

DRILL

① Find vertical asymptote(s) for: $f(x) = \frac{4x}{x^2 + 4x - 12}$

$x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$

* $(x+6)(x-2) = 0$

$x+6=0$
 $-6-6$

$x = -6$

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

$x = 2$

② Find horizontal asymptote for: $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 1}{6x^2 - 2x + 1}$
(SAME DEGREE)

$y = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

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Solve rational equations
with cross multiplication

* If $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, then $ad = bc$

Ex:

$$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{x}{20}$$

$$4(20) = 5x$$

$$\frac{80}{5} = \frac{5x}{5}$$

$$16 = x$$

$$\boxed{x = 16}$$

Ex:

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

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

$$x^2 + 2x + 2x + 4 = x^2 + 4x + 1x + 4$$

$$\cancel{x^2} + 4x + 4 = \cancel{x^2} + 5x + 4$$

$$\cancel{4x} + 4 = 5x + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 = x + 4 \\ -4 \\ \hline 0 = x \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x=0}$$

Ex:

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

$$\textcircled{*} (x+5)(x-1) = (x-3)(x+6)$$

$$x^2 - 1x + 5x - 5 = x^2 + 6x - 3x - 18$$

$$\cancel{x} + 4x - 5 = \cancel{x} + 3x - 18$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 5 = 3x - 18 \\ \underline{-3x} \qquad \qquad \underline{-3x} \end{array}$$

$$x - 5 = -18$$

$$\boxed{x = -13}$$

Ex:

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

① $(x+6)(x+3) = (x-4)(x+2)$

② $x^2 + 3x + 6x + 18 = x^2 + 2x - 4x - 8$

③ $x + 9x + 18 = x - 2x - 8$

④ $9x + 18 = -x - 8$

⑤ $11x + 18 = -8$

⑥ $11x = -26$

⑦ $x = \frac{-26}{11}$