

5.5: Horizontal Asymptotes

* look at the highest exponent in the numerator
↳ denominator (degree)

↳ Top Heavy \rightarrow no HA

↳ Bottom Heavy $\rightarrow y=0$

↳ Equally weighted \rightarrow look at face: $y = \frac{\#}{\#}$

• Ex 1) $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 6x + 2}{9x^2 - 4x}$ Equally weighted

$$y = \frac{3}{9} \quad \boxed{\text{HA: } y = \frac{1}{3}}$$

• Ex 2) $f(x) = \frac{7}{x-3}$ Bottom Heavy

$$\boxed{\text{HA: } y = 0}$$

• Ex 3) $f(x) = \frac{8x^4 + 2x^2}{4x^3}$ Top Heavy

$$\boxed{\text{no HA}}$$