

8 End Behavior of $f(x) = \frac{x}{(1+x)^2}$

Left End: as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow ?$

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \text{constant}$ then there is a horizontal Asymptote at left end given by equation $y = \text{constant}$.

If there is a HA at Left End then you must determine if the graph is approaching the Horizontal line of the HA from above or below.

Using properties of polynomials for large x .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{(1+x)^2} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{x^2} \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{-\infty} \Rightarrow -\left(\frac{1}{\infty}\right) \rightarrow -0 \rightarrow 0$$

approaches HA

given by line $y=0$ from below.

Left End:

