

Algebra 2 Bellwork Thursday, February 5, 2015

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1. $y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$

VA:

Holes:

2. $y = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 32}{x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x - 36}$

VA:

Holes:

3. $y = \frac{2x^3 + 2x^2 - 60x}{3x^3 + 16x^2 - 12x}$

VA:

Holes:

4. $y = \frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 + 3}$

VA:

Holes:

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1. $y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 3x - 10} = \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{(x-5)(x+2)}$

VA: $x = 5$

Holes: $x = -2$

	x	$+4$
x^2	x^3	$+4x^2$
-9	$-9x$	-36

2. $y = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 32}{x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x - 36} = \frac{(x-8)(x+4)}{(x-3)(x+3)(x+4)}$

VA: $x = \pm 3$

Holes: $x = -4$

3. $y = \frac{2x^3 + 2x^2 - 60x}{3x^3 + 16x^2 - 12x} = \frac{2x(x^2 + x - 30)}{x(3x^2 + 16x - 12)} = \frac{2x(x+6)(x-5)}{x(3x-2)(x+6)}$

VA: $x = \frac{2}{3}$

Holes: $x = 0, -6$

4. $y = \frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 + 3} \rightarrow \text{ALWAYS POS! (never = 0)}$

VA: } NONE

Holes:

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