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Rational Functions

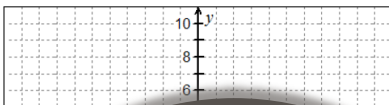
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Graphically

Graph $y = f(x)$ on the grid below.



Numerically

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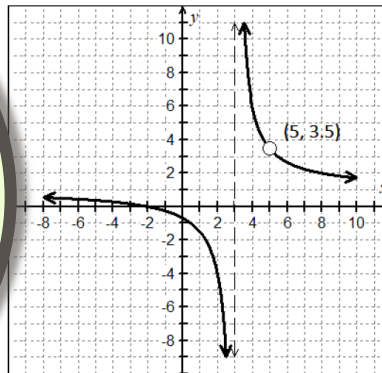
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Graphically

Use the graph of $y = f(x)$ below to complete the activity.



Numerically

Complete the table.

| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|-----------|
| -7 | 0.5 |
| -2 | |
| 0 | |
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | undefined |

Algebraically

If $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x - A}{x - 4}$ find the values of A and B.

Verbally

1. What is the domain of the function?

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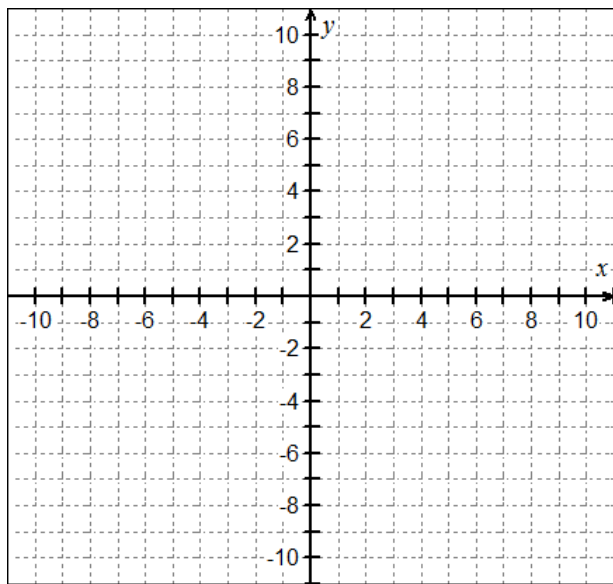
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Graphically

Graph $y = f(x)$ on the grid below.



Numerically

Complete the table.

| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|--------|
| -2 | |
| -1 | |
| 0 | |
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | 1 |

Algebraically

If $f(x) = \frac{2x - K}{x - 3}$, find the value of K .

Verbally

1. What is the domain of the function?
2. What is the range of the function?
3. For what value of x is the function undefined?
4. Write an equation for the horizontal asymptote.
5. State the coordinates for the y -intercept.
6. Name the x -intercept(s).

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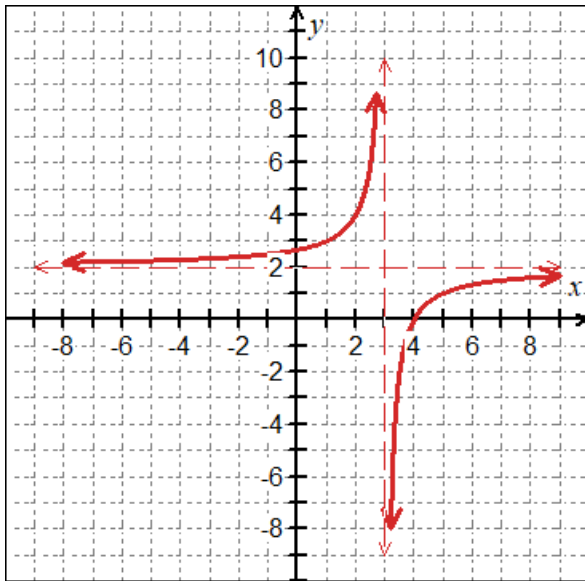
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Graphically

Graph $y = f(x)$ on the grid below.

$$f(x) = \frac{2(x - 4)}{(x - 3)}$$



Numerically

Complete the table.

| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|----------------|
| -2 | $\frac{12}{5}$ |
| -1 | $\frac{5}{2}$ |
| 0 | $\frac{8}{3}$ |
| 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | undefined |
| 4 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 |

Algebraically

If $f(x) = \frac{2x - K}{x - 3}$, find the value of K .

$$(x, y) = (5, 1)$$

$$1 = \frac{2(5) - K}{(5 - 3)}$$

$$2 = 10 - K$$

$$K = 8$$

Verbally

1. What is the domain of the function?

$$(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$$

2. What is the range of the function?

$$(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

3. For what value of x is the function undefined?

$$x = 3$$

4. Write an equation for the horizontal asymptote.

$$y = 2$$

5. State the coordinates for the y -intercept.

$$\left(0, \frac{8}{3}\right)$$

6. Name the x -intercept(s).

$$(4, 0)$$

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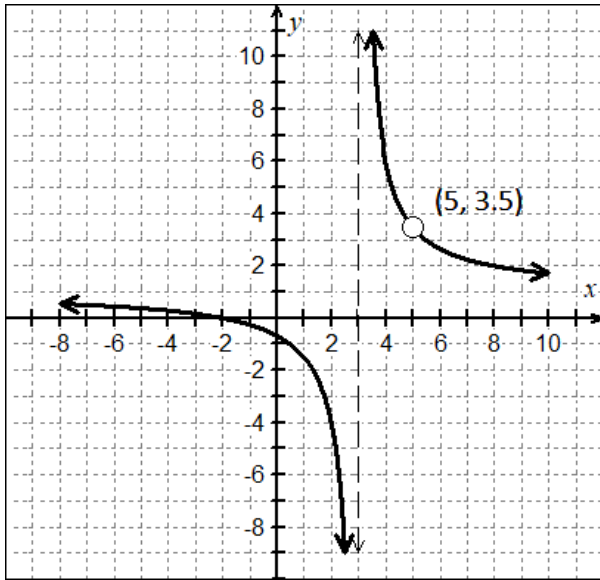
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Graphically

Use the graph of $y = f(x)$ below to complete the activity.



Numerically

Complete the table.

| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|-----------|
| -7 | 0.5 |
| -2 | |
| 0 | |
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | undefined |

Algebraically

If $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x - A}{x^2 - 8x + B}$, find the values of A and B .

Verbally

1. What is the domain of the function?
2. What is the range of the function?
3. For what value(s) of x is the function undefined?
4. Write an equation for the horizontal asymptote.
5. State the coordinates for the y -intercept.
6. Name the x -intercept(s).

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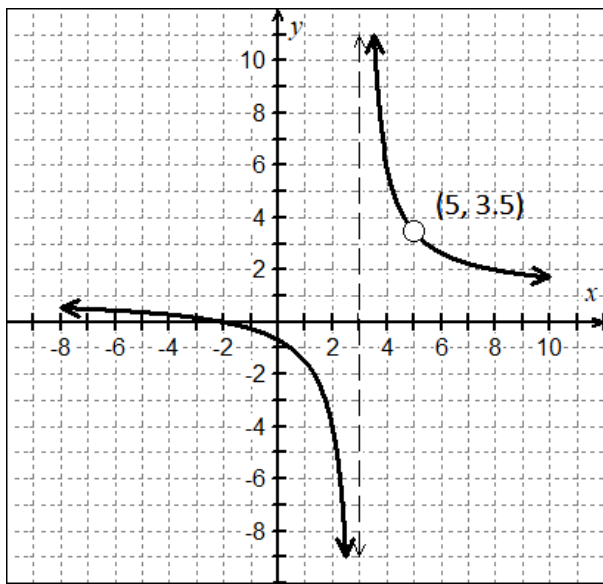
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Graphically

Use the graph of $y = f(x)$ below to complete the activity.



Numerically

Complete the table.

| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|----------------|
| -7 | 0.5 |
| -2 | 0 |
| 0 | $-\frac{2}{3}$ |
| 1 | $-\frac{3}{2}$ |
| 2 | -4 |
| 3 | undefined |
| 4 | 6 |
| 5 | undefined |

Algebraically

If $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x - A}{x^2 - 8x + B}$, find the values of A and B .

Since $x=5$ is a hole, the factor must cancel and $x=3$ is a vertical asymptote the factor is in the denominator

$$y = \frac{(x - 5)(x + 2)}{(x - 5)(x - 3)}$$

$$y = \frac{x + 2}{x - 3}$$

$A=10; B= 15$

Verbally

- What is the domain of the function?
 $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$
- What is the range of the function?
 $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
- For what value(s) of x is the function undefined?
 $x = 3, x = 5$
- Write an equation for the horizontal asymptote.
 $y = 1$
- State the coordinates for the y -intercept.
 $(0, -\frac{2}{3})$
- Name the x -intercept(s).
 $(-2, 0)$