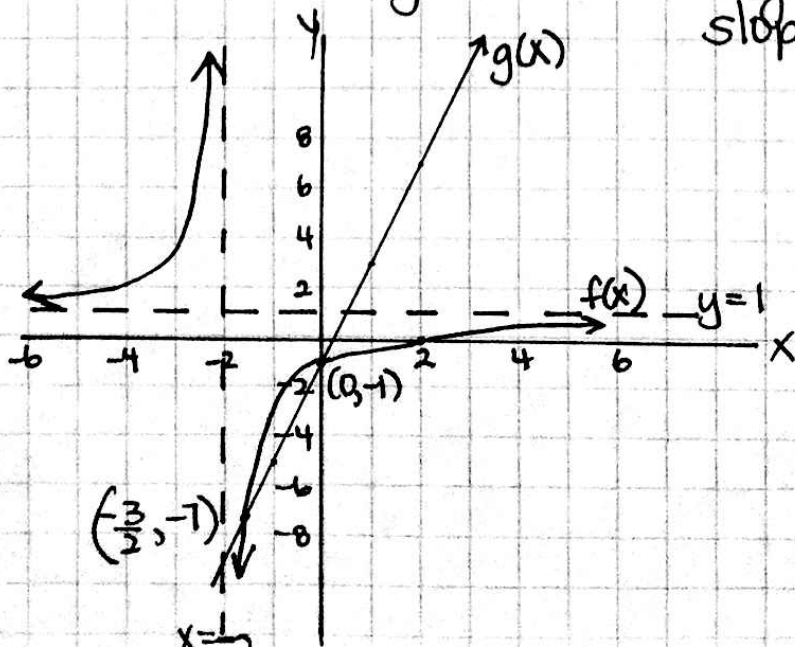
Test pt:  $x = 10$   
 $f(10) = 0.66 < 1$   
as  $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow 1$   
from below

Test pt  $x = -10$   
 $f(-10) = 1.5 > 1$   
as  $x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow 1$   
from above

no Oblique asymptotes since degree of numerator equals degree of denominator.

no Analysis needed for  $g(x) = 4x - 1$  (graph is linear with slope of 4, y-int of  $(0, -1)$ ).

Graph:



$$3. \quad c(t) = \frac{10t}{25+t}$$

a) When  $c = 3.75 \text{ g/L}$

$$3.75 = \frac{10t}{25+t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3.75(25+t) &= 10t \\ 93.75 + 3.75t &= 10t \\ 93.75 &= 6.25t \\ t &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  It takes 15 minutes for the salt concentration to reach  $3.75 \text{ g/L}$

b) Over a long period of time,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10t}{25+t} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10t}{t\left(\frac{25}{t} + 1\right)} \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Over a long period of time, the salt concentration approaches a limit of  $10 \text{ g/L}$ .

4. Vertical asymptote at  $x=5 \Rightarrow (x-5)$  in denominator  
 x-int at  $x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  factor of  $(2x+1)$  in numerator

$$\text{y-int at } x = -\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow f(0) = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{horizontal asymptote at } y=2 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 2$$

Putting this all together gives:

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

5.

$$\frac{1-x}{x+5} = \frac{2-x}{x+6}$$

$$(1-x)(x+6) = (2-x)(x+5)$$

$$x+6-x^2-6x = 2x+10-x^2-5x$$

$$-2x-4=0$$

$$-2x=4$$

$$x=-2$$