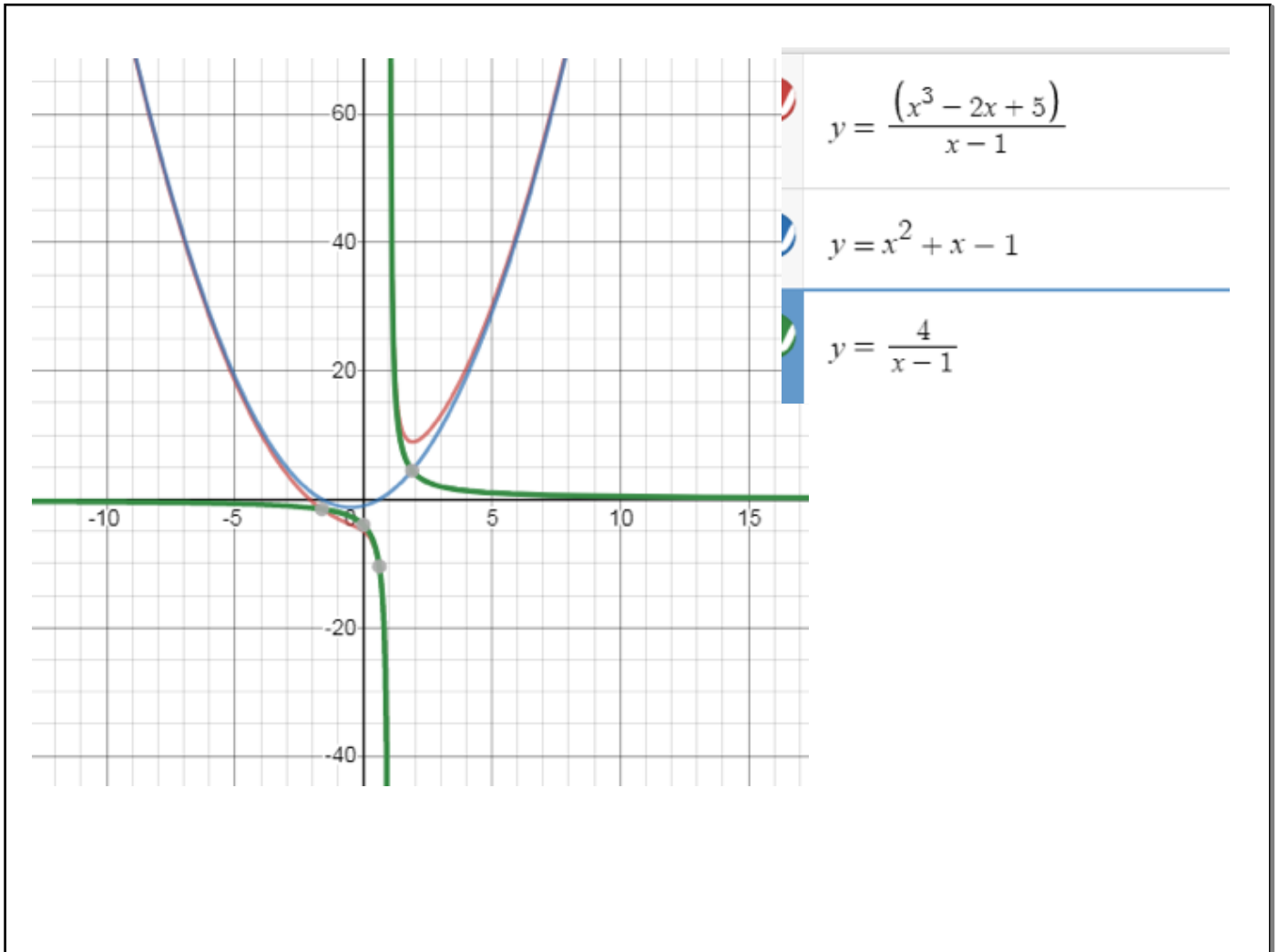


$$y = \frac{x^3 - 2x + 5}{x-1} = x^2 + x - 1 + \frac{4}{x-1}$$

as  $x$  gets large

$$\begin{array}{r} \lll \\ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 5 \\ & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \end{array}$$

as  $x \rightarrow 1$



$$y = \frac{P(x)}{D(x)} = \frac{Q(x)}{D(x)} + \frac{R(x)}{D(x)}$$

$\downarrow$   
Dominant  
as  $x \rightarrow \infty$   
or  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

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Dominant  
as  $x \rightarrow \text{VA.}$

Analyze

$$y = \frac{2x-5}{x+4} = \frac{2x+8-8-5}{x+4} \\ = 2 - \frac{13}{x+4}$$

**Exercise 8** Suppose that  $P(x/3) = x^2 + x + 1$ . What is the sum of all values of  $x$  for which  $P(3x) = 7$ ?

- (A)  $-\frac{1}{3}$     (B)  $-\frac{1}{9}$     (C) 0    (D)  $\frac{5}{9}$     (E)  $\frac{5}{3}$

$$\text{sum} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$= -\frac{-9}{8}$$

$$7 = (9x)^2 + 9x + 1$$

$$7 = 81x^2 + 9x + 1$$

$$0 = 81x^2 + 9x - 6$$

$$\frac{2}{9} - \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{9} (9x - 2)(9x + 3)$$

**Exercise 9** For how many values of the coefficient  $a$  do the equations

$$0 = x^2 + ax + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 = x^2 - x - a$$

have a common real solution?

- (A) 0    (B) 1    (C) 2    (D) 3    (E) infinitely many

$$ax + 1 = -x - a \quad \rightarrow \quad a = -1 \quad \text{or} \\ ax + x + a + 1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad x = -1 \\ (a+1)(x+1) = 0$$

If  ~~$a = -1$~~

$$x^2 - x + 1 = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$