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Further  
Pure Maths. 1

Rational Functions  
and Graphs,  
Exercise.

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1. The curve  $C$  has equation  $y = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 2x + 1}$
- (a) State the equation of the asymptotes of  $C$ , ---[2]
- (b) Show that  $y \leq \frac{25}{12}$  at all points on  $C$ , ---[4]
- (c) Find the coordinates of any stationary points of  $C$ , ---[3]
- (d) Sketch  $C$ , stating the coordinates of any intersection of  $C$  with the coordinate axes and the asymptotes. ---[4]
- (e) Sketch the curve with equation  $y = \left| \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 2x + 1} \right|$  and find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $\left| \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 2}{x^2 - 2x + 1} \right| < 2$  ---[4]

[SP-20 | 01 | Q7]

2. The curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have equations,
- $$y = \frac{ax}{x+5} \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{x^2 + (a+10)x + 5a + 26}{x+5}$$

respectively, where  $a$  is constant and  $a > 2$ ,

- (i) Find the equations of the asymptotes of  $C_1$ , ---[2]
- (ii) Find the equation of the oblique asymptote of  $C_2$ , ---[2]
- (iii) Show that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  do not intersect, ---[2]
- (iv) Find the coordinates of the stationary points of  $C_2$ , ---[3]
- (v) Sketch  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  on a single diagram. [you do not need to calculate the coordinates of any points where  $C_2$  crosses the axes] ---[3]

[S-19 | 11 | Q10]

3. The curve  $C$  has equation,  $y = \frac{x^2}{kx - 1}$ ,  
where  $k$  is a positive constant.

- (i) Obtain the equations of asymptotes of  $C$ , ---[3]
- (ii) Find the coordinates of the stationary points of  $C$ , ---[3]
- (iii) Sketch  $C$ , ---[3]

[S-19 | 13 | Q6]



4. The curve C has equation  $y = x^a$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , where  $a$  is a positive constant. Find, in terms of  $a$ , the coordinates of the <sup>centroid of</sup> region enclosed by C, the line  $x=1$  and the  $x$ -axis. [6]  
 (Not in the syllabus) [W-19/11/Q1]

5. The line  $y = 2x + 1$  is an asymptote of the curve C with equation,  $y = \frac{x^2 + 1}{ax + b}$ ,

(i) Find the values of the constants  $a$  and  $b$ . --- [3]

(ii) State the equation of the other asymptote of C. --- [1]

(iii) Sketch C. [Your sketch should indicate the coordinates of any points of intersection with the  $y$ -axis. You do not need to find the coordinates of any stationary points.] [W-19/11/Q4] --- [3]

6. The curve C has equation  $y = \frac{x^2 + b}{x + b}$  where  $b$  is a positive constant.

(i) Find the equation of the asymptotes of C. --- [3]

(ii) Show that C does not intersect the  $x$ -axis. --- [1]

(iii) Justifying your answer, find the number of stationary points on C. --- [2]

(iv) Sketch C. Your sketch should indicate the coordinates of any points of intersection with the  $y$ -axis. You do not need to find the coordinates of any stationary points. [S-18/11/Q6] --- [3]

7. The curve C has equation  $y = \frac{x^2 + 7x + 6}{x - 2}$

(i) Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of C with the axes. --- [2]

(ii) Find the equation of each of the asymptotes of C. --- [3]

(iii) Sketch C. --- [3]

[S-18/13/Q4]



8. The curve C has equation,  $y = \frac{x^2 + ax - 1}{x + 1}$   
 where a is constant and  $a > 1$ .

- (i) Find the equations of the asymptotes of C. ---[3]
- (ii) Show that C intersects x-axis twice. ---[1]
- (iii) Justifying your answer, find the number of stationary points on C. ---[2]
- (iv) Sketch C, stating the coordinates of its points of intersection with the y-axis. W-18/11/Q6 ---[3]

9. The curve C has equation,  $y = \frac{5x^2 + 5x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1}$

- (i) Find the equation of the asymptote of C. ---[2]
- (ii) Show that, for real value of x,  $-\frac{1}{3} \leq y < 5$  ---[4]
- (iii) Find the coordinates of any stationary points of C. ---[2]
- (iv) Sketch C, stating the coordinates of any intersection with the y-axis. W-18/12/Q9 ---[2]

10. The curve C has equation,  $y = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 6}{1 - x}$

- (i) Find the equations of asymptotes of C. ---[3]
- (ii) Find the coordinates of the turning points of C. ---[3]
- (iii) Find the coordinates of any intersection with the coordinate axes. ---[2]
- (iv) Sketch C. S-17/11/Q9 ---[3]

11. The curve C has equation  $y = \frac{3x - 9}{(x - 2)(x + 1)}$

- (i) Find the equations of the asymptotes of C. ---[2]
- (ii) Show that there is no point on C for which  $\frac{1}{3} < y < 3$  ---[4]
- (iii) Find the coordinates of the turning points of C. ---[3]
- (iv) Sketch C. W-17/11/Q9 ---[3]



12. A curve C has equation  $y = \frac{x^2}{x-2}$ . Find the equations of the asymptotes of C. [3]

Show that there are no points on C for which  $0 < y < 8$  [4]

Sketch C, giving the coordinates of the turning points. -- [3]

[S-16/11/Q7]

13. The curve C has equation  $y = \frac{x-2}{x^2-9}$ , show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$  at all points on C. state the equations of the asymptotes of C. --- [3]

Sketch C, showing the coordinates of any points of intersection with the coordinate axes. --- [2]

intersections with the coordinate axes. --- [3]

[S-16/13/Q5]

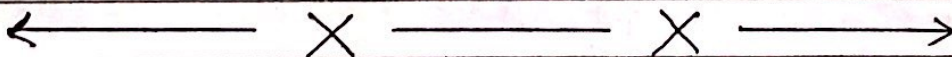
14. The curve C has equation  $y = \frac{4x^2-3x}{x^2+1}$ , Verify that the equation of C may be written in the form  $y = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{(3x-1)^2}{2(x^2+1)}$  and also in the form

$y = \frac{9}{2} - \frac{(x+3)^2}{2(x^2+1)}$ , Hence show,  $-\frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{9}{2}$  -- [2]

Without differentiating, write down the coordinates of the turning points of C. -- [2]

State the equation of the asymptote of C. -- [1]

Sketch the graph of C, stating the coordinates of the intersections with the coordinate axes and the asymptote. [S-15/13/Q10] -- [3]



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Answers

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

continued; Find 0, 7, 4 as critical points, for  $x < 0$  or  $7 < x < 4$

(a) Vertical asymptote at  $x=1$  and horizontal at  $y=2$

(b) Eqn of curve may be written as  $3x^2 - 2yx + y = 2x^2 - 3x - 2$   
 $\Rightarrow (3-2)x^2 - (3y-3)x + (y+2) = 0$   
 for real roots  $B^2 - 4AC > 0$   
 $(3y-3)^2 - 4(3-2)(y+2) > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -12y + 25 > 0 \Rightarrow y < \frac{25}{12}$

2.  $C_1: y = \frac{ax}{x+5}$  and  $C_2: y = \frac{x^2 + (a+10)x + 5a + 26}{x+5}$   
 (i)  $C_1: y = a + \frac{-5a}{x+5}$ ,  $a > 2$   
 asymptotes are,  $y = a$  &  $x = -5$   
 (ii)  $C_2: y = (x+a+5) + \frac{1}{x^2 + (a+10)x + 5a + 26}$

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x^2 - 2x + 1)(4x - 3) - (2x^2 - 3x - 2)(2x - 2)}{(x^2 - 2x + 1)^2}$

$\therefore$  Oblique asymptote;  $y = x + a + 5$   
 (iii) for intersection.

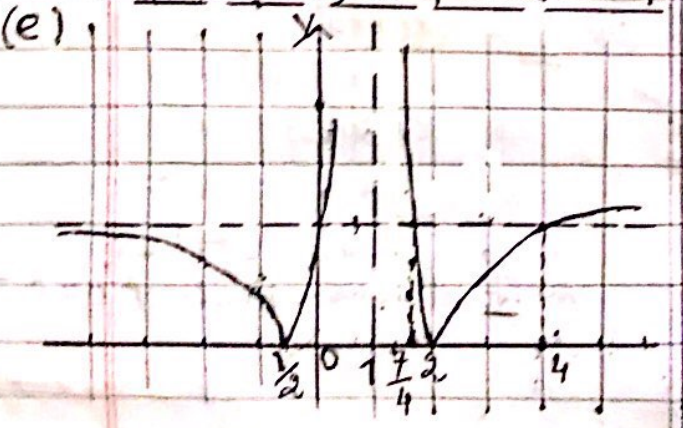
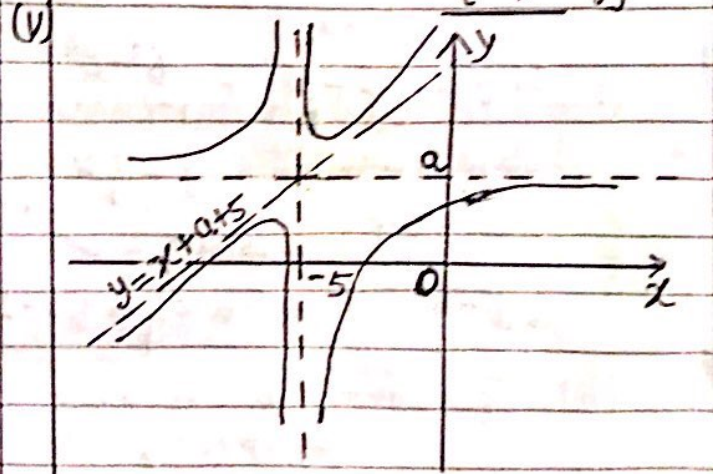
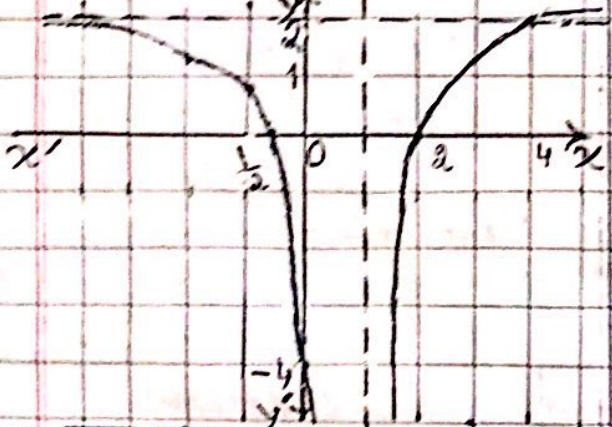
for turning points  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 7 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 7$  ( $x = 1$  is asymptote)

$ax = x^2 + (a+10)x + 5a + 26$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 10x + (5a + 26) = 0$   
 $B^2 - 4AC = 10^2 - 4(5a + 26) = -4(5a + 9) < 0; a > 2$   
 $\therefore$  No points of intersection.

Stationary point  $(7, \frac{25}{12})$

(d) Intersects x-axis  $\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$   
 $x = 2.5, -0.4$   
 Intersects y-axis  $\Rightarrow y = -4$

(iv) diff for  $C_2, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x+5)(2x+a+10) - (x^2 + ax + 10x + 5a + 26) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 10x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -4, -6$   
 $\therefore$  stationary points are  $(-4, a+2)$  and  $(-6, a-2)$





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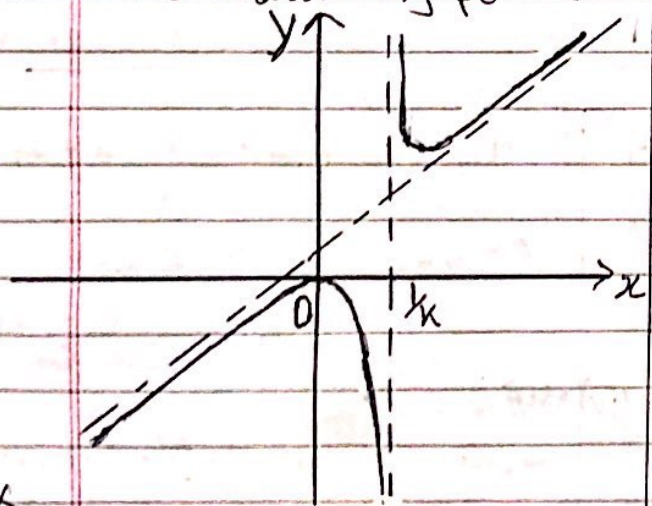
3. C:  $y = \frac{x^2}{kx-1}$  ;  $k > 0$   
 Vertical asymptote is  $\rightarrow x = \frac{1}{k}$   
 (i)  $y = \left(\frac{1}{k}x + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) + \frac{1}{k^2(kx-1)}$

∴ Oblique asymptote is,  $y = k^{-1}x + k^{-2}$  ✓

(ii)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x(k-1) - kx^2}{(kx-1)^2} = 0$

$\Rightarrow kx^2 - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x(kx-2) = 0$

∴  $(0,0), (2k^{-1}, 4k^{-2})$  ✓  
 are stationary points.



4. C:  $y = x^a$  ;  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  
 (Not in the syllabus)

5. C:  $y = \frac{x^2+1}{ax+b}$  ; line  $y = 2x+1$  (1)

(i) C:  $y = \left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{b}{a^2}\right) + \frac{a^2-b^2}{a^2(ax+b)}$  (2)

Here asymptote,  $y = \frac{1}{a}x - \frac{b}{a^2}$  (3)

for (1) & (3)  $\frac{1}{a} = 2 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$  ✓

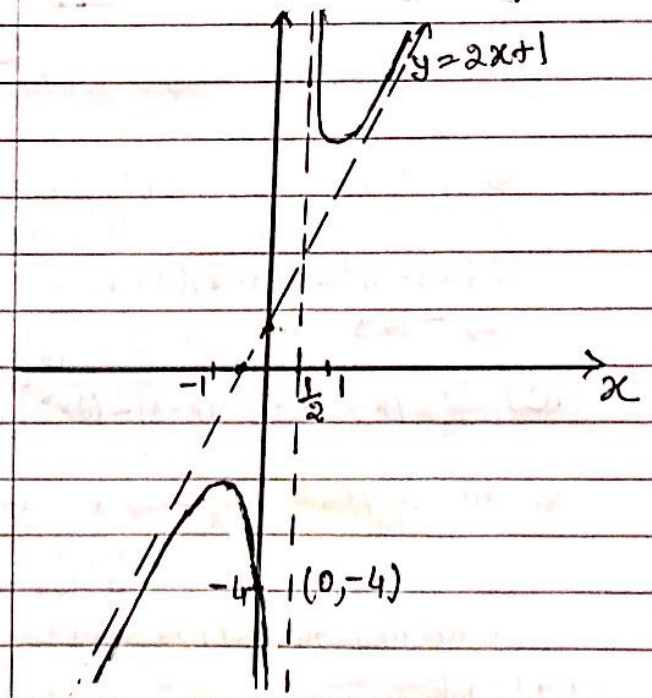
and  $-\frac{b}{a^2} = 1 \Rightarrow -b = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{4}$  ✓

(ii) other asymptote  $ax+b=0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$  ✓

∴ C:  $y = (2x+1) + \frac{5}{(2x-1)}$  (4)

5(iii) for (2) C intersects y-axis at  $(0,-4)$

C:  $y = (2x+1) + \frac{5}{(2x-1)}$



6. C:  $y = \frac{x^2+b}{x+b}$  (1)  $b > 0$

(i) C:  $y = (x-b) + \frac{(b^2+b)}{(x+b)}$  (2)

The oblique asymptote is,  $y = x-b$  ✓

and  $x = -b$  is asymptote parallel to y-axis

In (1)  $y=0 \Rightarrow x^2+b=0$   
 has no real roots  $\Rightarrow$  C does not intersect x-axis.

(ii)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x(x+b) - (x^2+b)}{(x+b)^2} = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + bx - b = 0$

$B^2 - 4AC = 4b^2 + 4b > 0$

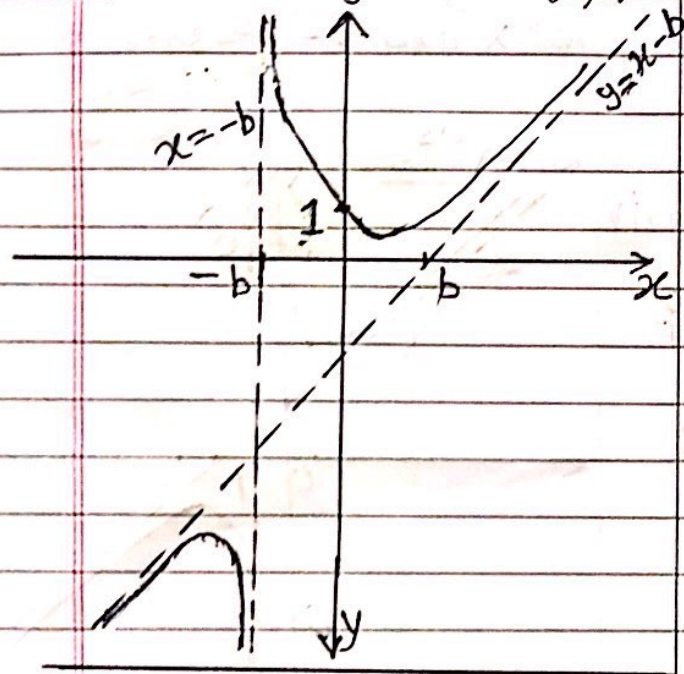
∴ Curve C has two stationary points.

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6(iv)  $x=0$  in ①  $\Rightarrow y=1$   
 $\therefore C$  intersects  $y$ -axis at  $(0,1)$

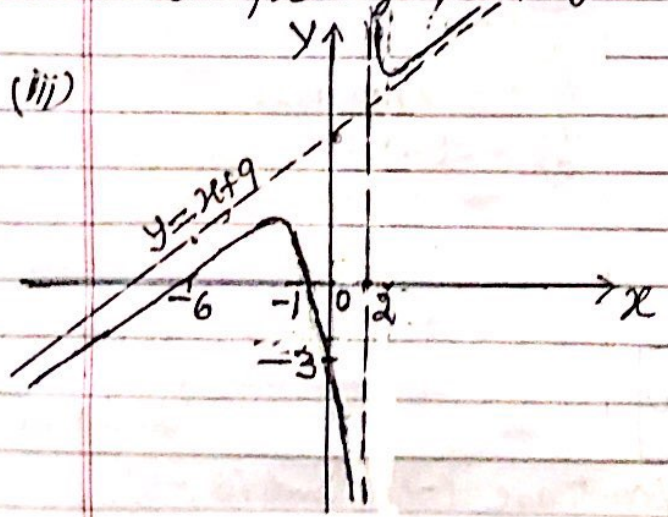


7. C:  $y = \frac{x^2 + 7x + 6}{x - 2}$

(i) Intersects  $x$ -axis  $x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = -1, -6$   
 $(-6, 0), (-1, 0)$  ✓

Intersects  $y$ -axis  $(0, -3)$  ✓

(ii)  $y = x + 9 + \frac{24}{x - 2}$   
 one asymptote parallel to  $y$ -axis is  $x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2$  ✓  
 and the Oblique asymptote is  $y = x + 9$  ✓



8. C:  $y = \frac{x^2 + ax - 1}{x + 1}, a > 1$

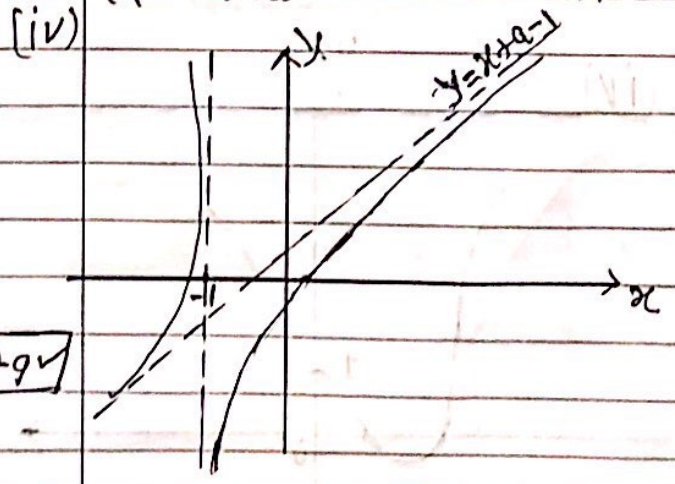
or  $y = (x + a - 1) - \frac{a}{x + 1}$   
 (i) asymptotes are  $x = -1; y = x + a - 1$  ✓

(iii)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+1)(2x+a) - (x^2+ax-1)}{(x+1)^2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + a + 1 = 0$   
 $B^2 - 4AC = 4 - 4(a+1) = 4 - 4a - 4 = -4a < 0$

$\therefore$  there are no stationary points.

(ii) C, intersects  $x$ -axis,  
 $y = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + ax - 1 = 0$   
 $B^2 - 4AC = a^2 + 4 > 0$

$\therefore C$  intersects  $x$ -axis twice.



9. C:  $y = \frac{5x^2 + 5x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1}$  — ①

or  $y = 5 + \frac{-4}{x^2 + x + 1}$  — ②

(i) asymptote is  $y = 5$  ✓

(ii) from ①  $yx^2 + yx + y = 5x^2 + 5x + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow (y-5)x^2 + (y-5)x + (y-1) = 0$  — ③

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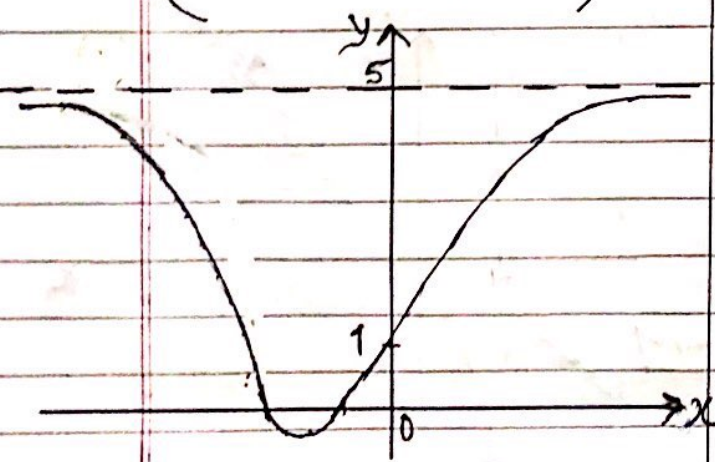
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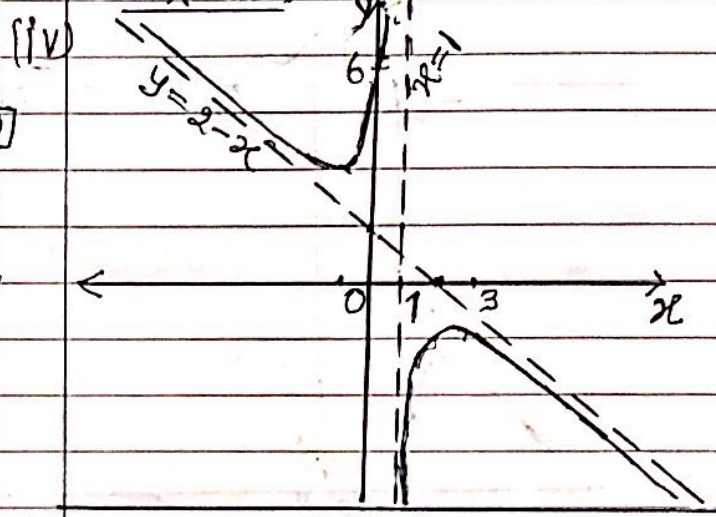
9(ii) for real values of  $x$ ,  
 $b^2 - 4ac > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (y-5)^2 - 4(y-5)(y-1) \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (y-5)(3y+1) \leq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{3} \leq y \leq 5$  (∵  $y=5$  is an asymptote)

(iii)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2 + x + 1)(10x + 5) - (5x^2 + 5x + 1) \cdot x(2x + 1) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 4(2x + 1) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = -\frac{1}{3}$   
 $\therefore (-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{3})$  is a stationary point.

(iv) C intersects y-axis for  $x=0$   
 $\Rightarrow y=1, (0, 1)$   
 and intersects x-axis for  $y=0$   
 $5x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0$   
 $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{5}}{10} = -5 \pm 2.24$   
 $= (-3.6, -1.38)$



10(iii) Points of intersection:  
 with y-axis:  $(0, 6)$   
 with x-axis  $y = x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac < 0$   
 No point of intersection with x-axis.



11 C:  $y = \frac{3x-9}{(x-2)(x+1)}$  — (1)

(i) Vertical asymptotes at  $x=2$  and  $x=-1$  ✓

(ii) for (1)  $yx^2 - (y+3)x + 9 - 2y = 0$   
 Now  $B^2 - 4AC < 0$  for no point of intersection.  
 $(y+3)^2 - 4y(9-2y) < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 10y + 3 < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (3y-1)(y-3) < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} < y < 3$  ✓

(iii) for turning points:  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(x^2 - x - 2) - (3x-9)(2x-1) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x-1)(x-5) = 0$   
 $x = 1, 5$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Turning points are  $(1, 3), (5, \frac{1}{3})$  ✓

10 C:  $y = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 6}{(1-x)}$  — (1)

or  $y = -x + 2 + \frac{4}{(1-x)}$  — (2)

(i) Asymptotes are,  $x=1$  and  $y=2-x$  ✓

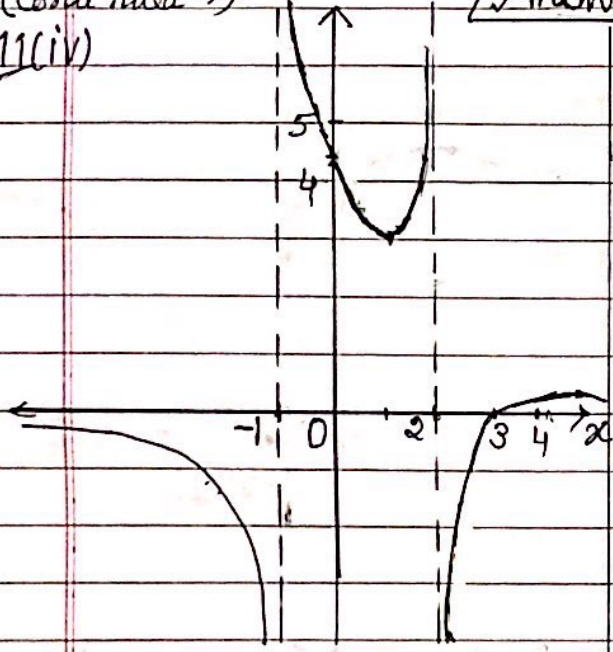
(ii)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(1-x)(2x-3) + (x^2 - 3x + 6)}{(1-x)^2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (-x^2 + 2x + 3) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = -1, 3 \Rightarrow$  Turning points are  $(-1, 5)$  and  $(3, -3)$

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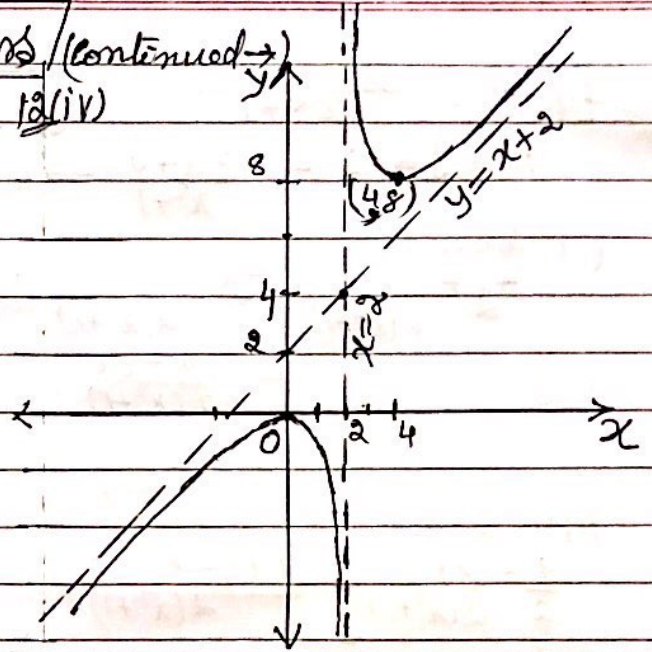
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12 C:  $y = \frac{x^2}{x-2}$  — (1)

or  $y = x+2 + \frac{4}{x-2}$  — (2)

(i) Vertical asymptote is  $x=2$  ✓  
oblique asymptote is  $y=x+2$  ✓

(ii) from (1)  $x^2 - yx + 2y = 0$   
for no real roots  $B^2 - 4AC < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow y^2 - 8y < 0$   
 $y(y-8) < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 < y < 8$  ✓

(iii) for turning points  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x(x-2)}{(x-2)^2} = \frac{2x}{x-2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x(x-4) = 0 \Rightarrow x=0, 4$

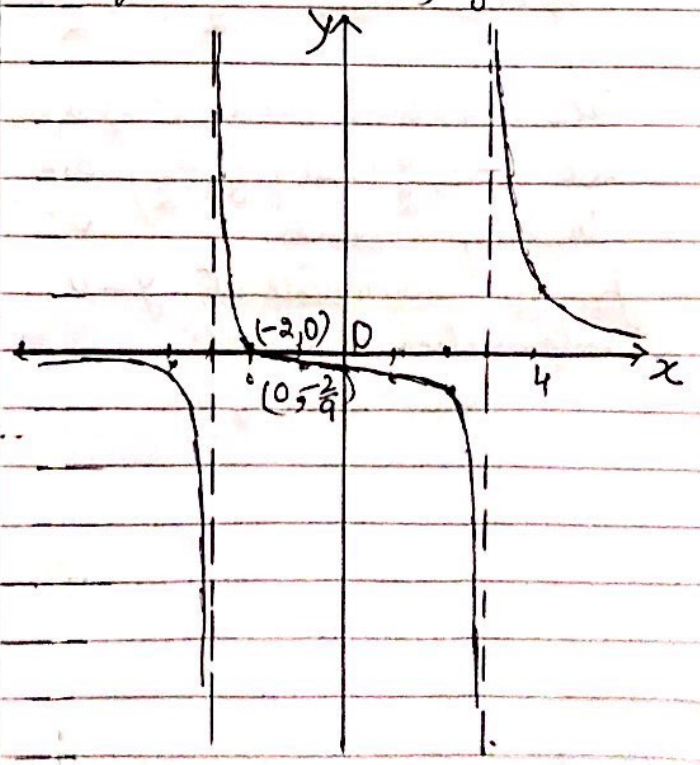
Turning points (0,0), (4,8)  
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13 C:  $y = \frac{x+2}{x^2-9}$  — (1)

or  $y = \frac{(x+2)}{(x-3)(x+3)}$  — (2)

(i)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 \cdot (x^2-9) - (x+2) \cdot 2x}{(x^2-9)^2}$   
 $= - \frac{[(x+2)^2 + 5]}{(x^2-9)^2} < 0$  ✓

(ii) Asymptotes:  $x = \pm 3$ ;  $y = 0$





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14. C:  $y = \frac{4x^2 - 3x}{x^2 + 1}$  — (1)

or  $y = 4 - \frac{3x + 4}{x^2 + 1}$  — (2)

(i) Consider 
$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{(3x-1)^2}{2(x^2+1)} &= \frac{-x^2 - 1 + 9x^2 - 6x + 1}{2(x^2+1)} \\ &= \frac{8x^2 - 6x}{2(x^2+1)} \\ &= \frac{4x^2 - 3x}{x^2+1} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
 — (3)

Again consider

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{9 - (x+3)^2}{2(x^2+1)} &= \frac{9x^2 + 9 - x^2 - 6x - 9}{2(x^2+1)} \\ &= \frac{8x^2 - 6x}{2(x^2+1)} \\ &= \frac{4x^2 - 3x}{x^2+1} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
 — (4)

Now from (3),

$$\frac{(3x-1)^2}{2(x^2+1)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow y \geq -\frac{1}{2} \text{ — (5)}$$

and from (4)  $\frac{(x+3)^2}{2(x^2+1)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow y \leq \frac{9}{2}$  — (6)

from (5) and (6)  $-\frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{9}{2}$  ✓

Turning points occur at equality

so  $(-3, \frac{9}{2})$  and  $(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{2})$  are turning points. ✓

for (2) Asymptote at  $y = 4$ .

Intersection with axis:

$(0, 0)$  and  $(\frac{3}{4}, 0)$ .

