

Using derivatives to graph a function without a calculator #3

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 - 9}$$

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b. Find the y intercepts $f(0) = \frac{1}{9}$ $(0, \frac{1}{9})$

c. Find any asymptotes (horizontal and vertical)

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H.A. $y = 1$
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 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 1$

V.A. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \infty$

d. Find the end behavior.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -\infty$

e. Find the first derivative (get a common denominator).

$$f' = \frac{(x^2 - 9)2x - (x^2 - 1)2x}{(x^2 - 9)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x(x^2 - 9 - x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 - 9)^2} = \frac{2x(-8)}{(x^2 - 9)^2}$$

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$x = 0$ $x = \pm 3$ V.A.

g. Use the critical points to find any max/mins. (hint: use a sign line)



local max $(0, \frac{1}{9})$

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No soln

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$$x = \pm 3 \text{ (VA)}$$

No ppoi, No poi

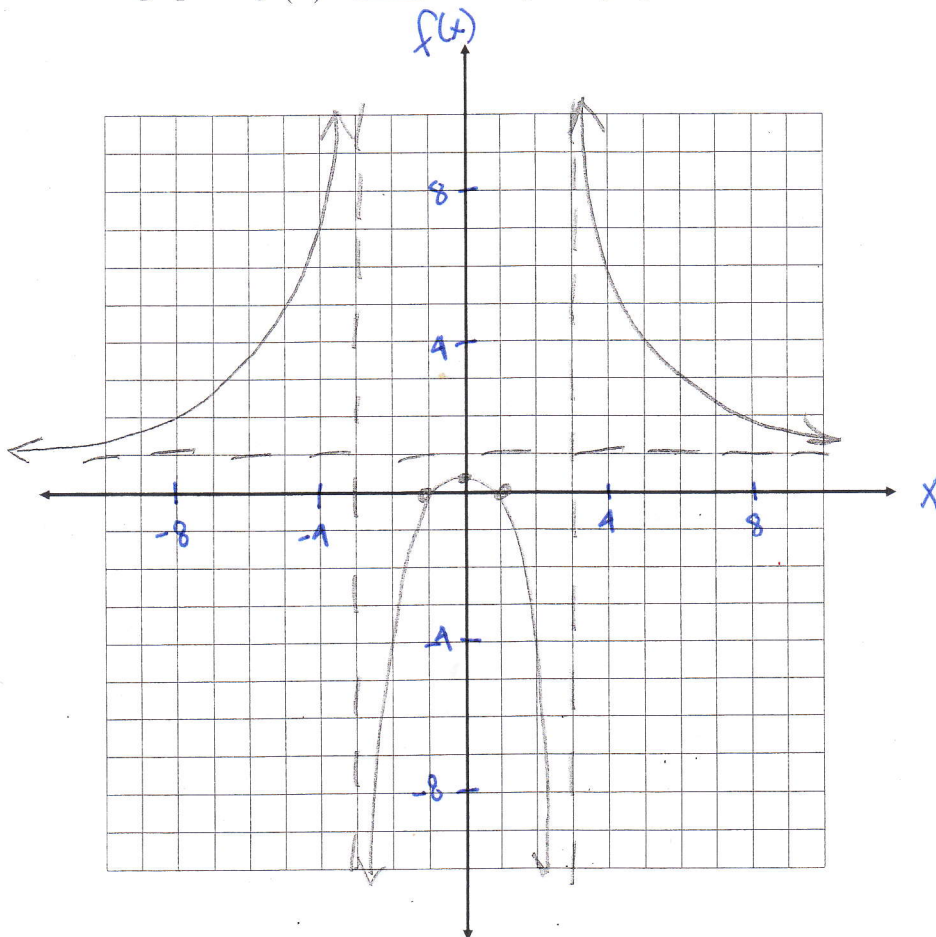
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