

# Exploring discontinuities and asymptotes

## Lesson #11

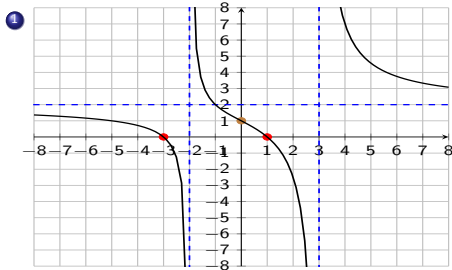
### MAT 1375 Precalculus

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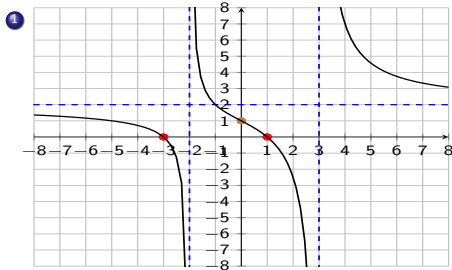
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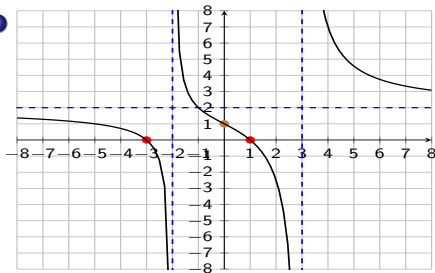
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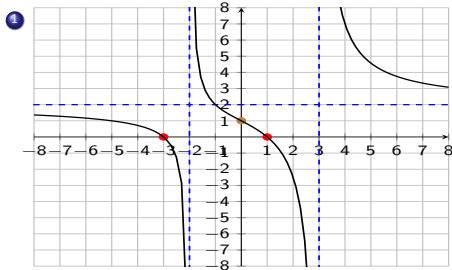
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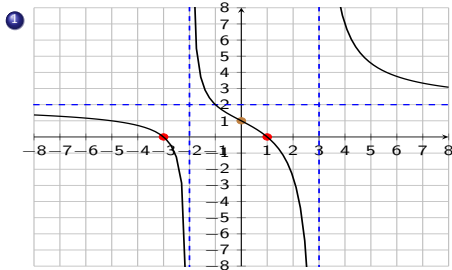
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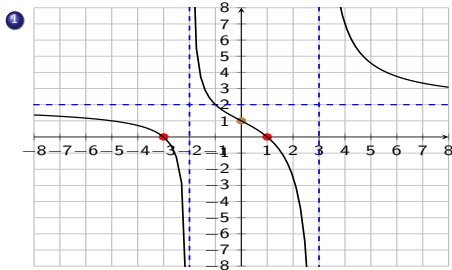
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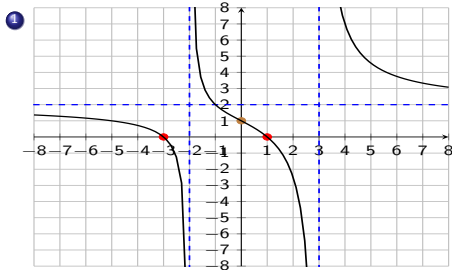
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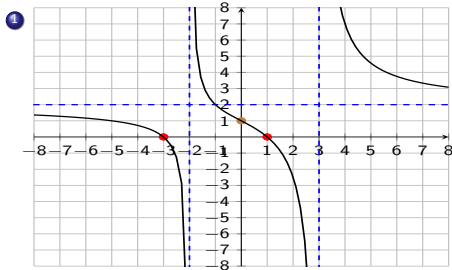
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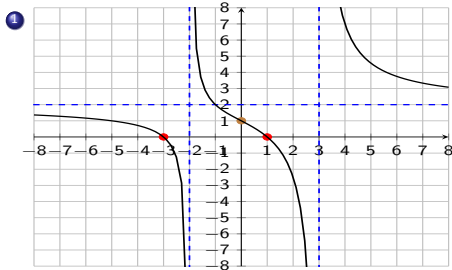
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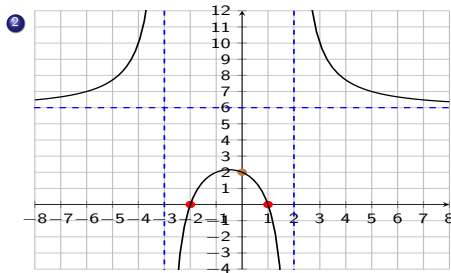
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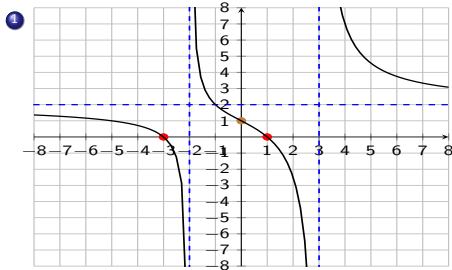
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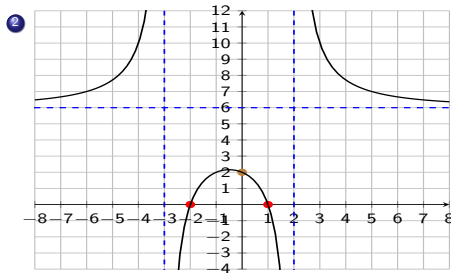
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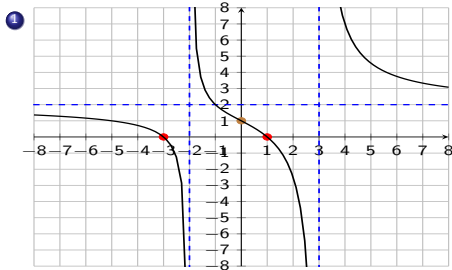
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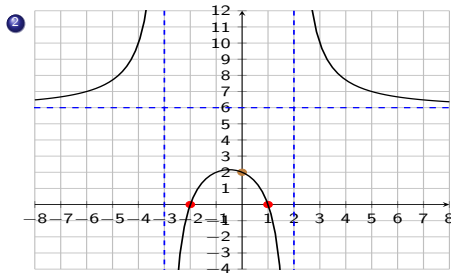
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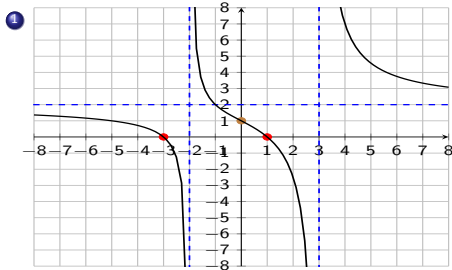
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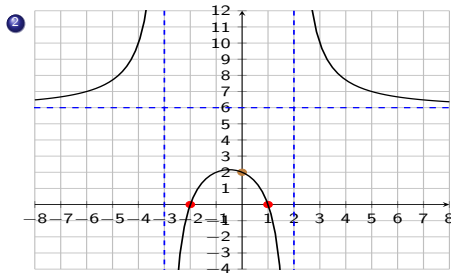
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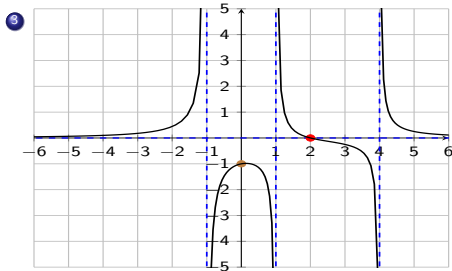
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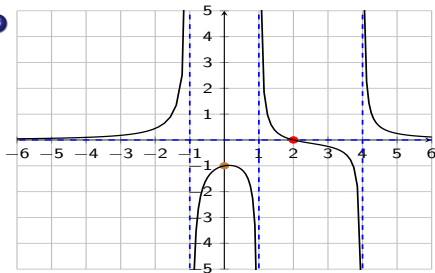
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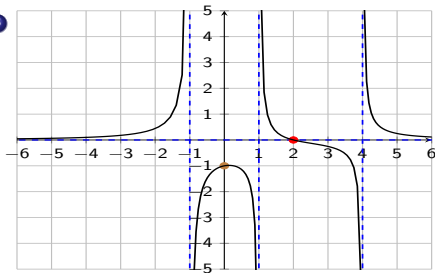
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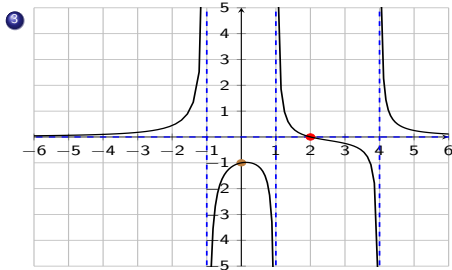
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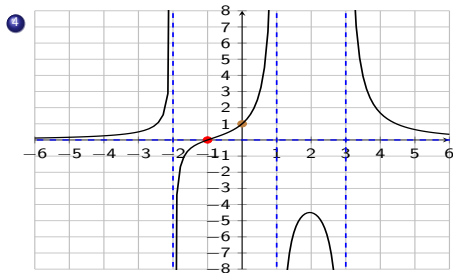
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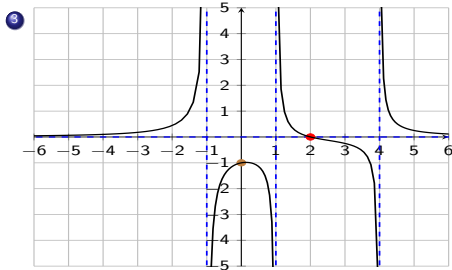


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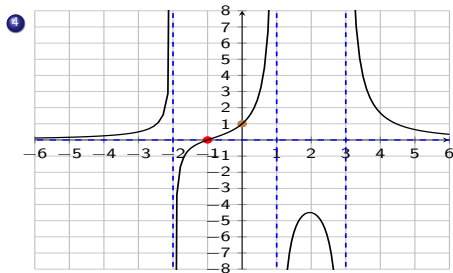


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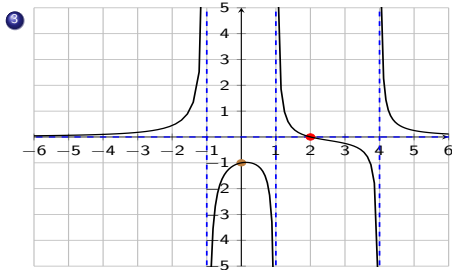


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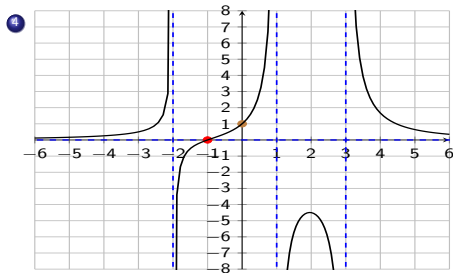


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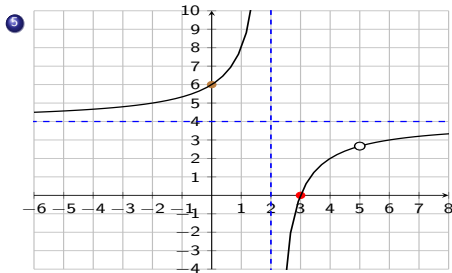
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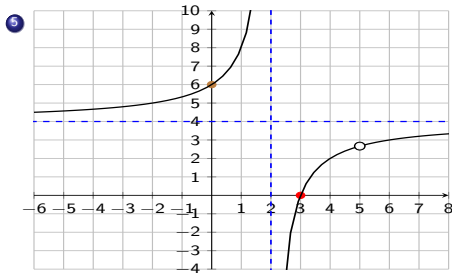
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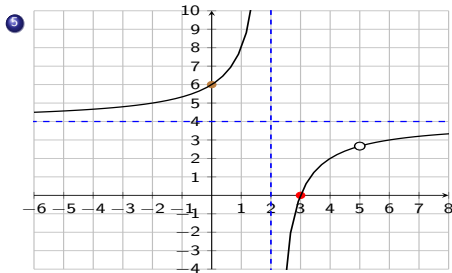
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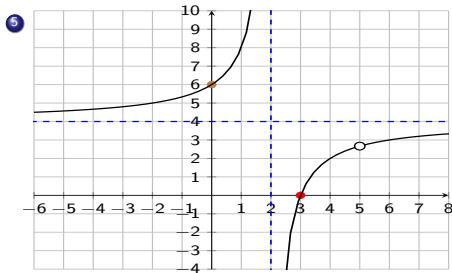
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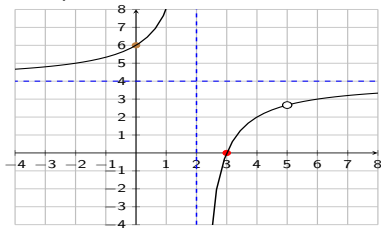
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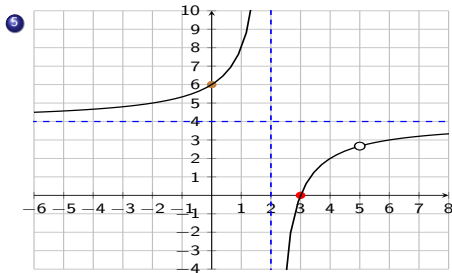
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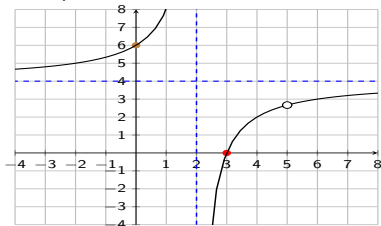
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**A:** For  $x \neq 5$ :  $f(x) = \frac{4 \cdot (x-3)}{(x-2)}$

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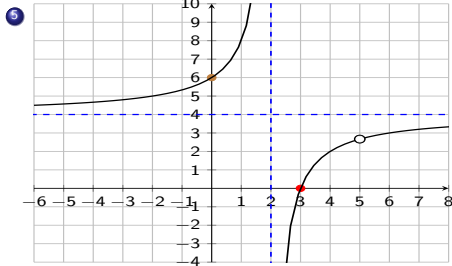
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# Rational function via its graph - exercises

Find the intercepts and the asymptotes of the rational function displayed below.

What is its domain? What is its formula?



x-int.:  $x = 3$       y-int.:  $y = 6$

VA:  $x = 2$       HA:  $y = 4$

Hole:  $x = 5$

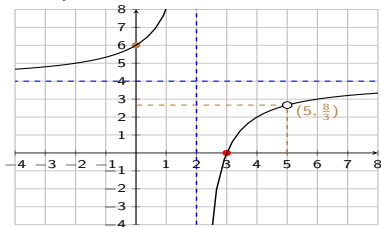
Domain:  $D = (-\infty, 2) \cup (2, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$

$$f(x) = \frac{a \cdot (x-3) \cdot (x-5)}{(x-2) \cdot (x-5)}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{3a}{2} \stackrel{!}{=} 6 \implies a = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 6 = 4$$

$$\implies f(x) = \frac{4 \cdot (x-3) \cdot (x-5)}{(x-2) \cdot (x-5)}$$

6 From previous exercise:



$$f(x) = \frac{4 \cdot (x-3) \cdot (x-5)}{(x-2) \cdot (x-5)} \text{ has hole at } x = 5.$$

**Q:** What is the y-coordinate of the removable singularity?

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$$y \rightarrow \frac{4 \cdot (5-3)}{(5-2)} = \frac{4 \cdot 2}{3} = \frac{8}{3} \approx 2.667$$

$$\implies \text{The singularity is at } (x, y) = (5, \frac{8}{3}).$$

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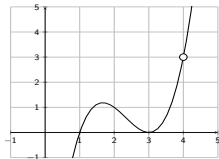
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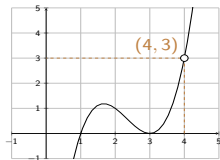


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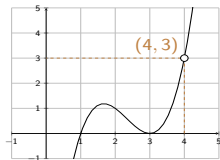
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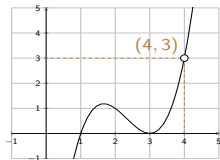
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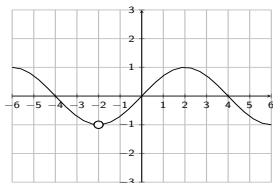
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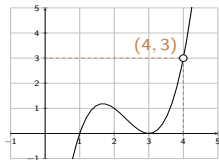
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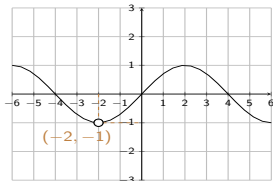
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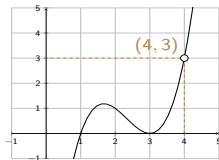
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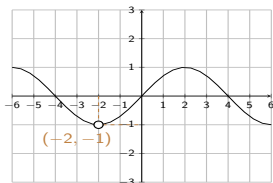
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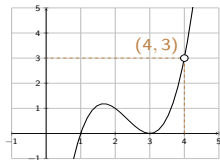
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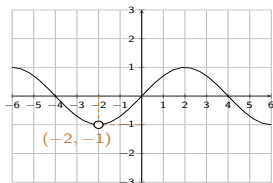
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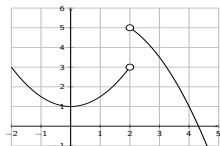
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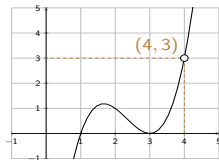
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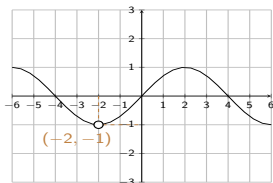
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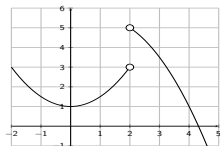
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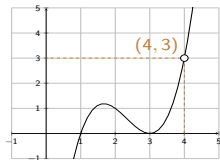
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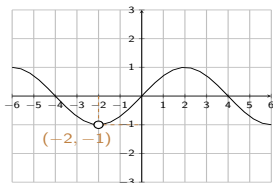
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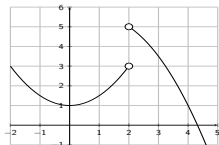
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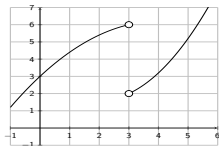
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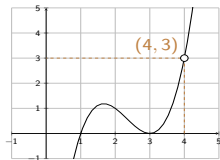


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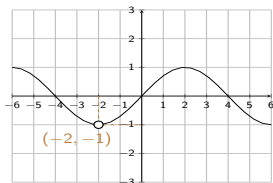
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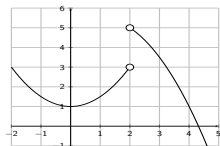
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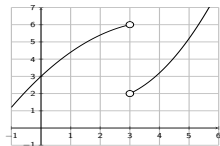
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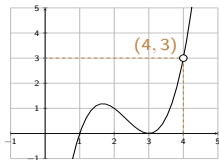
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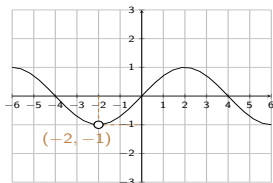
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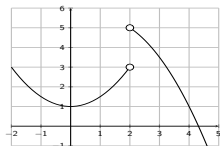
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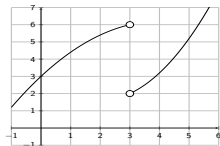
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## Limit

In calculus, this will be written as:

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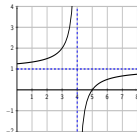
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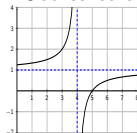
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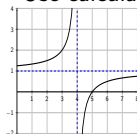
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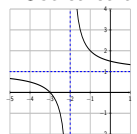
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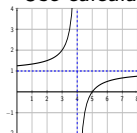
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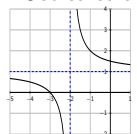
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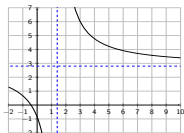
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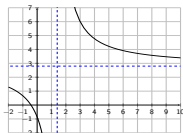
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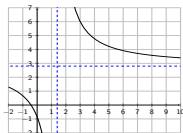
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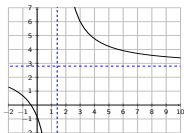
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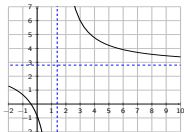
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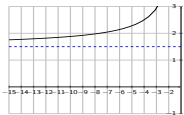
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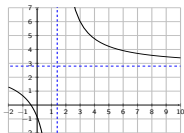
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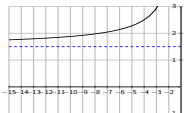
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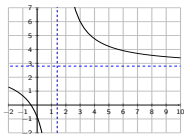


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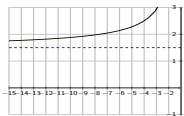
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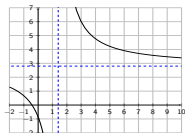
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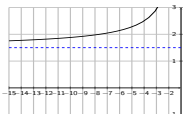
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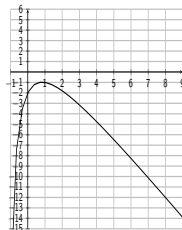
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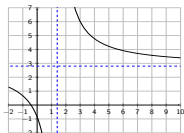
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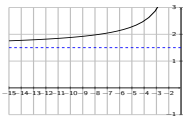
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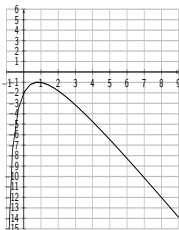
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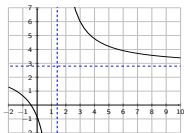
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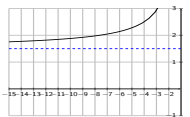
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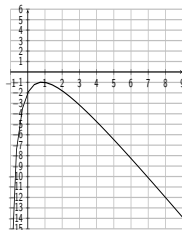
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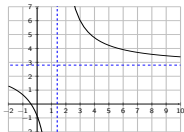
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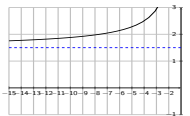
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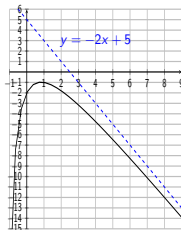
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