High School Algebra Playlist: Graphing Rational Functions

Aligns with <u>CCSS.Math.Content.HSF.IF.C.7.d</u>: Graph rational functions, identifying zeros and asymptotes when suitable factorizations are available, and showing end behavior.

Related Standards

- CCSS.Math.Content.HSF.IF.A.1: Understand that a function from one set (called the domain) to another set (called the range) assigns to each element of the domain exactly one element of the range. If f is a function and x is an element of its domain, then f(x) denotes the output of f corresponding to the input x. The graph of f is the graph of the equation y = f(x).
- <u>CCSS.Math.Content.HSF.IF.C.7</u>: Graph functions expressed symbolically and show key features of the graph, by hand in simple cases and using technology for more complicated cases
- <u>CCSS.Math.Content.HSF.IF.C.7.c</u>: Graph polynomial functions, identifying zeros when suitable factorizations are available, and showing end behavior.



Objectives

In this module, you will learn and practice the following skills:

- graph rational functions
- identify the zeros and asymptotes of rational functions

Let's get started!

Key Terms

- A **rational function** is a function that is the ratio of two polynomials.
- An asymptote is a line that a graph gets closer and closer to but never reaches.

Connections

- https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/algebra-and-trigonometry; section 1.4
- https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/algebra-and-trigonometry; section 5.6



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If your students...

Confuse a hole with an asymptote:

Students often examine a rational function and then say that the function has a hole where it has an asymptote, or vice versa.

WATCH: Asymptotes of rational functions

https://www.opened.com/video/asymptotes-of-rational-functions/183605

WATCH: Find the Intercepts, Asymptotes, and Hole of a Rational Function

https://www.opened.com/video/ex-find-the-intercepts-asymptotes-and-hole-of-a-rational/2956985

