

What you will learn about:
Graphing Rational Functions

X-intercepts:

Let $y=0$

Y-intercept:

Let $x=0$

Find the x-intercept(s) and y-intercept of each function.

A) $f(x) = x^2 - 36$

X-intercepts

$0 = x^2 - 36$

$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{36}$

$x = \pm 6$

Y-intercept

$0^2 - 36$

$(0, -36)$

B) $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x+3}$

X-intercepts

$(x+3)0 = \frac{x-5}{x+3}$

$0 = x-5$

$x = 5$

Y-intercept

$\frac{0-5}{0+3} = -\frac{5}{3}$

$(0, -\frac{5}{3})$

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

X-intercept

$0 = \frac{x}{x+6}$

$x = 0$

Y-intercept

$f(0) = \frac{0}{0+6}$

$= \frac{0}{6} = 0$

$(0, 0)$

D) $\frac{x^2+4}{x+2}$

X-intercepts

$x^2+4=0$

$x^2 = -4$

None

Y-intercept

$\frac{0^2+4}{0+2} = \frac{4}{2}$

$(0, 2)$

E) $f(x) = \frac{x^2-3x-10}{x}$

X-intercepts

$0 = x^2 - 3x - 10$

$(x-5)(x+2)$

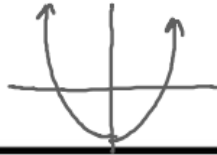
$x = 5 \quad x = -2$

Y-intercept

$f(0) = \frac{0^2 - 3(0) - 10}{0}$

$= \frac{-10}{0}$

None



Domain:

Input

X-values

Can not include
X-values that make
the bottom of fraction
Zero.

Find the domain of the function algebraically. Support your answer graphically

A) $f(x) = x^2 - 9$

$D: (-\infty, \infty)$

B) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+5}$

$D: (-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, \infty)$

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

$x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$

$(x+3)(x-1) = 0$

$x = -3 \quad x = 1$

$D: (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

D) $f(x) = \frac{3}{x} + \frac{7}{x-1}$

$x = 0 \quad x = 1$

$D: (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

E) $f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x^2 - 36}$

$0 = x^2 - 36$

$= (x-6)(x+6)$

$x = 6, -6$

$D: (-\infty, -6) \cup (-6, 6) \cup (6, \infty)$

Range:
y-values
Output

Look @ Graph

Points of
Discontinuity
make bottom of
Fraction zero.

Hole
If x-value makes
top + bottom zero.

Vertical Asymptote
If x-value makes
bottom only zero.

Determine the range of the function

A) $f(x) = 4 + x^2$

$R: [4, \infty)$

B) $f(x) = 2 + \sqrt{9-x}$

$R: [2, \infty)$

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

$(-\infty, -1) \cup [0, \infty)$

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

$(-2, \frac{3}{4}]$

Graph the function and tell whether or not the function has a point of discontinuity at $x=0$. If there is a discontinuity, tell whether the discontinuity is removable (Hole) or non-removable (Vertical Asymptote).

A) $f(x) = \frac{5}{x}$

Yes $x=0$ is Pt
of Discontinuity
Vertical Asymptote

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

Yes $x=0$ is pt of
Discontinuity
Hole

C) $f(x) = \frac{|5x|}{x}$

Yes $x=0$ is Pt
of Discontinuity

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

No $x=0$ is not Pt
of Discontinuity