

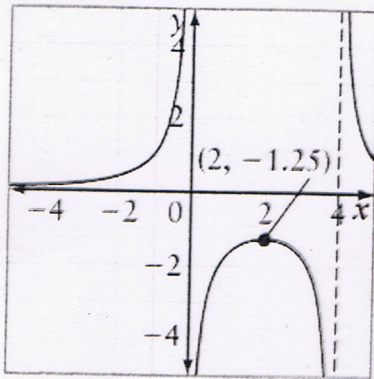
Complete the table to describe the behaviour of the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+2)(x+5)}$$

| As $x \rightarrow$ | $f(x) \rightarrow$ |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| -2^+ | $+\infty$ |
| -2^- | $-\infty$ |
| -5^+ | $-\infty$ |
| -5^- | $+\infty$ |
| $+\infty$ | 0 |
| $-\infty$ | 0 |

Make a summary table with the headings shown for the graph.

Then, determine a possible equation for the graph.



| Interval | Sign of $f(x)$ | Sign of Slope | Change in Slope |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| $x < 0$ | $+$ | $+$ | increasing |
| $0 < x < 2$ | $-$ | $+$ | decreasing |
| $x = 2$ | $-$ | 0 | 0 |
| $2 < x < 4$ | $-$ | $-$ | decreasing |
| $x > 4$ | $+$ | $-$ | increasing |

KEY CONCEPTS

- Rational functions can be analysed using key features: asymptotes, intercepts, slope (positive or negative, increasing or decreasing), domain, range, and positive and negative intervals.
- Reciprocals of quadratic functions with two zeros have three parts, with the middle one reaching a maximum or minimum point. This point is equidistant from the two vertical asymptotes.
- The behaviour near asymptotes is similar to that of reciprocals of linear functions.
- All of the behaviours listed above can be predicted by analysing the roots of the quadratic relation in the denominator.

→ Homework: pg 165; # 1 – 7, 8(odd) 9, 10, 16 – 18
Handin: pg 167; #15