

Rational Functions

$$= \frac{11}{12} + \frac{5}{4} - \frac{7}{8} =$$

Algebra 2

Chapter 7

- This Slideshow was developed to accompany the textbook
 - *Big Ideas Algebra 2*
 - *By Larson, R., Boswell*
 - *2022 K12 (National Geographic/Cengage)*
- Some examples and diagrams are taken from the textbook.

Slides created by
Richard Wright, Andrews Academy
rwright@andrews.edu

After this lesson...

- I can identify equations and data sets that show direct variation.
- I can identify equations and data sets that show inverse variation.
- I can write inverse variation equations.
- I can solve real-life problems using inverse variation functions.

7.1 Inverse
Variation

7.1 Inverse Variation

- Direct Variation: $y = ax$

- $x \uparrow, y \uparrow$

- Inverse Variation: $y = \frac{a}{x}$

- $x \uparrow, y \downarrow$

a

is the
constant of
variation

7.1 Inverse Variation

- What type of variation is each of the following?

- $xy = 48$

- $2y = x$

- $y = 2x + 3$

- Try 359#1
 $y = \frac{2}{x}$

$y = 48 / x \rightarrow$ inverse

$y = \frac{1}{2} x \rightarrow$ direct

+3 means neither

359#1: inverse

7.1 Inverse Variation

- Checking data for variation

- Look at the **y-values**
 - If y increases as x increases, check direct variation
 - If y decreases as x increases, check inverse variation
- Plug each of the data points in one of the variation equations to **find a**
- If the a stays the same, the data has that type of variation

- What type of variation?

x	2	4	8
y	8	4	2

- Try 359#9

y decreases as x increases, check inverse variation

$$y = \frac{a}{x} \rightarrow xy = a$$

$$(2, 8) \rightarrow xy = 2(8) = 16$$

$$(4, 4) \rightarrow xy = 4(4) = 16$$

$$(8, 2) \rightarrow xy = 8(2) = 16$$

359#9: direct

7.1 Inverse Variation

- Solving Variations

- Write the equation in order stated.
 - “Varies” means “= a ”
 - Plug in x and y to find a
 - Plug in a and the other value and solve
- 359#15: y varies inversely as x . When $x = -3, y = 8$. Write an equation relating x and y . Then find y when $x = 3$.
- Try 359#13
- y varies inversely as x . When $x = 5, y = -4$. Write an equation relating x and y . Then find y when $x = 3$.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \frac{k}{x} \rightarrow 8 = \frac{k}{-3} \rightarrow -24 = k \\y &= -\frac{24}{x} \\y &= \frac{-24}{3} \rightarrow y = -8\end{aligned}$$

$$359\#13: y = -\frac{20}{x}; y = -\frac{20}{3}$$

7.1 Inverse Variation

- The time t (in hours) that it takes a group of roofers to roof a house varies inversely with the number n of roofers. It takes a group of 4 roofers 9 hours to roof the house. How long does it take 6 roofers to finish the house?

- Try 359#26
- 359 #1-25 odds, 26, 31, 35, 39, 45, 47, 49

$$t = \frac{a}{n}$$
$$9 = \frac{a}{4}$$
$$a = 36$$
$$t = \frac{36}{n}$$

$$t = \frac{36}{6} = 6 \text{ hour}$$

$$P = \frac{k}{A}$$
$$0.43 = \frac{k}{360} \rightarrow 154.8 = k$$
$$P = \frac{154.8}{A}$$
$$P = \frac{154.8}{60} = 2.58$$

After this lesson...

- I can graph rational functions.
- I can describe transformations of rational functions.
- I can explain how to find the asymptotes of a rational function from an equation.
- I can write rational functions in different forms.

1.2 Graphing
Rational Function

7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- Rational Functions

- Functions written as a fraction with x in the denominator
- $y = \frac{1}{x}$

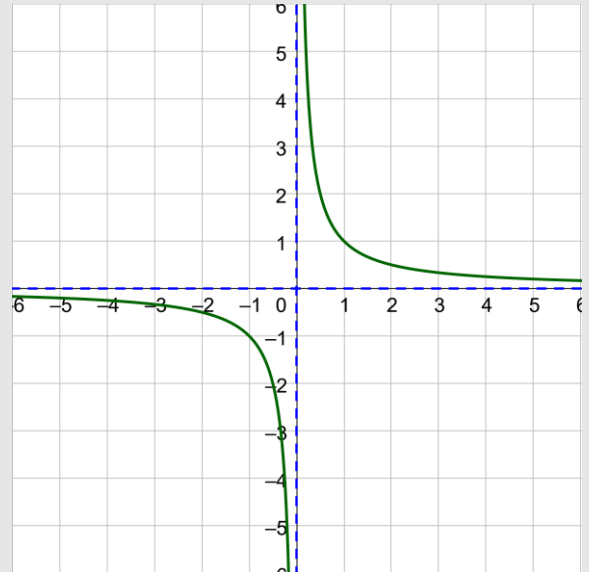
- Shape called hyperbola

- Asymptotes

- Horizontal: x -axis
- Vertical: y -axis

- Domain: $x \neq 0$

- Range: $y \neq 0$



7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- General form

- $y = \frac{a}{x-h} + k$
 - $a \rightarrow$ stretches vertically
 - $h \rightarrow$ moves right
 - $k \rightarrow$ moves up

- How is $y = \frac{2}{x+3} + 4$ transformed from $y = \frac{1}{x}$?

Stretches vertically by factor of 2

Moves left 3

Moves up 4

7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- How to find asymptotes
 - Vertical
 - Make the denominator = 0 and solve for x

7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- Horizontal

- Substitute a very large number for x and estimate y

- Or

- Find the degree of numerator (N)
- Find the degree of denominator (D)
- If $N < D$, then $y = 0$
- If $N = D$, then $y =$ leading coefficients
- If $N > D$, then no horizontal asymptote

- Find the asymptotes for $y = \frac{2x}{3x-6}$

Vertical: $3x - 6 = 0 \rightarrow 3x = 6 \rightarrow x = 2$

Horizontal: $y = \frac{2 \cdot 1000000}{3 \cdot 1000000 - 6} \rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3}$

7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- Domain

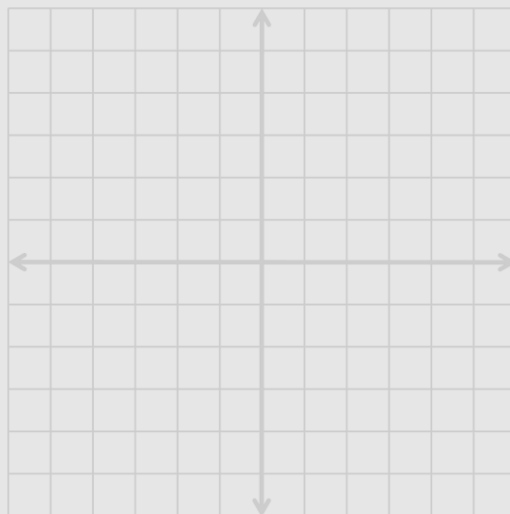
- All x 's except for the vertical asymptotes

- Range

- All the y 's covered in the graph
- Usually all y 's except for horizontal asymptote

7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- Graph by finding **asymptotes** and making a **table**
- Graph $y = \frac{2}{x+3} + 4$ and state the domain and range



- Try 366#9: $g(x) = \frac{4}{x} + 3$

Asymptotes

Vertical: $x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow x = -3$

Horizontal: $y = \frac{2}{1000000 + 3} + 4 \rightarrow y = 4$

Domain: $x \neq -3$

Range: $y \neq 4$

Asymptotes:

Vertical: $x = 0$

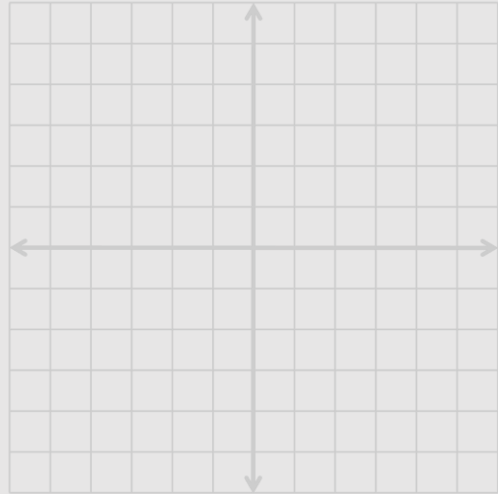
Horizontal: $y = \frac{4}{1000000} + 3 \approx y = 3$

Domain: $x \neq 0$

Range: $y \neq 3$

7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- Rewrite $g(x) = \frac{2x+5}{x+2}$ in the form $g(x) = \frac{a}{x-h} + k$. Graph the function. Describe the graph of g as a transformation of the graph of $f(x) = \frac{a}{x}$.



Synthetic or Long Division

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{-2} \overline{) 2 \ 5} \\ \underline{-4} \\ -2 \underline{) 1} \end{array}$$

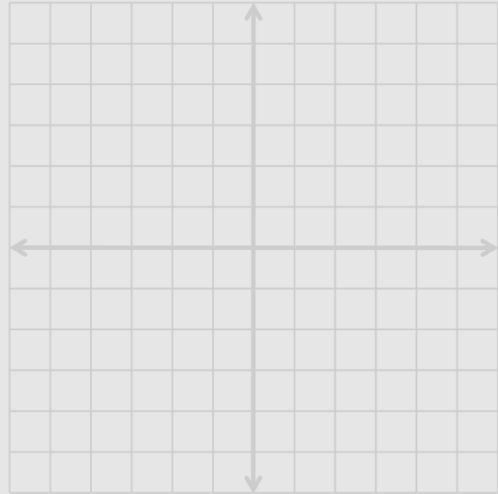
$$g(x) = -2 + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{x+2} - 2$$

Domain: $x \neq -2$

Range: $y \neq -2$

7.2 Graphing Rational Functions

- Try 366#31
- Rewrite $g(x) = \frac{5x+6}{x+1}$ in the form $g(x) = \frac{a}{x-h} + k$. Graph the function. Describe the graph of g as a transformation of the graph of $f(x) = \frac{a}{x}$.



- 366 #1, 5, 9, 13, 17, ~~19~~, 21, 25, 29, 31, 35, 39, 41, ~~43, 45~~, 57, 59, 61, 63, 67

Synthetic or Long Division

$$\begin{array}{r|l} -1 & 5 \quad 6 \\ & -5 \\ \hline & 5 \quad | \quad 1 \end{array}$$

$$g(x) = 5 + \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{x+1} + 5$$

Domain: $x \neq -1$

Range: $y \neq 5$

After this lesson...

- I can simplify rational expressions and identify any excluded values.
- I can multiply rational expressions.
- I can divide rational expressions.

7.3 Multiplying
and Dividing
Rational
Expressions

7.3 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

- Simplified form

- Numerator and denominator can have no common factors

- Steps to simplify

- Factor numerator and denominator
- Cancel any common factors

7.3 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

Simplify

374#5

$$\bullet \frac{x^2+11x+18}{x^3+8}$$

• Try 374#1

$$\bullet \frac{2x^2}{3x^2-4x}$$

$$\frac{(x+9)(x+2)}{(x+2)(x^2-2x+4)} \rightarrow \frac{x+9}{x^2-2x+4}$$

$$\frac{2xx}{x(3x-4)} \rightarrow \frac{2x}{3x-4}$$

7.3 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

- Multiplying Rational Expressions

- **Factor** numerators and denominators
- **Multiply** across top and bottom
- **Cancel** factors

7.3 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

• 374#15

$$\bullet \frac{x^2+3x-4}{x^2+4x+4} \cdot \frac{2x^2+4x}{x^2-4x+3}$$

• Try 374#13

$$\bullet \frac{x^2-3x}{x-2} \cdot \frac{x^2+x-6}{x}$$

$$\frac{(x+4)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x+2)} \cdot \frac{2x(x+2)}{(x-3)(x-1)} \rightarrow \frac{2x(x+4)(x-1)(x+2)}{(x+2)(x+2)(x-3)(x-1)} \rightarrow \frac{2x(x+4)}{(x+2)(x-3)}$$

$$\frac{x(x-3)}{(x-2)} \cdot \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{x} \rightarrow (x-3)(x+3)$$

7.3 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

- Dividing Rational Expressions

- Take **reciprocal** of divisor

- **Multiply**

- 374#27

- $\frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x + 4} \div (x^2 - 6x + 9)$

- Try 374#25

- $\frac{x^2 - x - 6}{2x^4 - 6x^3} \div \frac{x + 2}{4x^3}$

$$\frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x + 4} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x + 9} \rightarrow \frac{(x - 3)(x + 2)}{(x + 4)} \cdot \frac{1}{(x - 3)(x - 3)} \rightarrow \frac{x + 2}{(x + 4)(x - 3)}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - x - 6}{2x^4 - 6x^3} \cdot \frac{4x^3}{x + 2} \rightarrow \frac{(x - 3)(x + 2)}{2x^3(x - 3)} \cdot \frac{4x^3}{x + 2} \rightarrow 2$$

7.3 Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

- Combined Operations

- Do the first two operations
- Use that result with the next operation

- 374 #1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 43, 45, 47, 49, 55

After this lesson...

- I can add and subtract rational expressions with like denominators.
- I can explain how to find a common denominator for rational expressions.
- I can add and subtract rational expressions with unlike denominators.

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

- **Work with a partner.**
- **a.** Explain how to find each sum or difference.
 - **i.** $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{8}$
 - **ii.** $\frac{9}{10} - \frac{3}{10}$
 - **iii.** $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$
 - **iv.** $\frac{5}{8} - \frac{7}{12}$

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

- Adding and Subtracting

- Need least **common denominator** (LCD)
 - If LCD already present, add or subtract numerators only
- To get fractions with LCD
 - **Factor** all denominators
 - LCD is the **product** of the highest power of each factor in either expression
 - Whatever you multiply the denominator by, multiply the numerator also

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

- 382#9
- Find the least common multiple of $5x$ and $5x - 10$.
- Try 382#11
- $2x^2 - 18, x^2 + x - 12$

$$5x = 5 \cdot x$$

$$5x - 10 = 5 \cdot (x - 2)$$

$$\text{LCM: } 5 \cdot x \cdot (x - 2) = 5x(x - 2)$$

$$2x^2 - 18 = 2(x^2 - 9) = 2(x - 3)(x + 3)$$

$$x^2 + x - 12 = (x + 4)(x - 3)$$

$$\text{LCM: } 2(x - 3)(x + 3)(x + 4)$$

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

• 382#1

$$\bullet \frac{15}{4x} + \frac{5}{4x}$$

• Try 382#5

$$\bullet \frac{5x}{x+3} + \frac{15}{x+3}$$

$$\frac{20}{4x} \rightarrow \frac{5}{x}$$

$$\frac{5x+15}{x+3} \rightarrow \frac{5(x+3)}{x+3} \rightarrow 5$$

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

• 382#19

$$\bullet \frac{12}{x^2+5x-24} + \frac{3}{x-3}$$

• Try 382#17

$$\bullet \frac{3}{x+4} - \frac{1}{x+6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{12}{(x-3)(x+8)} + \frac{3}{x-3} &\rightarrow \frac{12}{(x-3)(x+8)} + \frac{3(x+8)}{(x-3)(x+8)} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{12}{(x-3)(x+8)} + \frac{3x+24}{(x-3)(x+8)} \rightarrow \frac{3x+36}{(x-3)(x+8)} \rightarrow \frac{3(x+12)}{(x-3)(x+8)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{x+4} - \frac{1}{x+6} &\rightarrow \frac{3(x+6)}{(x+4)(x+6)} - \frac{1(x+4)}{(x+4)(x+6)} \rightarrow \frac{3x+18}{(x+4)(x+6)} - \frac{x+4}{(x+4)(x+6)} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{2x+14}{(x+4)(x+6)} \rightarrow \frac{2(x+7)}{(x+4)(x+6)} \end{aligned}$$

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

- Simplifying Complex Fractions

- Fractions within fractions
- Follow **order of operations** (groups first)
- Divide

7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

• 382#39

$$\bullet \frac{\frac{1}{3x^2-3}}{\frac{5}{x+1} - \frac{x+4}{x^2-3x-4}}$$

• Try 382#35

$$\bullet \frac{\frac{x}{3}-6}{10+\frac{4}{x}}$$

• 382 #1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20,
21, 23, 35, 39, 41, 55, 57, 59, 61, 65

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{1}{3x^2-3}}{\frac{5}{x+1} - \frac{x+4}{x^2-3x-4}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{3(x-1)(x+1)}}{\frac{5}{x+1} - \frac{x+4}{(x-4)(x+1)}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{3(x-1)(x+1)}}{\frac{5(x-4)}{(x-4)(x+1)} - \frac{x+4}{(x-4)(x+1)}} \\ & \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{3(x-1)(x+1)}}{\frac{5x-20}{(x-4)(x+1)} - \frac{x+4}{(x-4)(x+1)}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{3(x-1)(x+1)}}{\frac{4x-24}{(x-4)(x+1)}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{3(x-1)(x+1)}}{\frac{4(x-6)}{(x-4)(x+1)}} \\ & \rightarrow \frac{1}{3(x-1)(x+1)} \cdot \frac{(x-4)(x+1)}{4(x-6)} \rightarrow \frac{x-4}{12(x-1)(x-6)} \\ & \frac{\frac{x}{3}-6}{10+\frac{4}{x}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{x}{3}-\frac{18}{3}}{\frac{10x}{x}+\frac{4}{x}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{x-18}{3}}{\frac{10x+4}{x}} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{x-18}{3}}{\frac{2(5x+2)}{x}} \rightarrow \frac{x-18}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{2(5x+2)} \rightarrow \frac{x(x-18)}{6(5x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

After this lesson...

- I can solve rational equations by cross multiplying and by using least common denominators.
- I can identify extraneous solutions of rational equations.
- I can solve real-life problems using inverses of rational functions.

7.5 Solving
Rational Equations

7.5 Solving Rational Equations

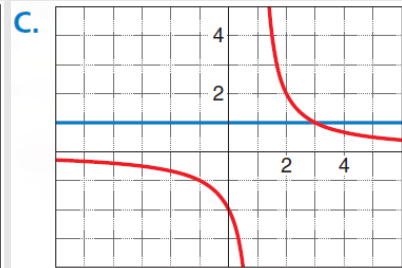
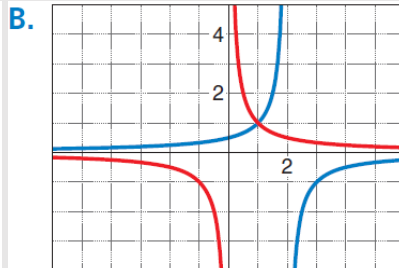
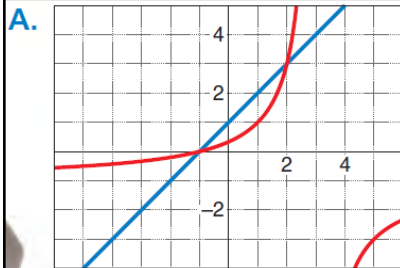
- **Work with a partner.**

- **a.** Match each equation with its related graph. Explain your reasoning. Then use the graph to approximate the solution(s) of the equation.

- **i.** $\frac{2}{x-1} = 1$

- **ii.** $\frac{-x-1}{x-3} = x + 1$

- **iii.** $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{-1}{x-2}$



7.5 Solving Rational Equations

- Only when the = sign is present!!!
- Method 1: simplify both sides and cross multiply
- Method 2:
 - Multiply both sides by LCD to remove fractions
 - Solve
 - Check answers

7.5 Solving Rational Equations

• 390#5

$$\bullet \frac{x}{2x+7} = \frac{x-5}{x-1}$$

• 390#1

$$\bullet \frac{4}{2x} = \frac{5}{x+6}$$

Cross multiply

$$\begin{aligned} x(x-1) &= (2x+7)(x-5) \rightarrow x^2 - x = 2x^2 - 3x - 35 \rightarrow 0 = x^2 - 2x - 35 \rightarrow 0 \\ &= (x-7)(x+5) \rightarrow x = 7, -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$10x = 4(x+6) \rightarrow 10x = 4x + 24 \rightarrow 6x = 24 \rightarrow x = 4$$

7.5 Solving Rational Equations

• 390#21

$$\bullet \frac{6x}{x+4} + 4 = \frac{2x+2}{x-1}$$

• Try 390#17

$$\bullet \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{x} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6x(x-1)(x+4)}{x+4} + 4(x-1)(x+4) &= \frac{(2x+2)(x-1)(x+4)}{x-1} \\ \rightarrow 6x(x-1) + 4(x-1)(x+4) &= (2x+2)(x+4) \rightarrow 6x^2 - 6x + 4x^2 + 12x - 16 \\ &= 2x^2 + 10x + 8 \rightarrow 8x^2 - 4x - 24 = 0 \rightarrow 4(2x^2 - x - 6) = 0 \rightarrow 4(2x+3)(x-2) = 0 \\ \rightarrow x &= -\frac{3}{2}, 2 \end{aligned}$$

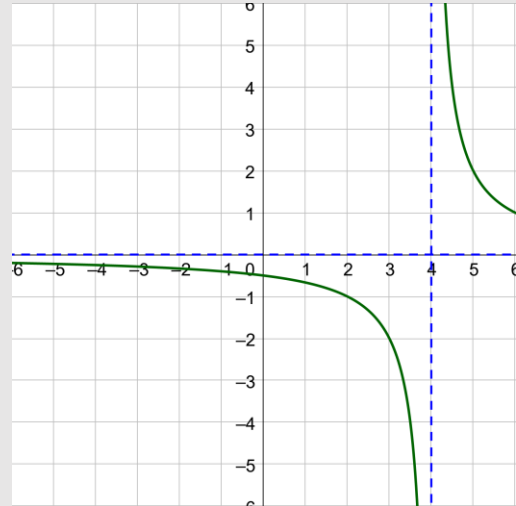
$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \rightarrow \frac{3(2x)}{2} + \frac{1(2x)}{x} = 2(2x) \rightarrow 3x + 2 = 4x \rightarrow 2 = x$$

7.5 Solving Rational Equations

- Determine if the inverse of a function is a function
 - Graph the function
 - If any horizontal line touches the graph more than once, then the inverse is not a function
- Finding Inverse of Rational Functions
 - Switch x and y
 - Solve for y

7.5 Solving Rational Equations

- 391#35 $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-4}$. Determine whether the inverse of f is a function. Then find the inverse.



The graph passes the horizontal line test, so the inverse is a function

$$y = \frac{2}{x-4}$$

Switch x and y

$$x = \frac{2}{y-4}$$

Solve for y

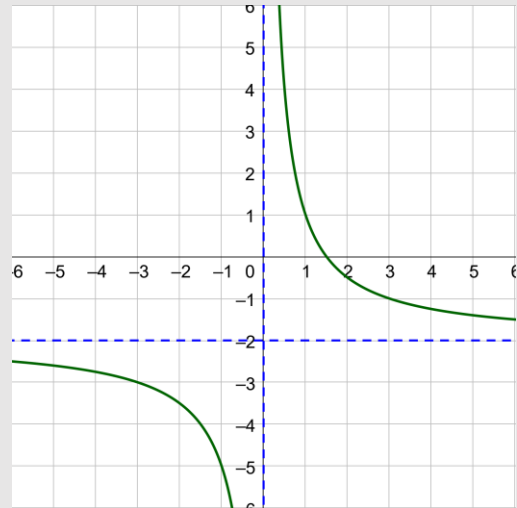
$$(y-4)x = 2$$

$$y-4 = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{x} + 4$$

7.5 Solving Rational Equations

- Try 391#37 $f(x) = \frac{3}{x} - 2$. Determine whether the inverse of f is a function. Then find the inverse.



- 390 #1, 5, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 35, 37, 39, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65

The graph passes the horizontal line test, so the inverse is a function

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

Switch x and y

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

Solve for y

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2 &= \frac{3}{y} \\ y(x + 2) &= 3 \\ y &= \frac{3}{x + 2} \end{aligned}$$