



## 3.5 In-class Practice

6. Match the function from column I with the property listed in column II.

$$\text{I} \\ f(x) = \frac{x+7}{x+1}$$

$$\text{II} \\ \text{A. The } x\text{-intercept is } -3.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x+10}{x+2}$$

$$\text{B. The } y\text{-intercept is } 5.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+4}$$

$$\text{C. The horizontal asymptote is } y = 4.$$

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

$$\text{D. The vertical asymptote is } x = -1.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 16}{x + 4}$$

$$\text{E. There is a "hole" in its graph at } x = -4.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{4x+3}{x-7}$$

$$\text{F. The graph has an oblique asymptote.}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 4}{x - 5}$$

$$\text{G. The } x\text{-axis is its horizontal asymptote, and the } y\text{-axis is not its vertical asymptote.}$$

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

$$\text{H. The } x\text{-axis is its horizontal asymptote, and the } y\text{-axis is its vertical asymptote.}$$

- 7.
- Concept Check**
- After the numerator is divided by the denominator,

$$f(x) = \frac{x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + 1}{x^4 + 1} \quad \text{becomes} \quad f(x) = x + 1 + \frac{x^2 - x}{x^4 + 1}.$$

- (a) What is the oblique asymptote of the graph of the function?  
 (b) Where does the graph of the function intersect its asymptote?  
 (c) As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , does the graph of the function approach its asymptote from above or below?

- 8.
- Concept Check**
- Which function has a graph that does not have a vertical asymptote?

$$\text{A. } f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 2} \quad \text{B. } f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 2} \quad \text{C. } f(x) = \frac{3}{x^2} \quad \text{D. } f(x) = \frac{2x + 1}{x - 8}$$

- 9.
- Concept Check**
- Which function has a graph that does not have a horizontal asymptote?

$$\text{A. } f(x) = \frac{2x - 7}{x + 3} \quad \text{B. } f(x) = \frac{3x}{x^2 - 9}$$

$$\text{C. } f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x + 3} \quad \text{D. } f(x) = \frac{x + 5}{(x + 2)(x - 3)}$$

10. Sketch the graph of each rational function.

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

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

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

$$\text{d) } f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 16}{x + 4}$$

11. **Drug Concentration** A drug is administered to a patient, and the concentration of the drug in the bloodstream is monitored. At time  $t \geq 0$  (in hours since giving the drug), the concentration (in mg/L) is given by

$$c(t) = \frac{5t}{t^2 + 1}$$

Graph the function  $c$  with a graphing device.

- (a) What is the highest concentration of drug that is reached in the patient's bloodstream?
- (b) What happens to the drug concentration after a long period of time?
- (c) How long does it take for the concentration to drop below 0.3 mg/L?