

* Vertical and Horizontal Asymptotes:

Ex1] Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes for the following functions:

Part a: $y = \frac{2x-3}{x-5}$

Part b: $y = \frac{1}{x}$

Solution:

a. To find the vertical asymptote, we set the denominator to be equal to zero as follows:

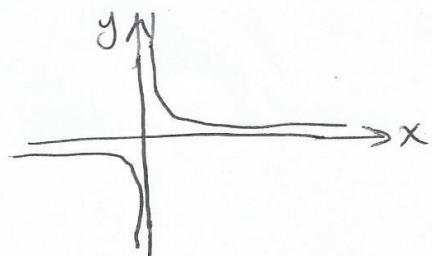
$$x-5=0 \Rightarrow x=5 \leftarrow \text{This is the vertical asymptote}$$

for $y = \frac{2x-3}{x-5}$. Now, to find the horizontal asymptote, we find the limit of $\frac{2x-3}{x-5}$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ as follows:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{\cancel{2x}-3}{\cancel{x}-5} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{leading} \\ \text{terms} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{2x}{x} = 2 \Rightarrow \text{So, } y=2 \leftarrow \text{This is the horizontal}$$

asymptote for $\frac{2x-3}{x-5}$.



b. Vertical Asymptote: $x=0$

$$\text{Horizontal Asymptote: } y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\pm\infty} = 0 \Rightarrow y=0$$

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* General Rules for Differentiation:

$$(a^x)' = a^x \ln a$$

$$(\log_a x)' = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$$

Ex2 Find y' for the following functions:

a: $y = \ln(x^3 + 2x)$

b: $y = \ln(\tan x)$

c: $y = \ln(\sin x^2)$

d: $y = e^{\tan x}$

e: $y = \log_3 x$

Solution:

$$\textcircled{a} \quad y' = \frac{1}{(x^3 + 2x)} \cdot (3x^2 + 2) = \frac{3x^2 + 2}{x^3 + 2x}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad y' = \frac{1}{\tan x} \cdot (\sec^2 x) = \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x}$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad y' = \frac{1}{\sin x^2} \cdot ((\cos x^2) \cdot 2x) = \frac{2x \cos x^2}{\sin x^2}$$

$$\textcircled{d} \quad y' = e^{\tan x} \cdot \sec^2 x = (\sec^2 x) e^{\tan x}$$

$$\textcircled{e} \quad y' = \frac{1}{x \ln 3}$$