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Find the intercepts, analyze, and graph the given rational function.

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

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$$f(-1) = \frac{-}{+} \quad f(2) = \frac{-}{+}$$

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

VA: $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

$$(x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x=2 \quad x=-1$$

D: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

Continuity: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

Intercepts: x-int: $0 = x^2 - 3x - 10$

$$0 = (x-5)(x+2)$$

$$x=5 \quad x=-2$$

HA: $y=1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = 1$

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y-int: $y=5$

Range: $(-\infty, 1) \cup (y\text{-coord of vertex}, \infty)$

Incl: $(x\text{-coord of vertex}, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

Dec: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, x\text{-coord of vertex})$

Symmetry: None

concave up: $(-1, 2)$

down: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

Local minimum
Local Extrema min or Max

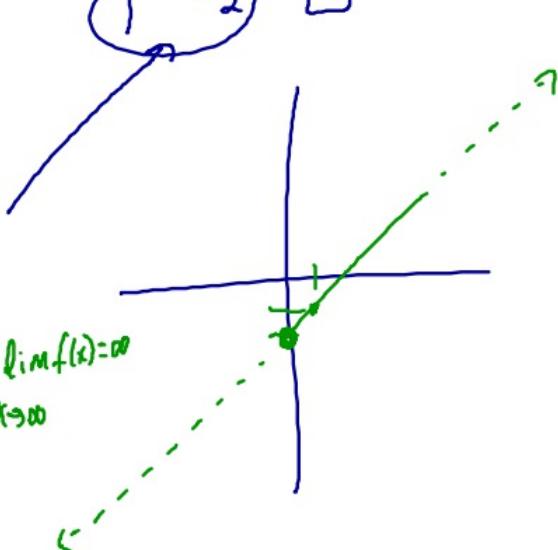
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c) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x - 10}{x - 1}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 1 & & -3 & & -10 & \\ & | & & | & & | & \\ & 1 & & -2 & & -12 & \end{array}$$



→ NO

→ SLANT : $y = x - 2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$$