

Date: _____ **2.12 Graphing Rational Functions Continued**

1. Graph the following rational functions by finding and labeling any asymptotes and intercepts. Include a table of values for a more accurate graph.

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

⑤ Does $f(x)$ cross the H.A.?

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

$$2x-1 = 2x+2$$

$$0 = 3$$

∴ does not cross

① x-int. is $\frac{1}{2}$

② y-int is -1

③ V.A. is $x = -1$

④ For H.A. $f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x+1} \div x$

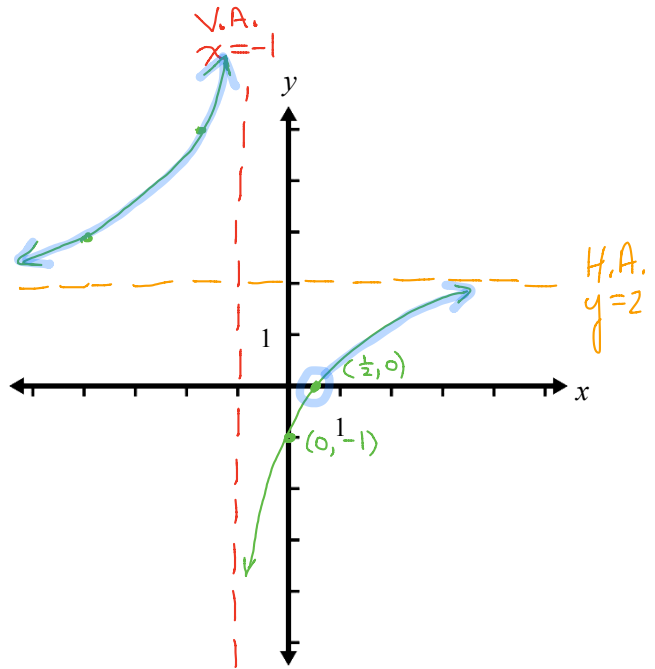
$$= \frac{2 + \frac{1}{x}}{1 + \frac{1}{x}}$$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, f(x) \rightarrow 2$

∴ H.A. is $y = 2$

⑥ $x | f(x)$

-2	5
-4	3



b) $g(x) = \frac{6}{x^2+2x-3}$

$$g(x) = \frac{6}{(x+3)(x-1)}$$

⑥ $x | g(x)$

-4	6/5
-2	-2
-1	-3/2
2	6/5

① x-int.: none

② y-int is -2

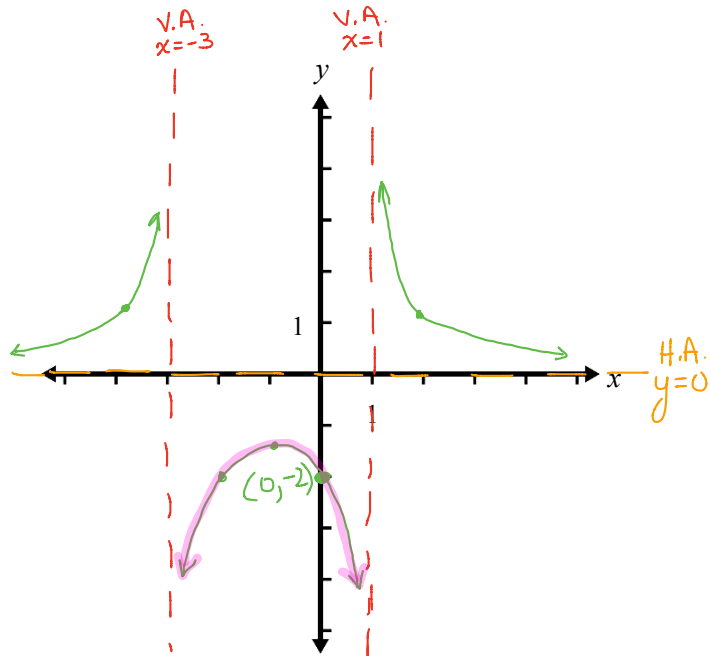
③ V.A. are $x = -3, x = 1$

④ For H.A. $g(x) = \frac{6}{x^2+2x-3}$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, g(x) \rightarrow 0$

∴ H.A. is $y = 0$

⑤ $g(x)$ does not cross H.A. since H.A. is $y = 0$ (x-axis) and no x-int.



2. Using the graphs from the previous question, solve the following inequalities:

a) $f(x) > 0$

∴ $x < -1$ or $x > \frac{1}{2}$

b) $g(x) < 0$

∴ $-3 < x < 1$

3. Graph the following rational functions by finding and labeling any asymptotes and intercepts. Include a table of values for a more accurate graph.

a) $f(x) = \frac{3x-6}{x^2-2x-8}$

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

x	f(x)
-3	$-\frac{15}{7}$
3	$-\frac{3}{5}$
5	$\frac{9}{7}$

① x-int is 2

② y-int is $\frac{3}{4}$

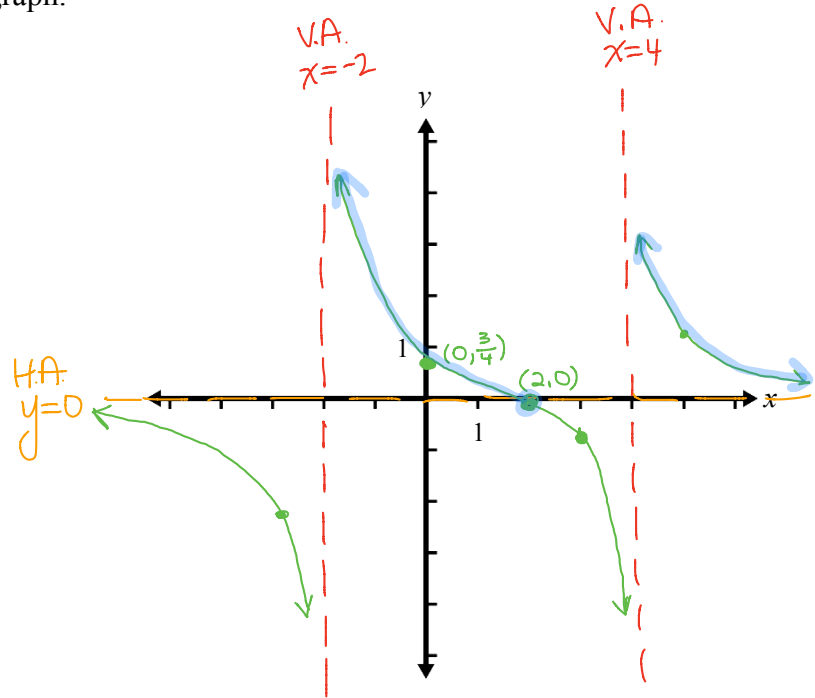
③ V.A. are $x=-2, x=4$

④ For H.A. $f(x) = \frac{3x-6}{x^2-2x-8} \div x^2$

$f(x) = \frac{\frac{3}{x} - \frac{6}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{2}{x} - \frac{8}{x^2}}$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, f(x) \rightarrow 0$
 \therefore H.A. is $y=0$

⑤ $f(x)$ crosses the H.A. at $(2,0)$ since H.A. is $y=0$ (x-axis) and x-int is 2.



b) $g(x) = \frac{6x^2-5x+1}{2x+1}$

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

① x-ints are $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}$

② y-int is 1

③ V.A. is $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

④ For L.O.A. $g(x) = (3x-4) + \frac{5}{2x+1}$

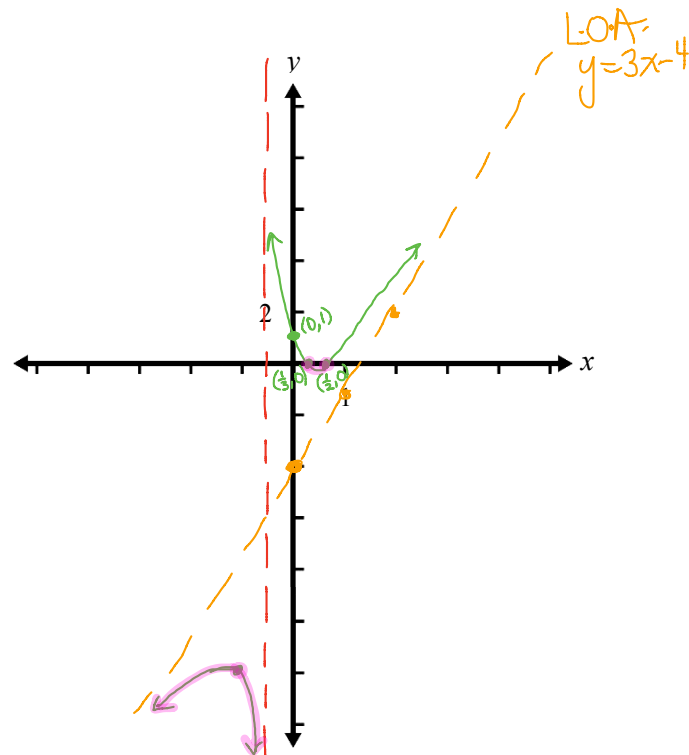
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x+1 \overline{) 6x^2 - 5x + 1} \\ \underline{6x^2 + 3x} \\ -8x + 1 \\ \underline{-8x - 4} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, g(x) \rightarrow 3x-4$
 \therefore L.O.A. is $y = 3x-4$

⑤ Does $g(x)$ cross the L.O.A.?

$\frac{6x^2-5x+1}{2x+1} = \frac{3x-4}{1}$

$6x^2-5x+1 = 6x^2-5x-4$
 $1 = -4 \therefore$ does not cross.



4. Using the graphs from the previous question, solve the following inequalities: Answer using a solution set.

a) $f(x) \geq 0$

\therefore S.S. = $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -2 < x \leq 2 \text{ or } x > 4\}$

b) $g(x) \leq 0$

\therefore S.S. = $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$

5. Graph the following rational functions by finding and labeling any asymptotes and intercepts. Include a table of values for a more accurate graph.

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

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

① x-int are -1, 2

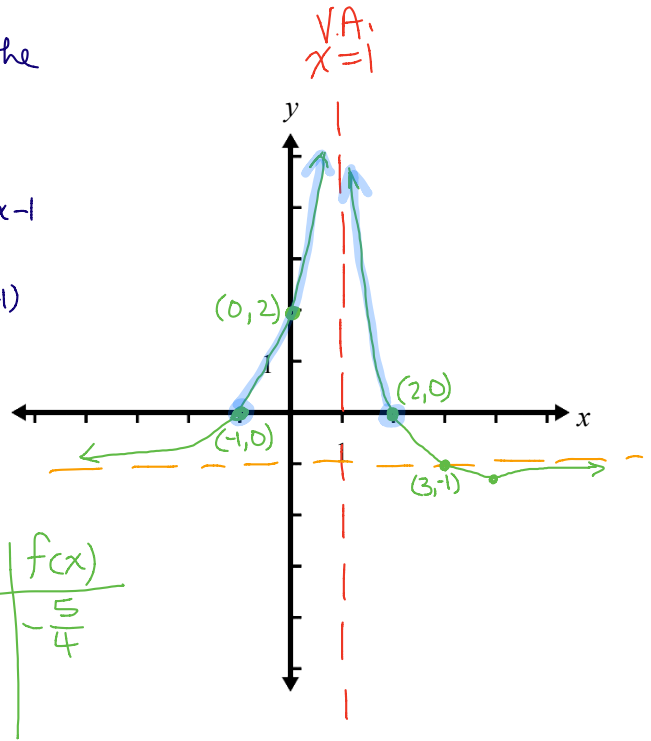
② y-int is 2

③ V.A. is $x=1$

④ For H.A.: $f(x) = \frac{-x^2+x+2}{x^2-2x+1} \div x^2$
 $f(x) = \frac{-1 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}}$
 As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, f(x) \rightarrow -1$
 \therefore H.A. is $y=-1$

⑤ Does $f(x)$ cross the H.A.?

$\frac{2+x-x^2}{x^2-2x+1} = \frac{-1}{1}$
 $2+x-x^2 = -x^2+2x-1$
 $-x = -3$
 $x = 3$
 \therefore crosses at (3,-1)



⑥

x	f(x)
4	$-\frac{5}{4}$

b) $g(x) = \frac{x^3+8}{x}$ ***this graph has a quadratic oblique asymptote

$g(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x^2-2x+4)}{x}$

① For x-int: $(x+2)(x^2-2x+4) = 0$

$\therefore x = -2$ (complex roots)

\therefore x-int is -2

② y-int: none

③ V.A. is $x=0$

④ For Q.O.A.: $g(x) = \frac{x^3+8}{x}$

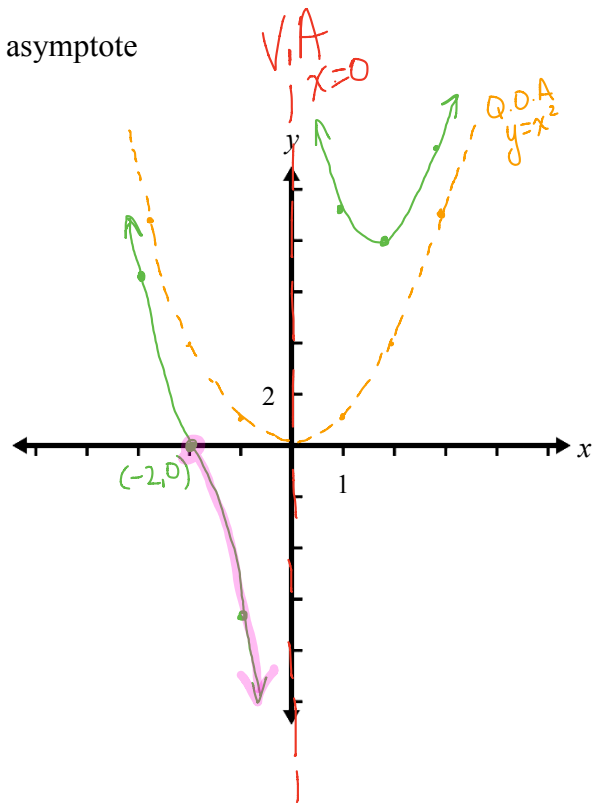
$g(x) = x^2 + \frac{8}{x}$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, g(x) \rightarrow x^2$

\therefore Q.O.A. is $y=x^2$

⑤ Does $g(x)$ cross the Q.O.A.?

$\frac{x^3+8}{x} = x^2 \rightarrow 8=0$
 $x^3+8 = x^3$ \therefore does not cross



⑥

x	g(x)
-3	$\frac{19}{3}$
-1	-7
1	9
2	8
3	$\frac{35}{3}$

6. Using the graphs from the previous question, solve the following inequalities: Answer using interval notation.

a) $f(x) \geq 0$

$x \in [-1, 1) \cup (1, 2]$

b) $g(x) \leq 0$

$x \in [2, 0)$

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2.13 Solving Rational Inequalities Graphically

Ex. 1. Solve the following rational inequalities graphically. State your final answer in a solution set.

a) $\frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 1} \geq 0$

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

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

① x-ints are -1, 2

② y-int is 2

③ V.A. is $x=1$

④ For L.O.A. $f(x) = x + \frac{-2}{x-1}$
 As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, f(x) \rightarrow x$
 \therefore L.O.A. is $y=x$

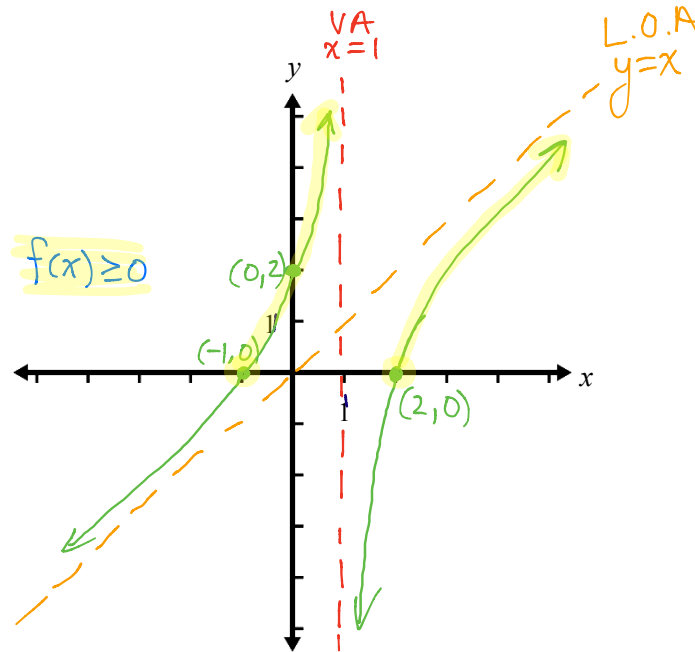
⑤ Does $f(x)$ cross the L.O.A.?

$\frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 1} = \frac{x}{1}$

$x^2 - x - 2 = x^2 - x$

$-2 = 0$

$\therefore f(x)$ does not cross the L.O.A.



b) $\frac{x+1}{x-2} < \frac{x+7}{x+1}$

$\frac{(x+1)(x+1) - (x+7)(x-2)}{(x+1)(x-2)} < 0$

$\frac{(x+1)(x+1) - (x+7)(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+1)} < 0$

$\frac{(x^2 + 2x + 1) - (x^2 + 5x - 14)}{(x-2)(x+1)} < 0$

$\frac{-3x + 15}{(x-2)(x+1)} < 0$

$\frac{-3(x-5)}{(x-2)(x+1)} < 0$

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

$f(x) = \frac{-3x+15}{x^2-x-2} \leftarrow$ H.A./L.O.A

① x-int is 5

② y-int is $-7\frac{1}{2}$

③ V.A. are $x=2, x=-1$

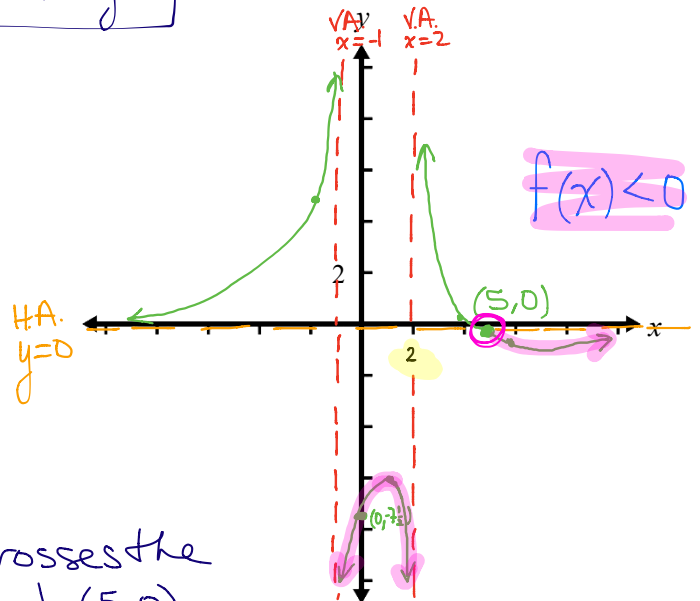
④ For H.A.: $f(x) = \frac{-3x+15}{x^2-x-2} \div x^2$
 $f(x) = \frac{-\frac{3}{x} + \frac{15}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}}$
 As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, f(x) \rightarrow 0$
 \therefore the H.A. is $y=0$.

For L.O.A. $f(x) = x + \frac{-2}{x-1}$
 As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty, f(x) \rightarrow x$
 \therefore L.O.A. is $y=x$

⑥

x	f(x)
-2	$\frac{21}{4} = 5\frac{1}{4}$
1	-6
4	$\frac{3}{10}$
6	$-\frac{3}{28}$

SS. = $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 < x < 2, x \geq 5\}$



⑤ $f(x)$ crosses the H.A. at (5, 0)
 since H.A. is $y=0$ (x-axis) and x-int at $x=5$

SS = $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -1 < x < 2, x > 5\}$

$$c) -\frac{1}{(2-x)^2} \leq -1$$

$$-\frac{1}{(2-x)^2} + 1 \leq 0$$

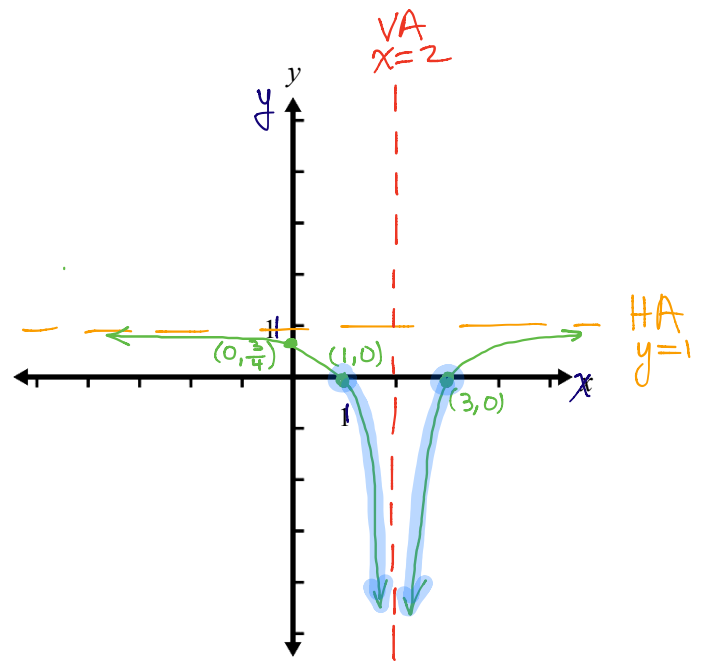
$$\frac{1}{1} \frac{(2-x)^2}{(2-x)^2} - \frac{1}{(2-x)^2} \leq 0$$

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

$$\frac{x^2-4x+3}{x^2-4x+4} \leq 0$$

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

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



① x-ints are 3 and 1

② y-int is $\frac{3}{4}$

③ V.A. is $x=2$

④ For H.A.: $f(x) = \frac{1 - \frac{4}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{4}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}}$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow 1$

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

$$SS = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 1 \leq x < 2 \text{ or } 2 < x \leq 3\}$$

OR

$$SS = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 1 \leq x \leq 3, x \neq 2\}$$

⑤ Does $f(x)$ cross
H.A.?

$$1 = \frac{x^2-4x+3}{x^2-4x+4}$$

$$x^2-4x+4 = x^2-4x+3$$

$$4 = 3$$

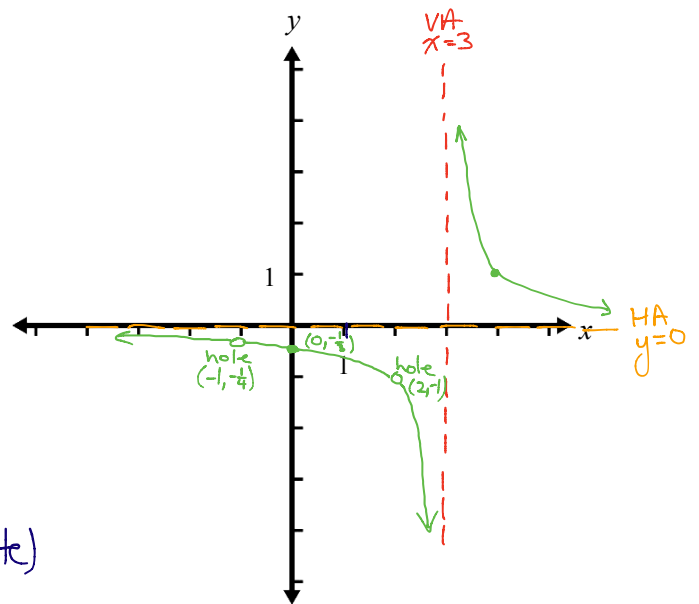
\therefore does not
cross

3. $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6}$ ** long division

a) $g(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{(x+1)(x^2-5x+6)}$

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

$g(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$, hole @ $x=-1$; $x=2$
 $(-1, -\frac{1}{4})$ $(2, -1)$



b) $g(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=-1, x=2$ and $x=3$
 $x=-1, x=2$ are removable
 $x=3$ is infinite (asymptote)

d) As $x \rightarrow -1^-$, $g(x) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}$
 As $x \rightarrow -1^+$, $g(x) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}$

As $x \rightarrow 2^-$, $g(x) \rightarrow -1$
 As $x \rightarrow 2^+$, $g(x) \rightarrow -1$

As $x \rightarrow 3^-$, $g(x) \rightarrow -\infty$
 As $x \rightarrow 3^+$, $g(x) \rightarrow +\infty$

As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $g(x) \rightarrow 0$
 As $x \rightarrow +\infty$, $g(x) \rightarrow 0$

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$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 5x + 6 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ -5x^2 + x \\ \underline{-5x^2 - 5x} \\ 6x + 6 \\ \underline{6x + 6} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

For graph: ① x-int: none

② y-int: $-\frac{1}{3}$

③ V.A.: $x=3$ is the V.A.

④ For H.A.: $y=0$ is the H.A.
 As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x-3} \rightarrow 0$

\therefore H.A. is $y=0$

⑤ $g(x)$ does not cross the H.A.

Since H.A. is $y=0$ (x -axis) and no x -int

⑥
$$\begin{array}{r} x \mid g(x) \\ 4 \mid 1 \end{array}$$