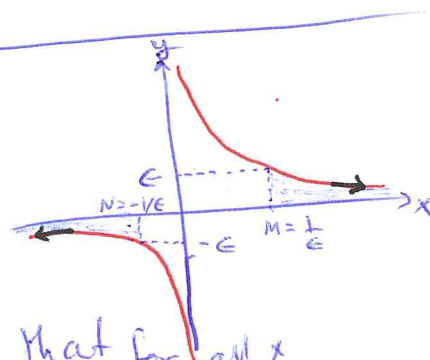


## 2.6 limits involving infinity; Asymptotes of Graph (44)

Def 1)  $f(x)$  has the limit  $L$  as  $x$  approaches infinity and we write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  
 there exist a corresponding number  $M$  such that for all  $x > M \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

2)  $f(x)$  has the limit  $L$  as  $x$  approaches minus infinity and we write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist a corresponding number  $N$  such that for all  $x < N \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

Example:  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  show that



a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$

a) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . We need to find  $M$  such that for all  $x$

if  $x > M \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{x} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right| < \epsilon$       This is true if  $M \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon}$   
 This proves that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$        $|x| > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

b) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . We need to find  $N$  such that for all  $x$

if  $x < N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{x} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{x} \right| < \epsilon \Rightarrow |x| > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$       This is true if  $N \leq -\frac{1}{\epsilon}$   
 This proves that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$        $x < -\frac{1}{\epsilon}$

Note that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$       and       $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} k = k$

## Limit at infinity of Rational functions

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Example 1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{3x^2 + 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}}{3 + \frac{5}{x^2}}$

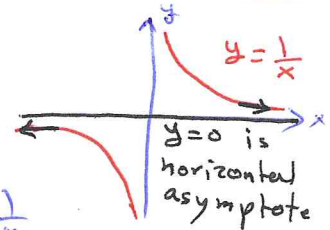
$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

numerator  $\downarrow$   
denominator  $\downarrow$

[2]  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{8x - 6}{4x^3 + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{8}{x^2} - \frac{6}{x^3}}{4 + \frac{1}{x^3}} = \frac{0 + 0}{4 + 0} = \frac{0}{4} = 0$

## Horizontal Asymptotes

Example:  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  the horizontal line  $y = 0$



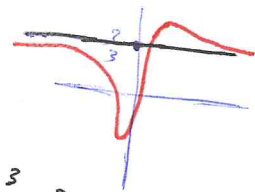
"x-axis" is the horizontal asymptote of the graph  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$

Def A line  $y = b$  is a horizontal asymptote of the graph  $y = f(x)$  if either  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = b$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = b$

Example 1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{2x^2 - x + 4}{3x^2 + 5} = \frac{2}{3}$

$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3}$  is a horizontal asymptote

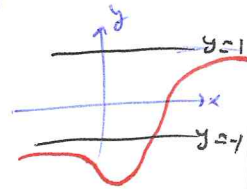


[2] Find the horizontal asymptote of  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 2}{|x|^3 + 1}$

• For  $x \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2}{x^3 + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{2}{x^3}}{1 + \frac{1}{x^3}} = 1$

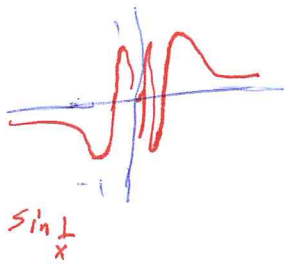
• For  $x \leq 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 - 2}{-x^3 + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1 - \frac{2}{x^3}}{-1 + \frac{1}{x^3}} = -1$

The horizontal asymptotes are  $y = -1$  and  $y = 1$



Example: Find (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

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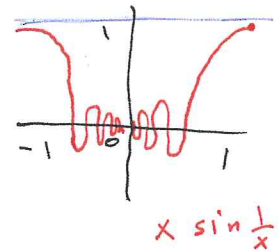
take  $t = \frac{1}{x}$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $t \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \sin t = 0$$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1$$



Example: Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 4}) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 4}) \cdot \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - (x^2 + 4)}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\frac{4}{x}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{x^2}}} = 0$$

### Oblique Asymptotes

\* If the degree of the numerator of a rational function is 1 greater than the degree of the denominator, then the graph has an oblique or slant line asymptote.

Example: Find the oblique asymptote of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3}{2x - 4}$

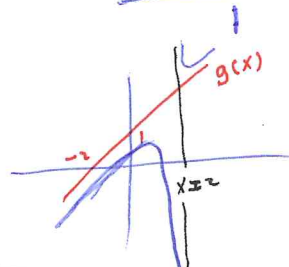
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3}{2x - 4} = \left(\frac{x}{2} + 1\right) + \frac{1}{2x - 4}$$

$\downarrow$   $g(x)$  oblique Asymptotes because  
remainder  $r(x)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{x}{2} + 1 \\ 2x - 4 \overline{) x^2 - 3} \\ \underline{-x^2 + 2x} \phantom{-3} \\ 2x - 3 \\ \underline{-2x + 4} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x - 4} = 0$$

$g(x)$  is dominante when  $x$  is large  
 $r(x)$  is dominante when  $x$  is near 2



# Infinite limits

Example: Find

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$

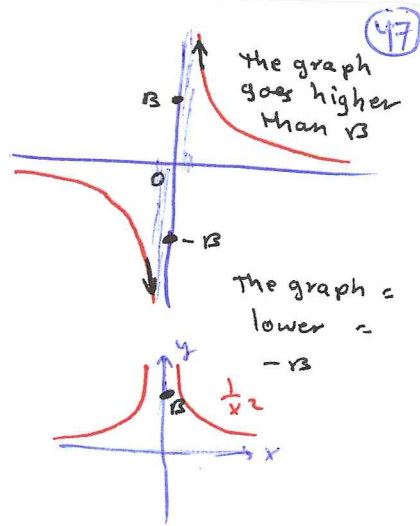
(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$

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

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x-1} = -\infty$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x^2} = \infty$

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x^2} = \infty$



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Note that in (a) and (c) ((b) and (d)) we are not saying the limit exists, nor that there is a real number  $\infty$ . We are saying

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x}$  DNE because  $\frac{1}{x}$  becomes arbitrary large and positive as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$

Def (1)  $f(x)$  approaches infinity as  $x$  approaches  $x_0$  and we write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \infty$  if for every positive real number  $B$ , there exist a corresponding  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x$   $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) > B$ .

(2)  $f(x)$  approaches minus infinity as  $x$  approaches  $x_0$ , and we write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = -\infty$  if for every negative number  $-B$ , there exists a corresponding  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x$   $0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) < -B$

Example Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} = \infty$

let  $B > 0$ , we need to find  $\delta > 0$  such that

$0 < |x - 0| < \delta \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} > B$

$x^2 < \frac{1}{B}$

$|x| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{B}}$

$\Rightarrow 0 < \delta \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{B}}$  Now

If  $|x| < \delta$  then  $\frac{1}{x^2} > \frac{1}{\delta^2} \geq B$

Therefore, by definition

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} = \infty$

# Vertical Asymptotes

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Def A line  $x = a$  is a vertical asymptote of the graph  $y = f(x)$  if either  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \pm \infty$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \pm \infty$

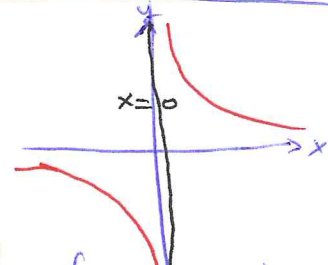
Find vertical asymptote of

Example:  $y = \frac{1}{x}$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$$

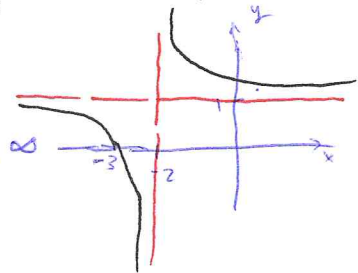
$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$$



$\Rightarrow (x=0)$  or (y-axis) is a vertical asymptote of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Example 1 Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of

$$y = \frac{x+3}{x+2} = 1 + \frac{1}{x+2} \quad \text{قسمة$$



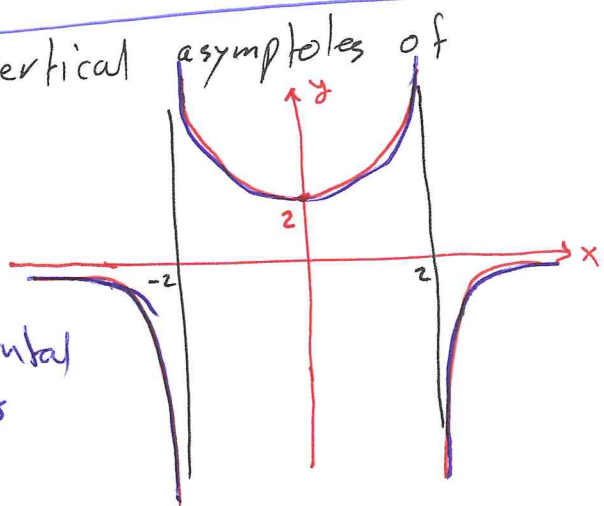
For Horizontal asymptotes: we check as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$   
 For Vertical asymptotes: we check as  $x \rightarrow -2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{x+3}{x+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{3}{x}}{1 + \frac{2}{x}} = 1 \quad \text{"horizontal asymptote" } y=1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{x+3}{x+2} &= \frac{1}{\text{small positive}} = \infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{x+3}{x+2} &= \frac{1}{\text{small negative}} = -\infty \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow x = -2 \text{ is vertical asymptote}$$

2 Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of

$$y = -\frac{8}{x^2 - 4}$$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 0$   $\Rightarrow y=0$  is horizontal asymptotes

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = -\infty$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \infty$   $\Rightarrow x=2$  is vertical asymptotes  
 also  $x = -2$  is vertical asymptotes

3  $y = \tan x$   
 odd multiple of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$