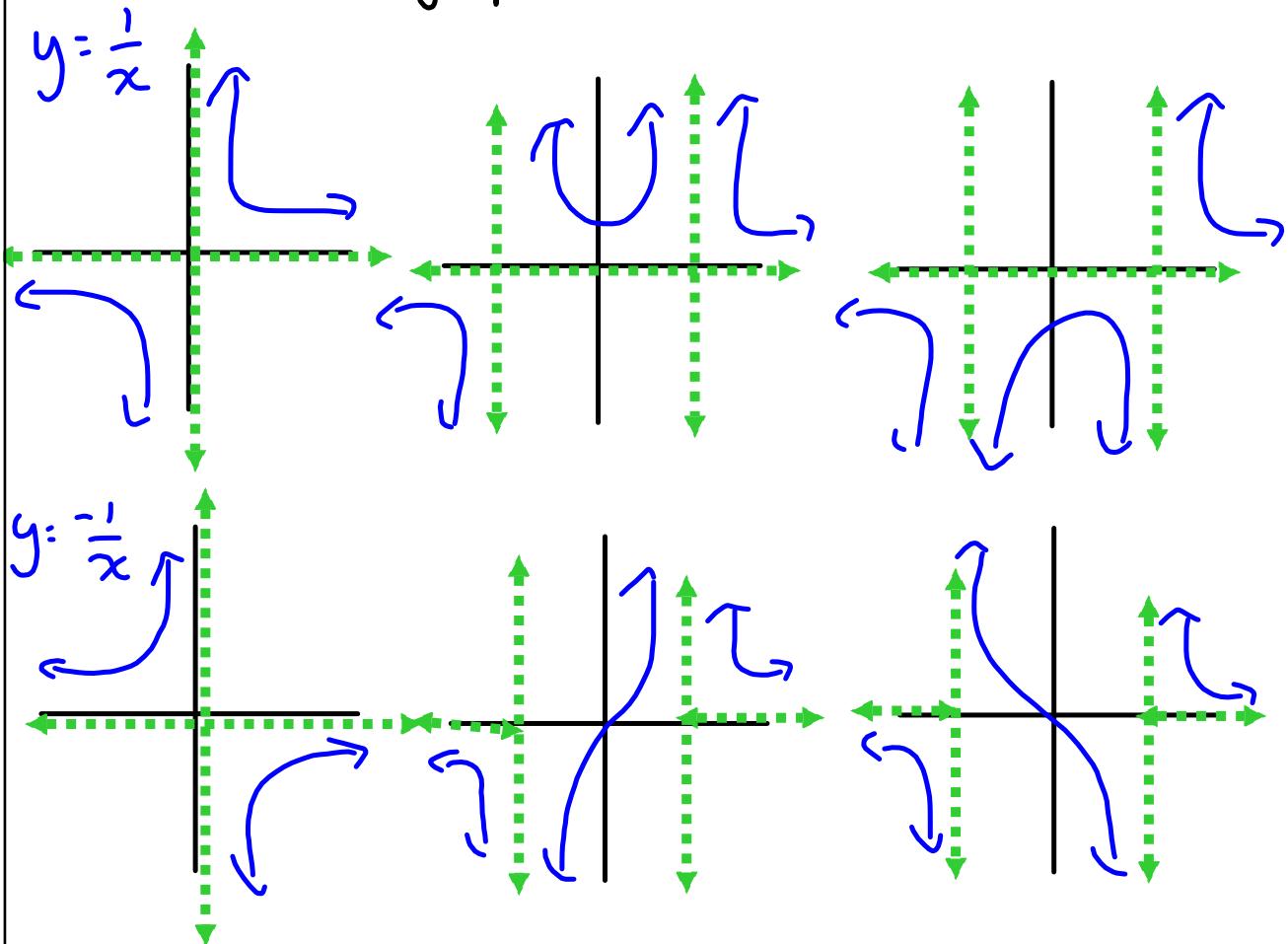


What can the graphs look like?



$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

← GCF       ~~$\frac{x(x+4)}{(2x-4)(2x+4)}$~~   
 ← Perfect square

$$\frac{x(x+4)}{4(x-2)(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{4(x^2-4)}{4(x-2)(x+2)}$$

Cancel out  $\Rightarrow$  nothing  $\Rightarrow$  no holes

denom = 0     $4(x-2)(x+2) = 0 \Rightarrow$  VA "vertical asymptote"

$$\frac{4(x-2)(x+2) = 0}{4} \quad x = -2 \quad x = 2$$

$$(x-2)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x-2=0 \quad x+2=0$$

$$x=2 \quad x=-2$$

Horizontal Asymptote Rules

1) largest degree on top  $\frac{x^3}{x} \dots$   
Slant

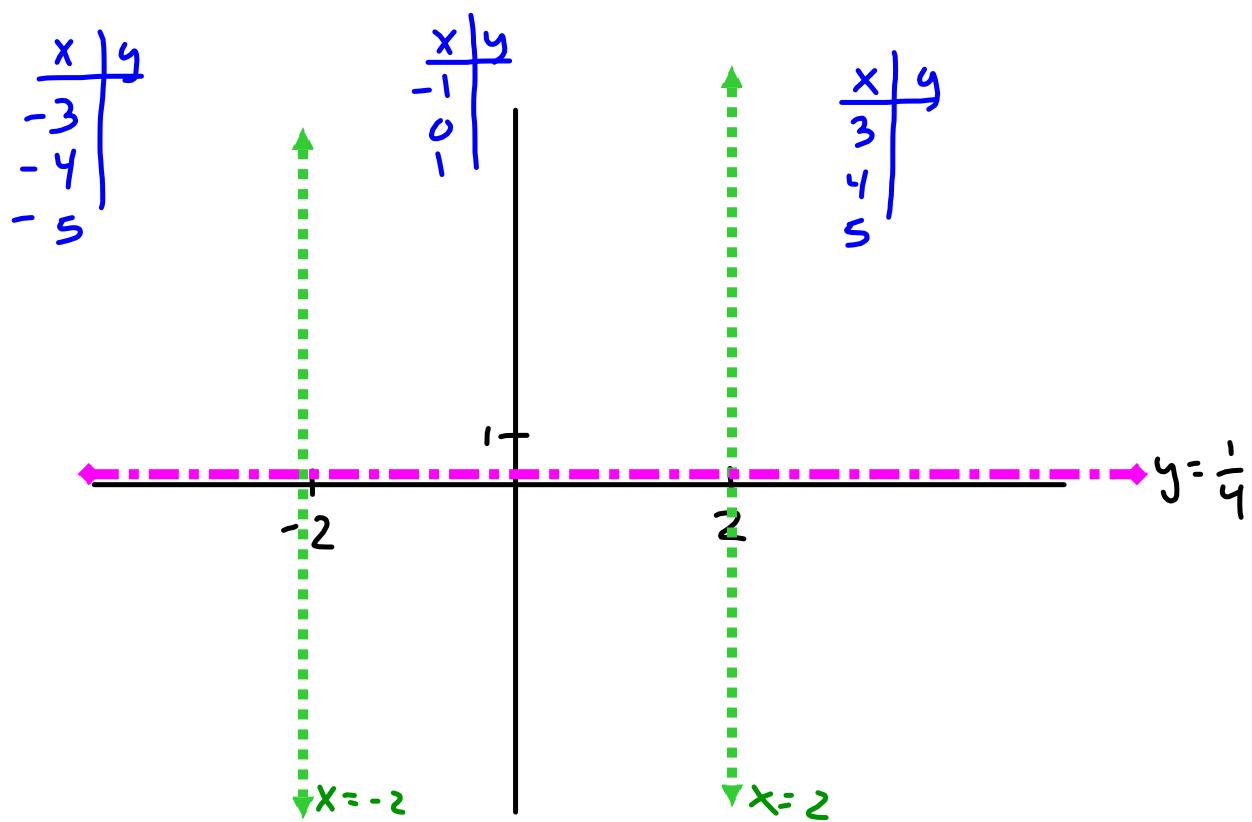
2) largest degree on bottom  $\frac{x}{x^2} \dots$   
 $y=0$

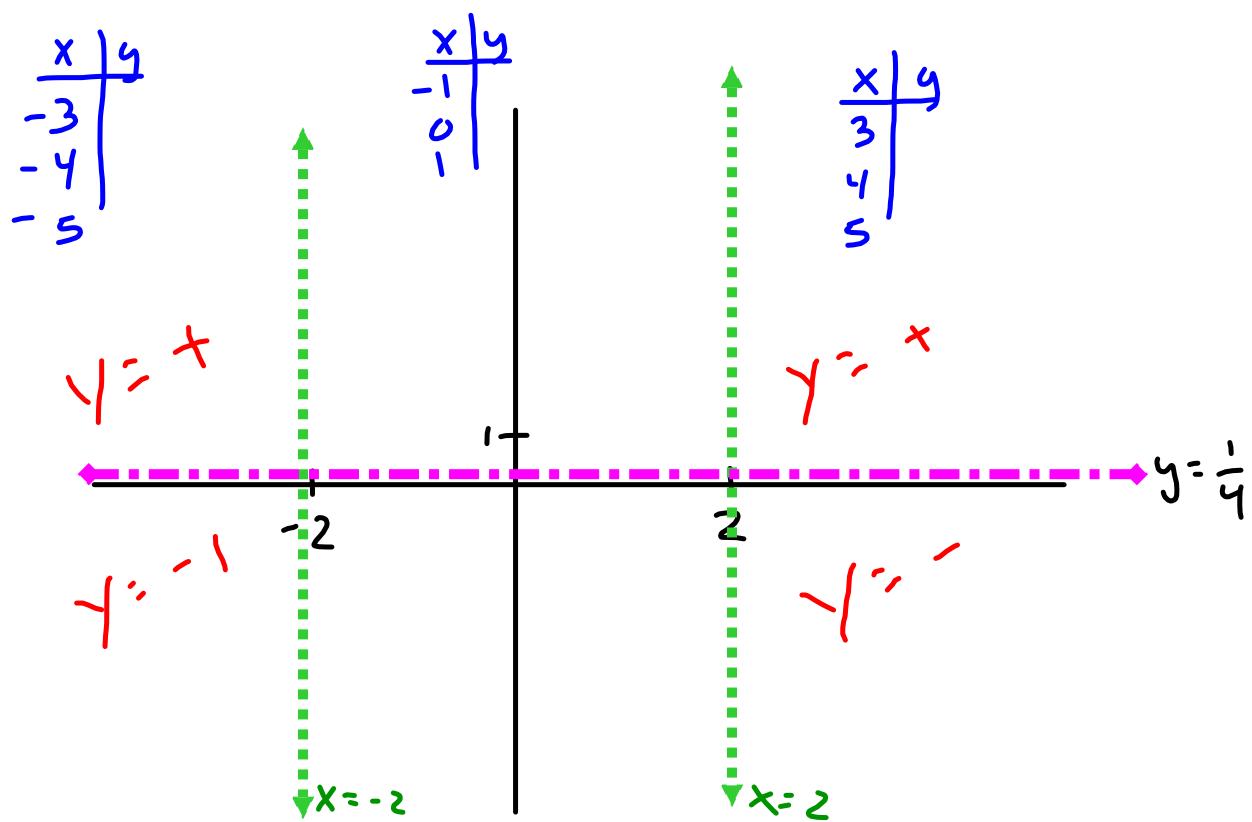
3) same degree top & bottom  
coefficients of highest degrees

$$y = \frac{3}{5} \quad \boxed{\frac{3x^2}{5x^2}} \dots$$

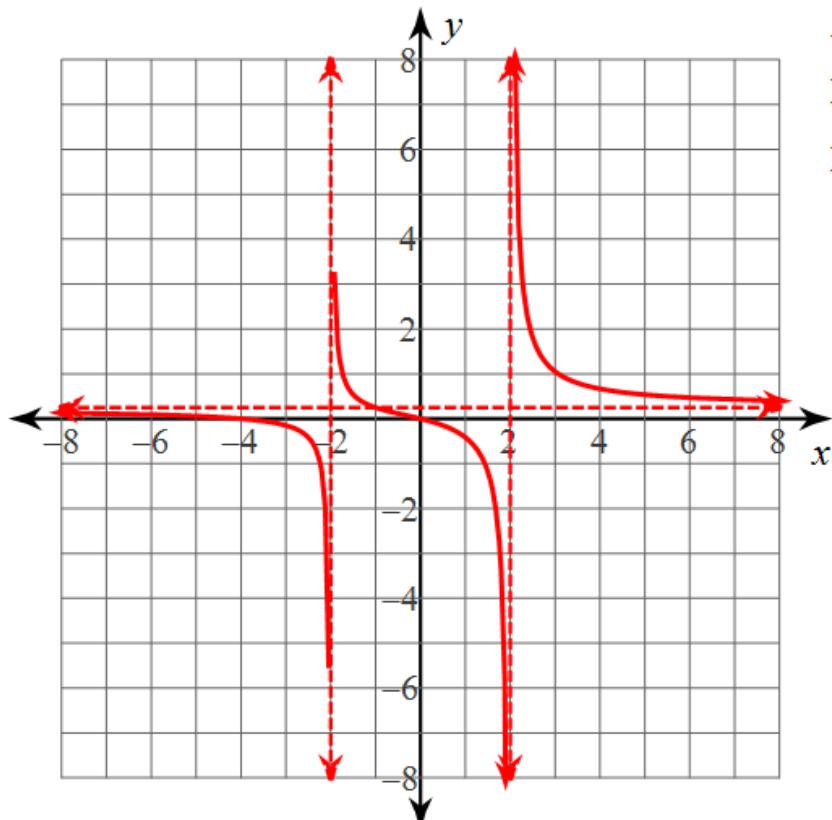
$$\frac{x^2}{4x^2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}$$





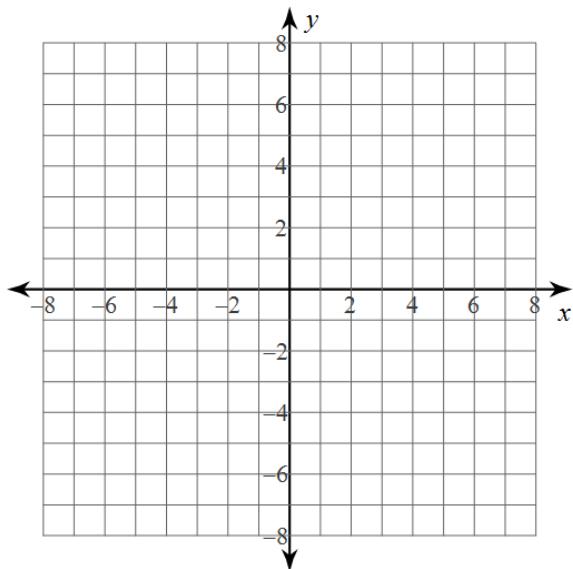
$$2) f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$



Vertical Asym.:  $x = 2, x = -2$   
Holes: None

Horz. Asym.:  $y = \frac{1}{4}$

$$3) f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$$

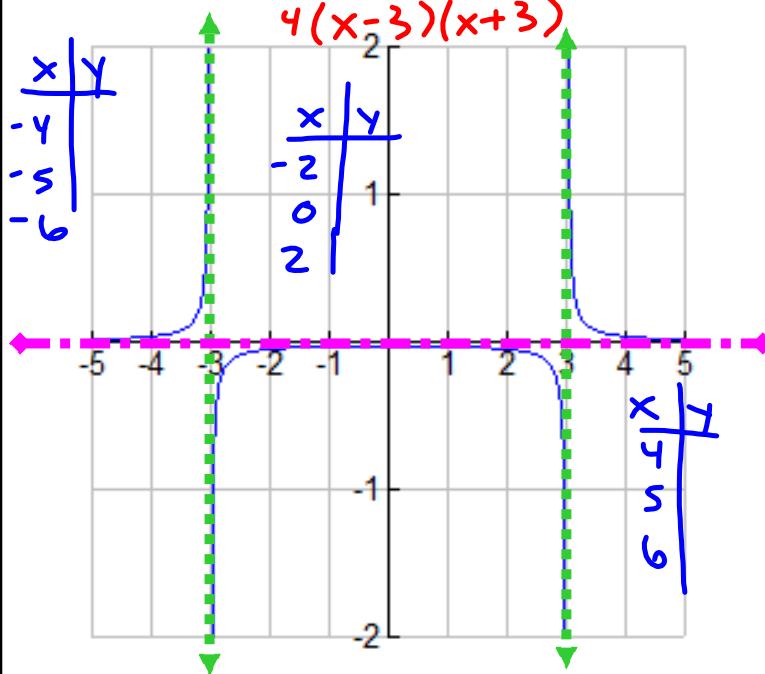


VA      denom=0  
Holes      cancels  
HA      Rules

$$3) f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$$

$$4(x^2 - 9)$$

$$4(x-3)(x+3)$$



$$4(x-3)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x-3=0 \quad x+3=0$$

$$x=3$$

$$x=-3$$

Vertical Asym.:  $x = 3, x = -3$

Holes: None

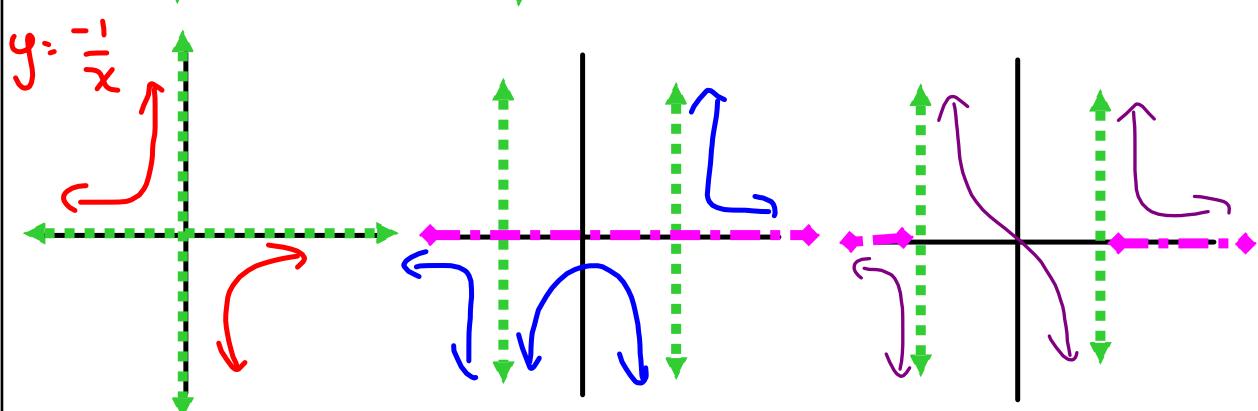
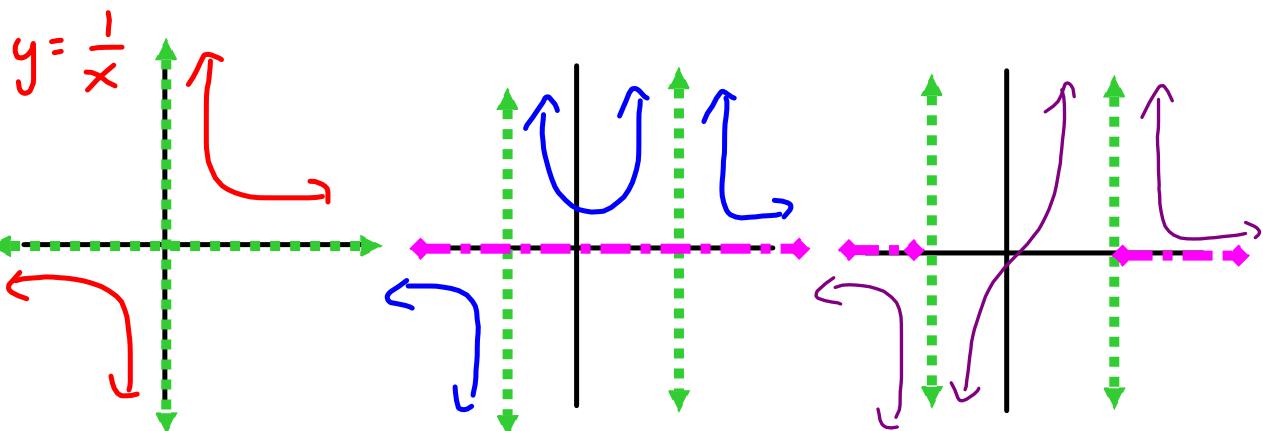
Horz. Asym.:  $y = 0$

Rules

Highest degree  
on bottom

$$y=0 \quad \frac{1}{4x^2-36}$$

What can the graphs look like?



$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

1. Simplify
2. Cancel out -- find the holes
3. denominator = 0 -- vertical asymptotes
4. highest degree -- horizontal asymptote

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

1. Simplify  $\frac{x(x+4)}{4(x^2-4)}$   $\frac{x(x+4)}{4(x-2)(x+2)}$

2. Cancel out -- find the holes

$$\frac{x(x+4)}{4(x-2)(x+2)}$$

*Nothing cancels out*  
**No Holes**

3. denominator = 0 -- vertical asymptotes

$$4(x-2)(x+2) = 0 \quad x = -2 \quad x = 2$$

$$\cancel{4} \cancel{(x-2)(x+2)} = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x-2 = 0 \quad x+2 = 0$$

$$x = 2 \quad x = -2$$

4. highest degree -- horizontal asymptote

highest degree is

Rules : top slant

bottom  $y=0$

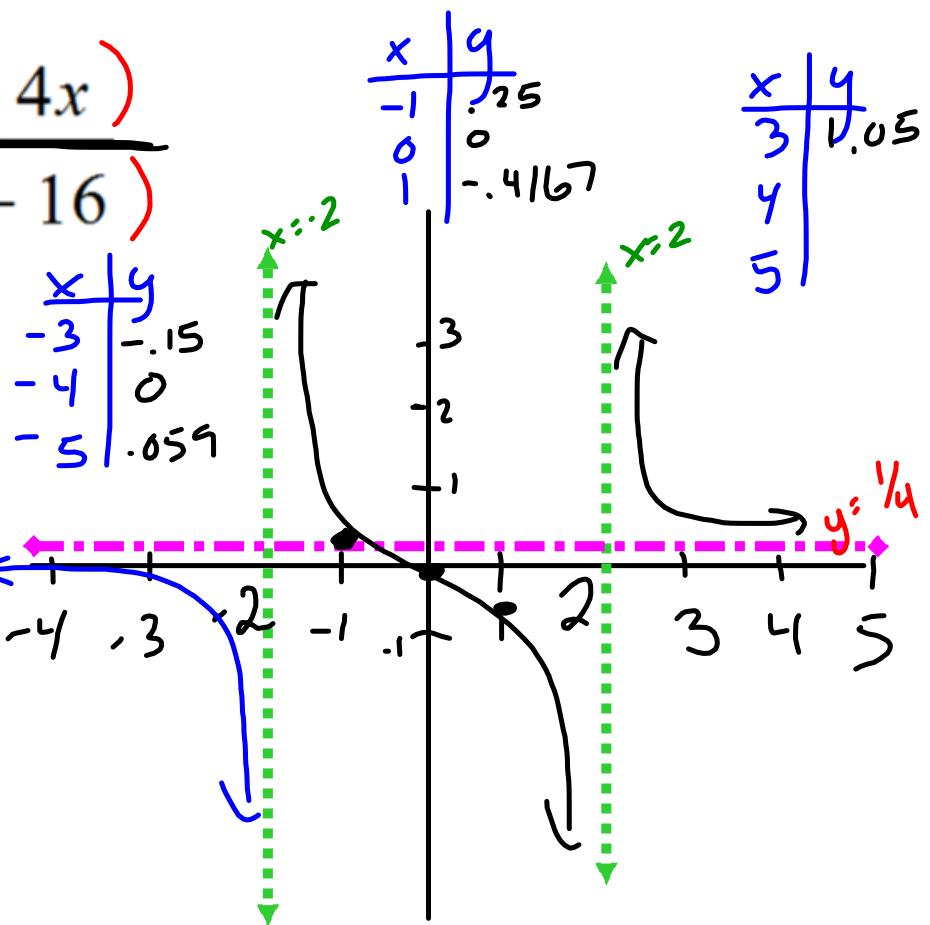
same coefficients of highest degree

$$y = \frac{x(x+4)}{4(x-2)(x+2)} = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

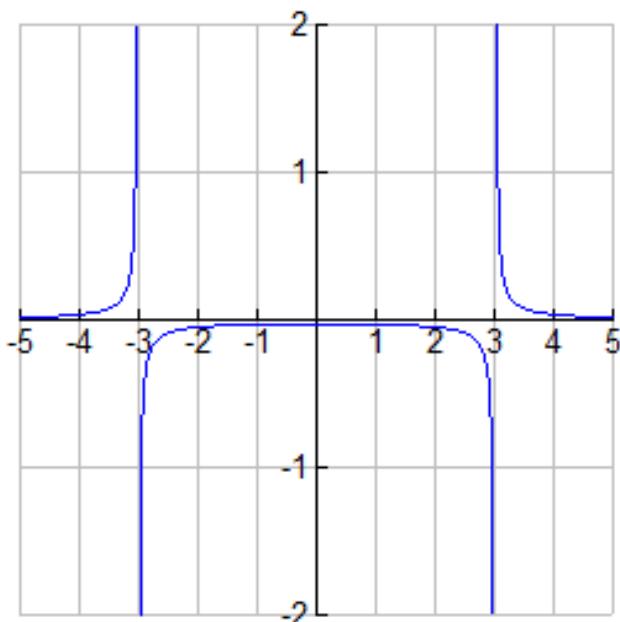
$$y = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

**Graph**



$$3) f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$$



Vertical Asym.:  $x = 3, x = -3$   
Holes: None  
Horz. Asym.:  $y = 0$

-2.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$$

1. Simplify  $\frac{1}{4(x^2-9)} = \frac{1}{4(x-3)(x+3)}$

2. Cancel out -- find the holes

*Nothing cancels out*

3. denominator = 0 -- vertical asymptotes

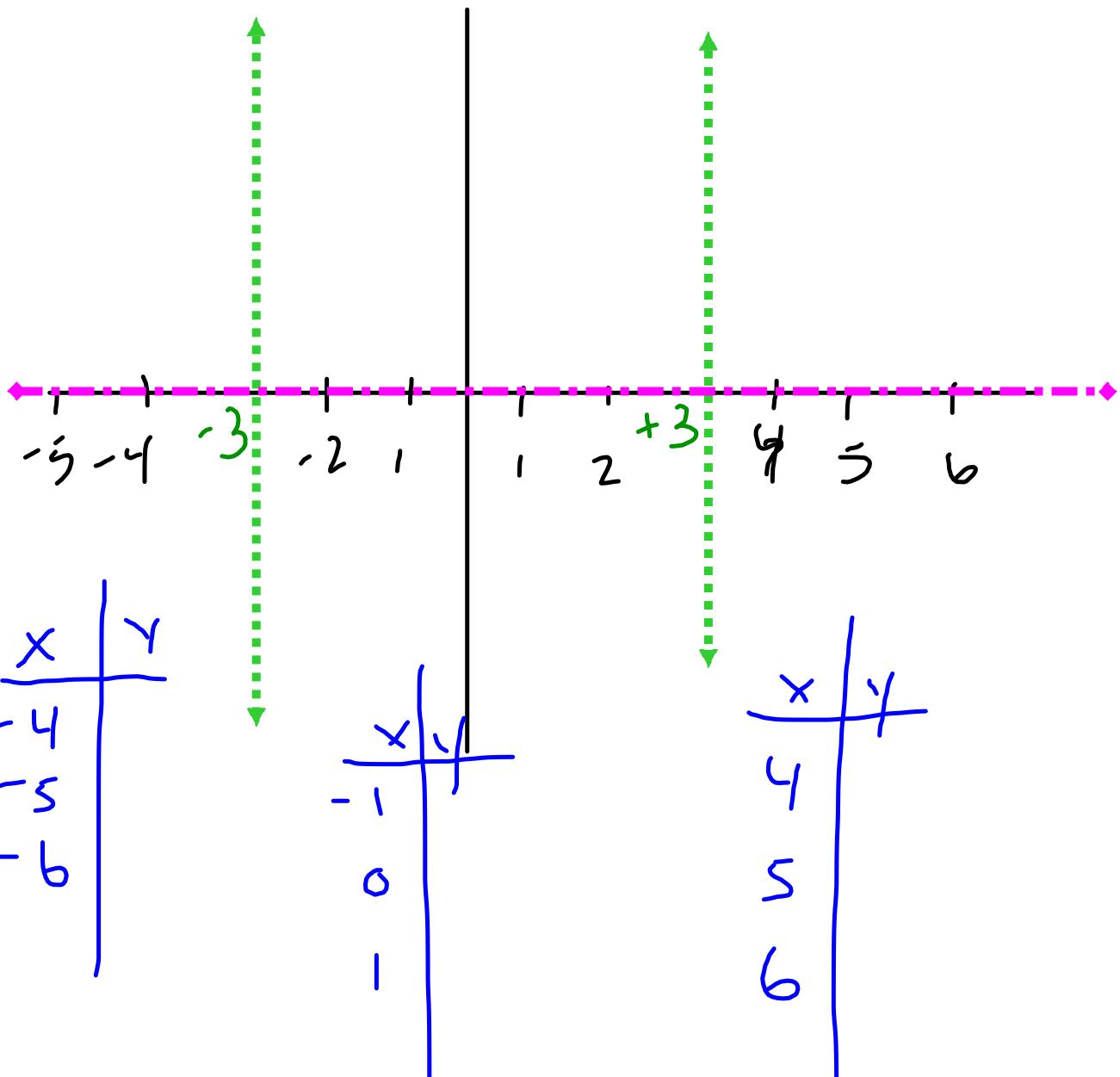
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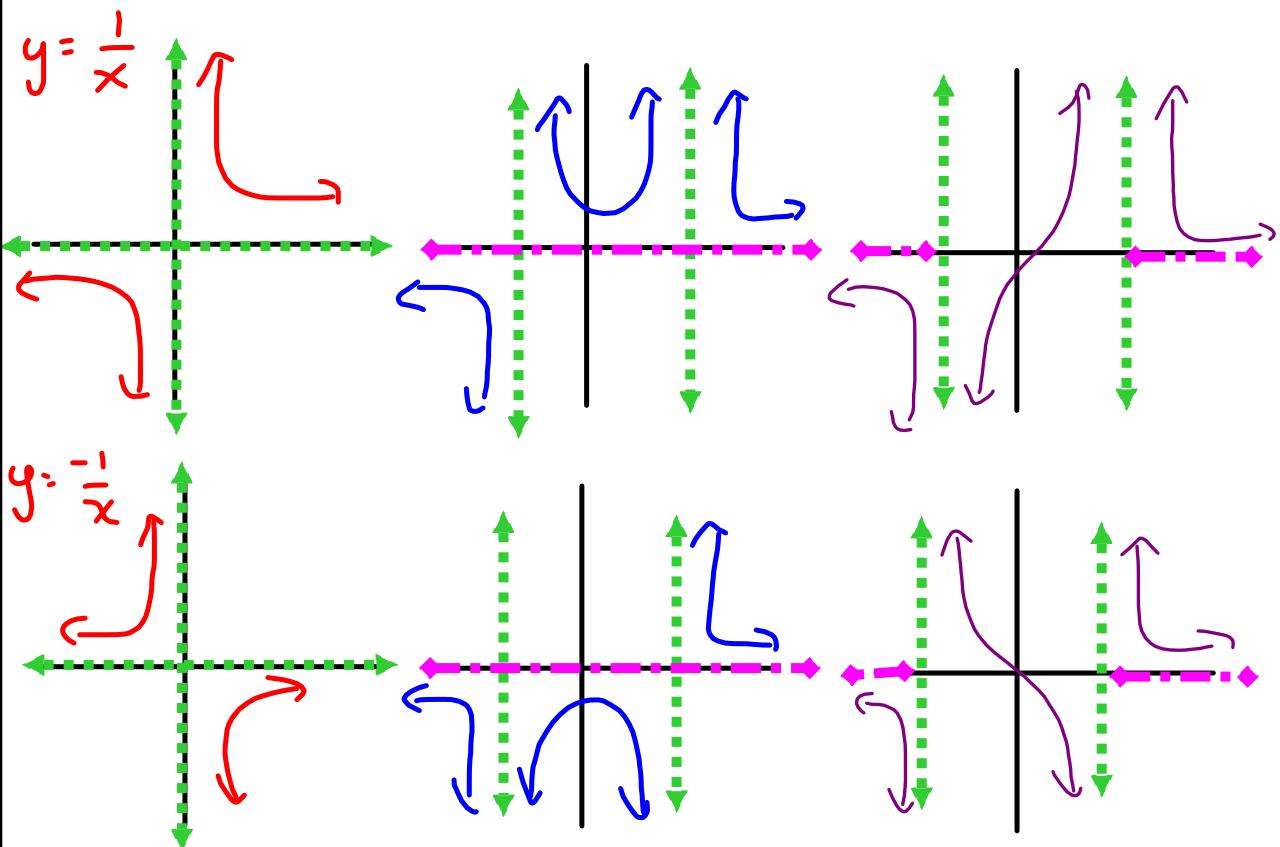
4. highest degree -- horizontal asymptote

$$\frac{1}{4x^2-36} \text{ bottom } y=0$$

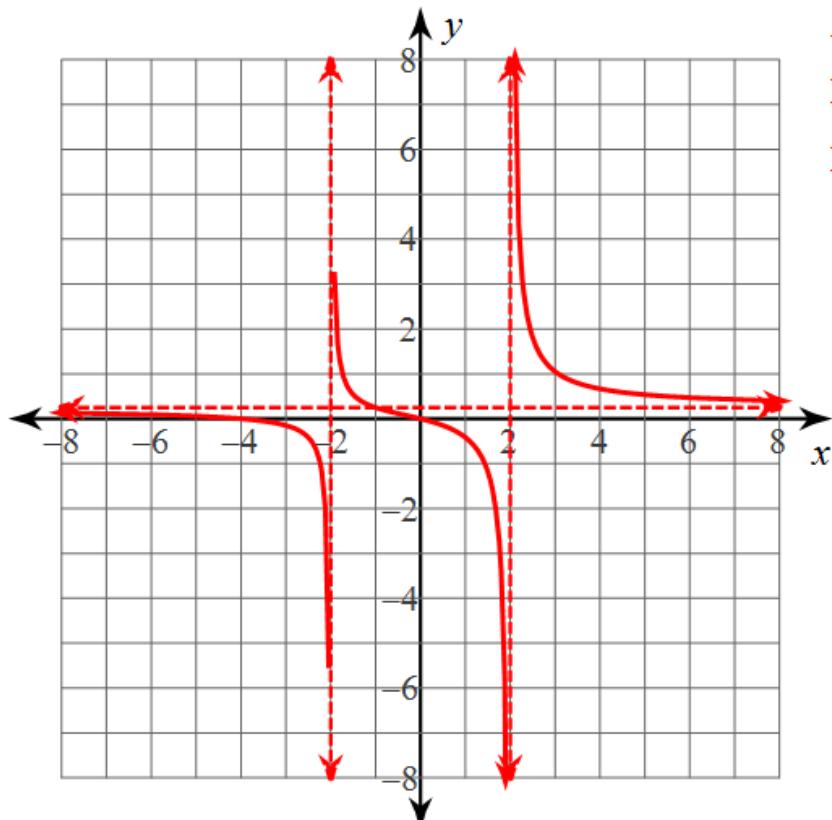
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$$



What can the graphs look like?



$$2) f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

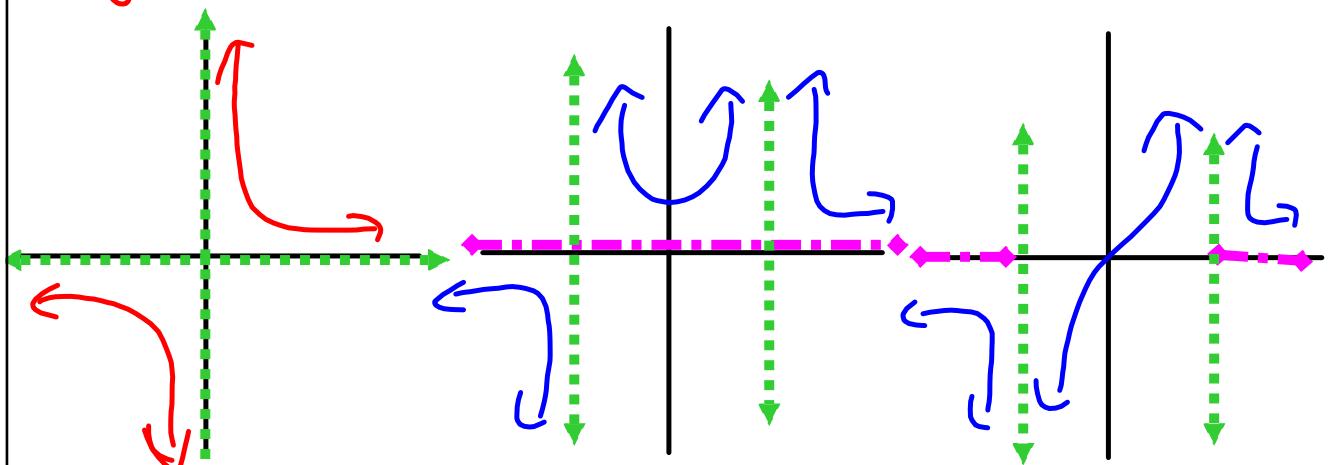


Vertical Asym.:  $x = 2, x = -2$   
Holes: None

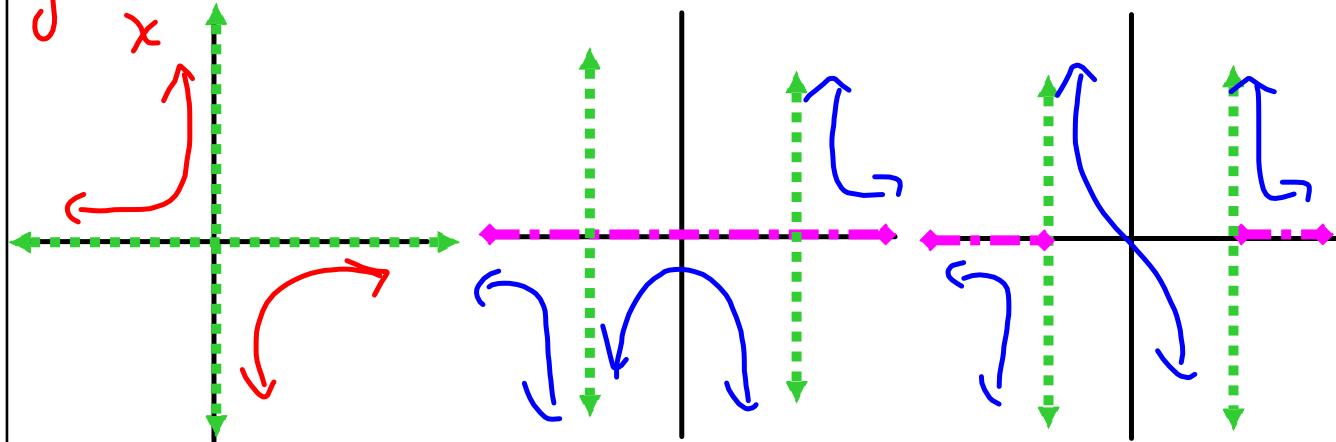
Horz. Asym.:  $y = \frac{1}{4}$

What will the graphs look like?

$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$



$$y = -\frac{1}{x}$$



$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

1. Simplify
2. Cancel out -- find the holes
3. denominator = 0 -- vertical asymptotes
4. highest degree -- horizontal asymptote

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

1. Simplify  $\frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16} = \frac{x(x+4)}{4(x^2 - 4)} = \frac{x(x+4)}{4(x-2)(x+2)}$

2. Cancel out -- find the holes

$$\frac{x(x+4)}{4(x-2)(x+2)}$$

*Nothing cancels out*  
*No Holes*

3. denominator = 0 -- vertical asymptotes

$$\frac{4(x-2)(x+2)}{4} = 0$$

$x = -2 \quad x = 2$

$$(x-2)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x-2=0 \quad x+2=0$$

$$x=2 \quad x=-2$$

4. highest degree -- horizontal asymptote

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$

SAME

coefficients  
of the highest  
degrees.

$$y = \frac{1}{4}$$

highest degree

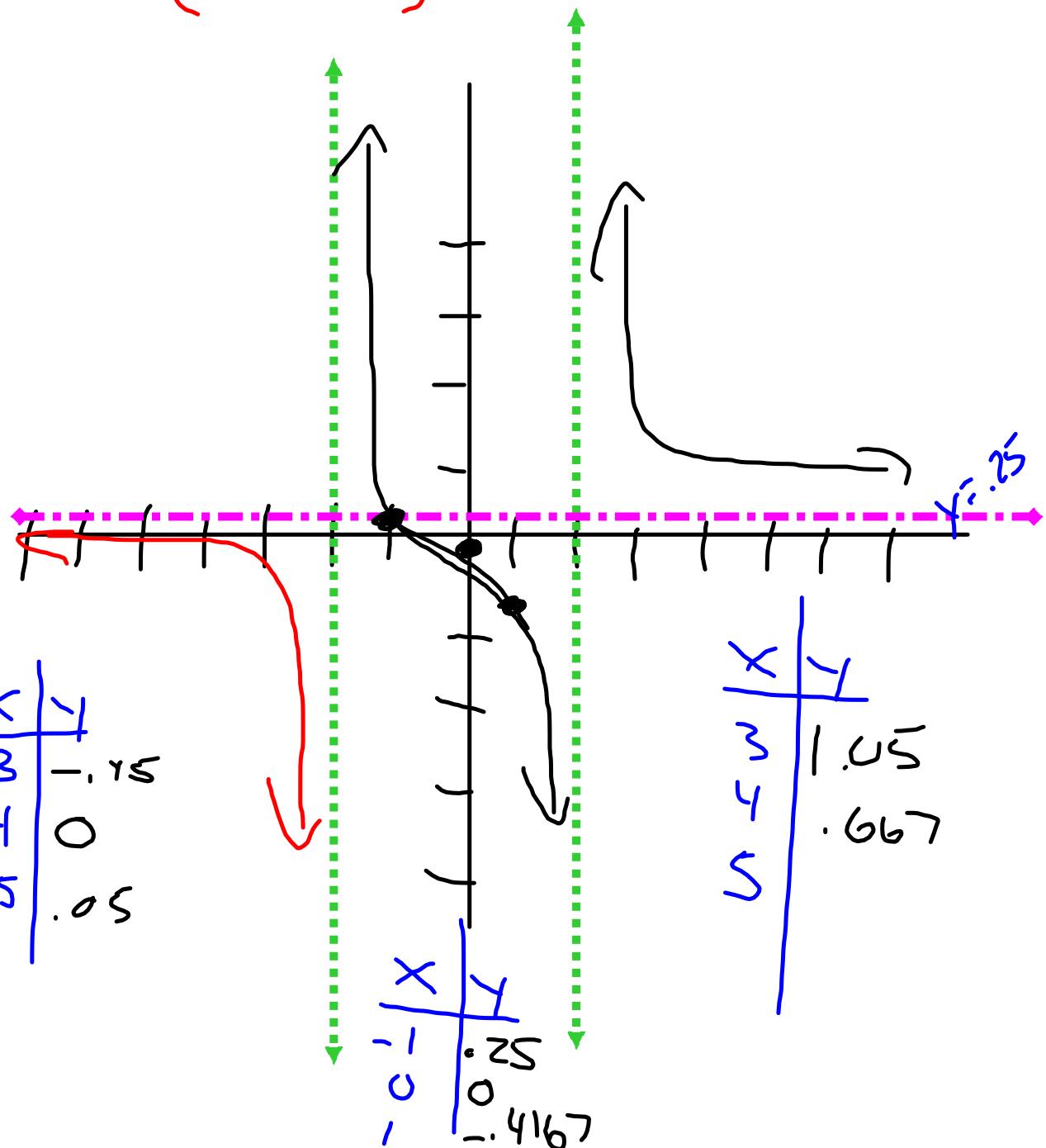
top slant

bottom  $y = 0$

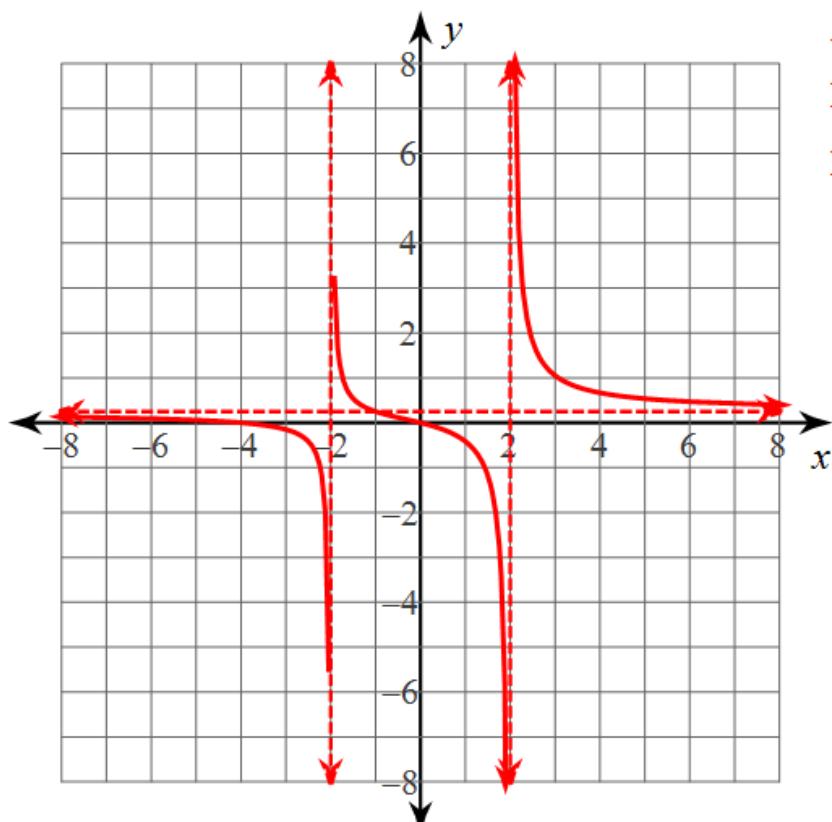
same  $y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

coefficients  
of highest  
degree

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$



$$2) f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{4x^2 - 16}$$



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$\frac{1}{4(x-3)(x+3)}$  No holes

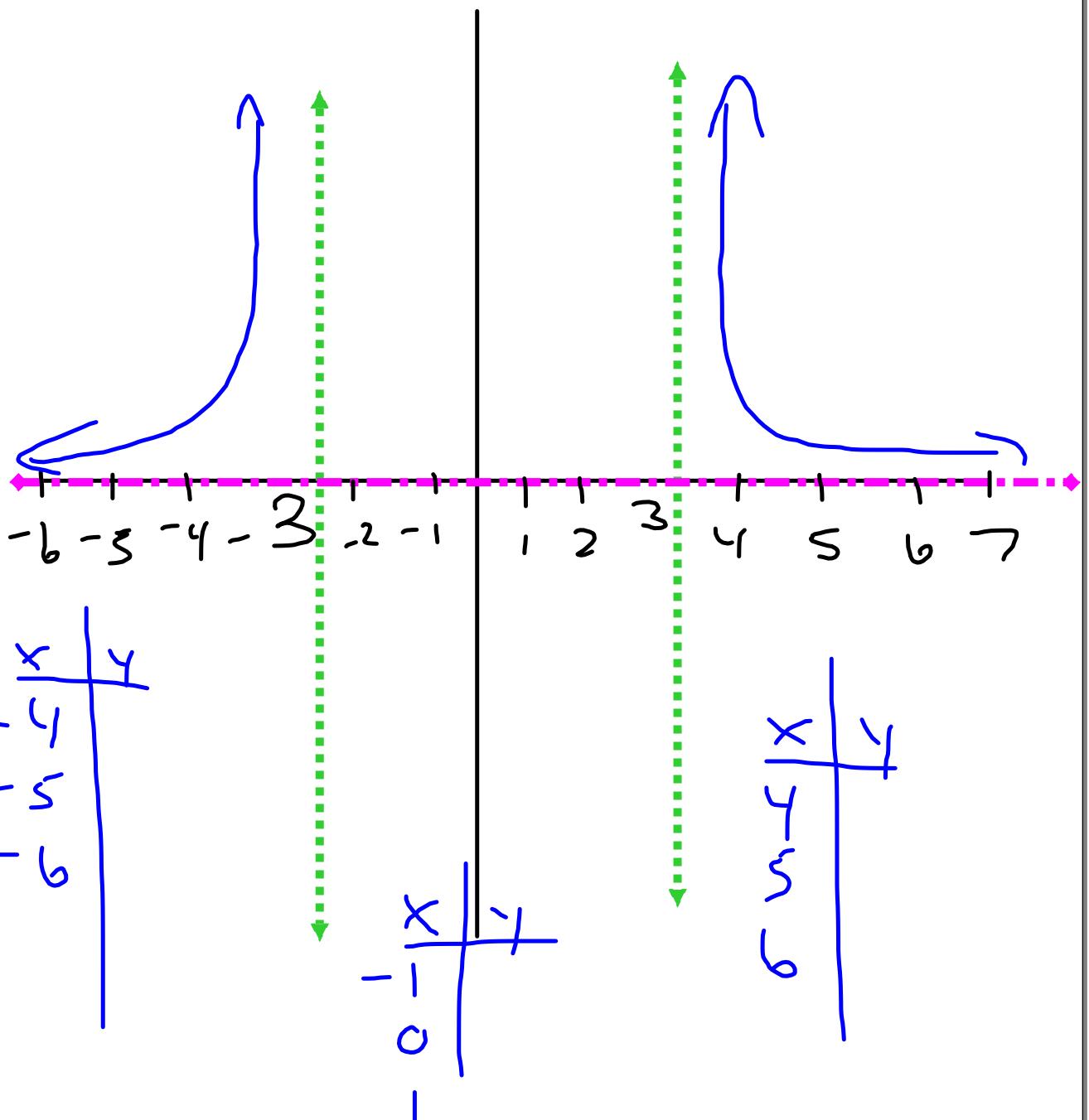
3. denominator = 0 -- vertical asymptotes

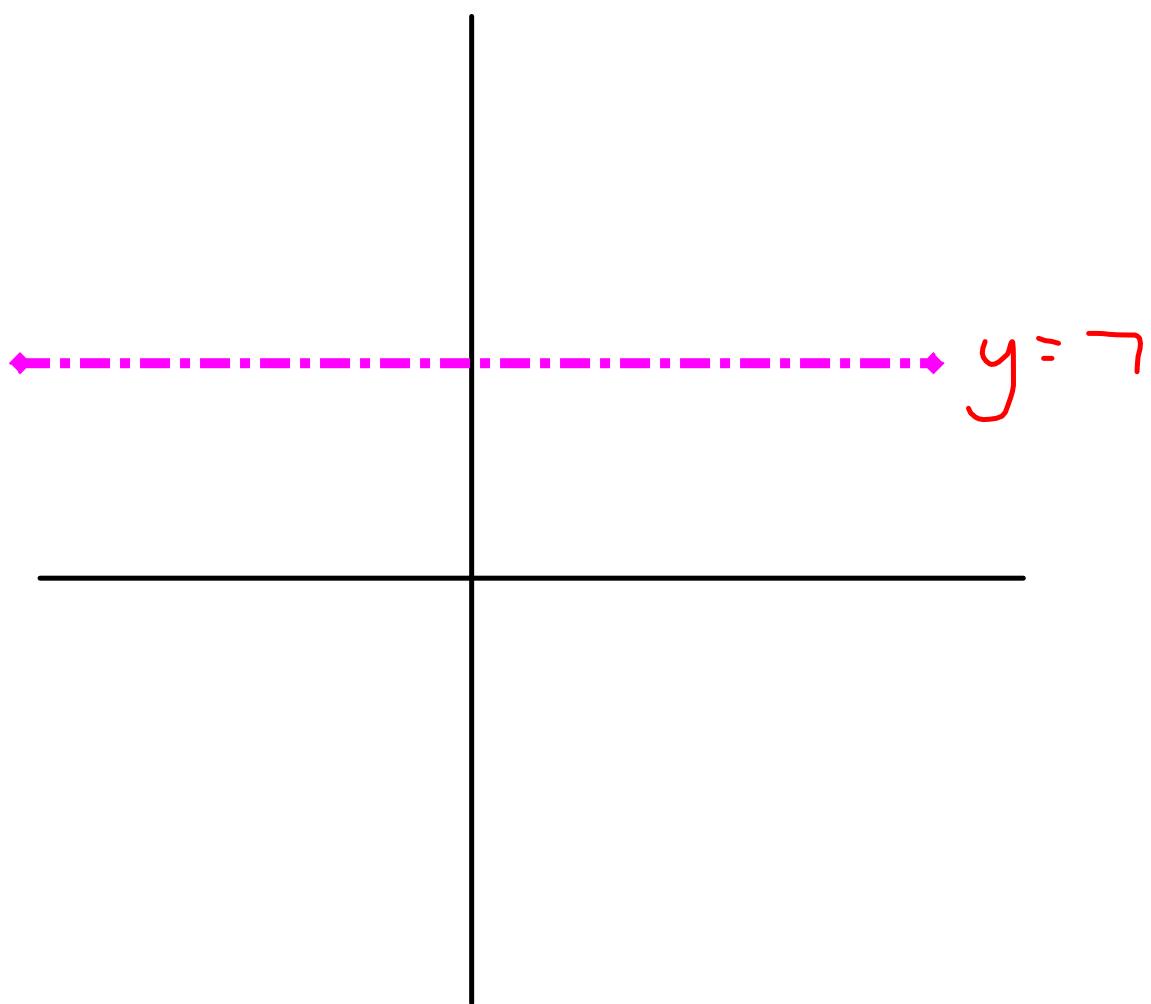
$\frac{4(x-3)(x+3)}{4(x-3)(x+3)} = \frac{0}{4}$   $(x-3)(x+3) = 0$   
 $x=3 \quad x=-3$

4. highest degree -- horizontal asymptote

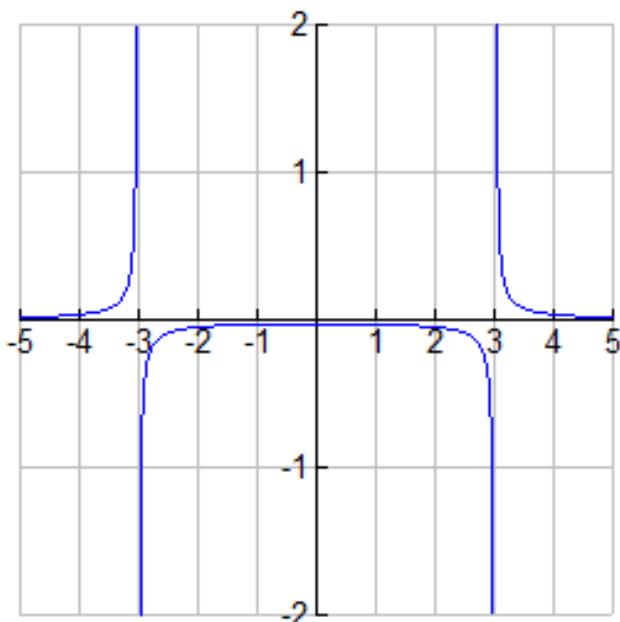
$f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$  bottom  
highest degree  $\Rightarrow \underline{\text{Rules}} \quad y=0$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$$





$$3) f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 - 36}$$



Vertical Asym.:  $x = 3, x = -3$

Holes: None

Horz. Asym.:  $y = 0$

-2.