

*LECTURE 9*  
*TO INFINITY*  
*AND BEYOND*

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horizontal  
asymptote

# *PLAN*

1. Guts reaction

2. Limits to infinity

3. Examples

4. Asymptotes

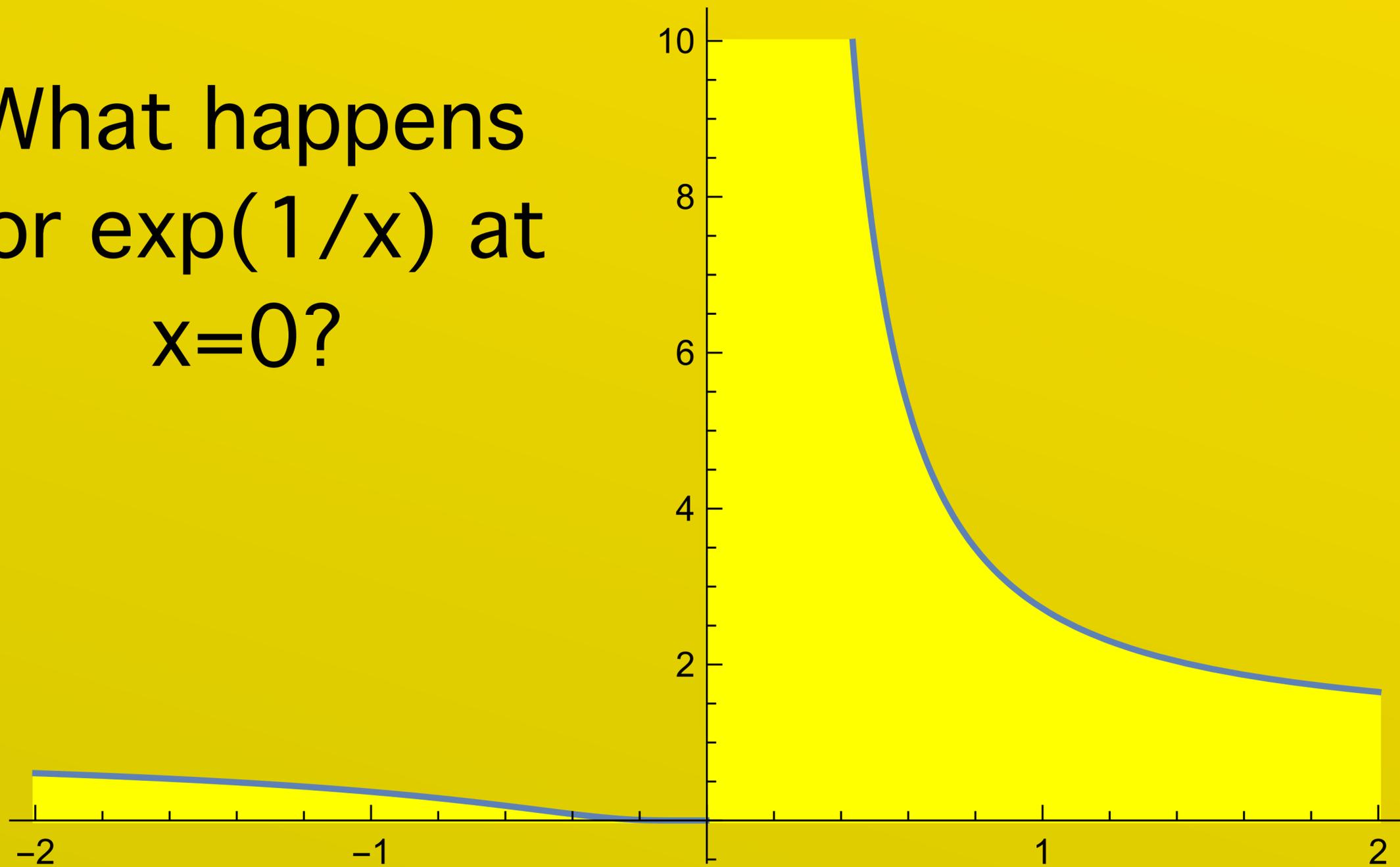
4. Jam

5. Discussion

7. Jam with CA

# POLL

What happens  
for  $\exp(1/x)$  at  
 $x=0$ ?



# INFINITY

$$y = 1/x$$

vertical

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$$

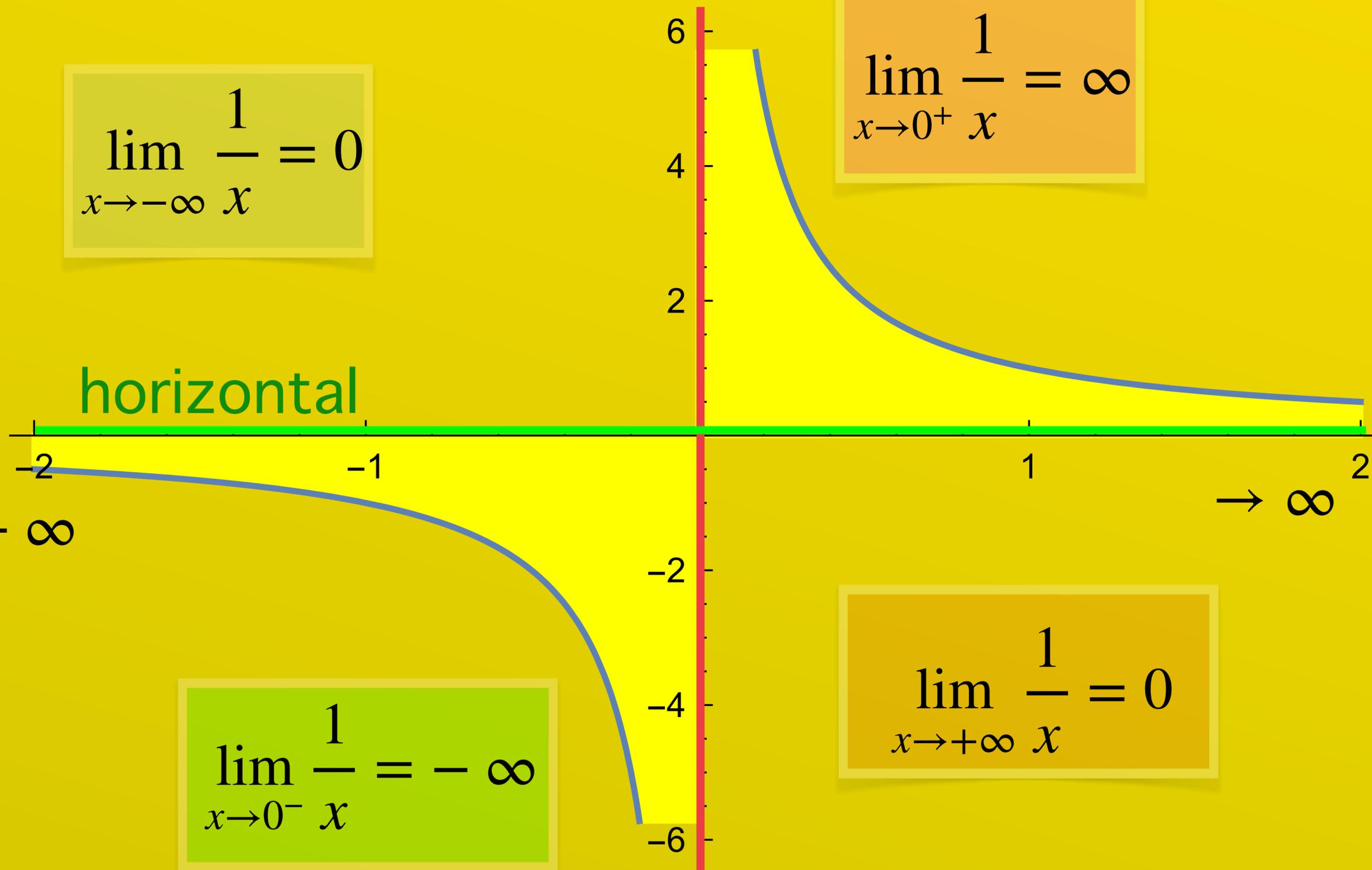
horizontal

$\rightarrow -\infty$

$\rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

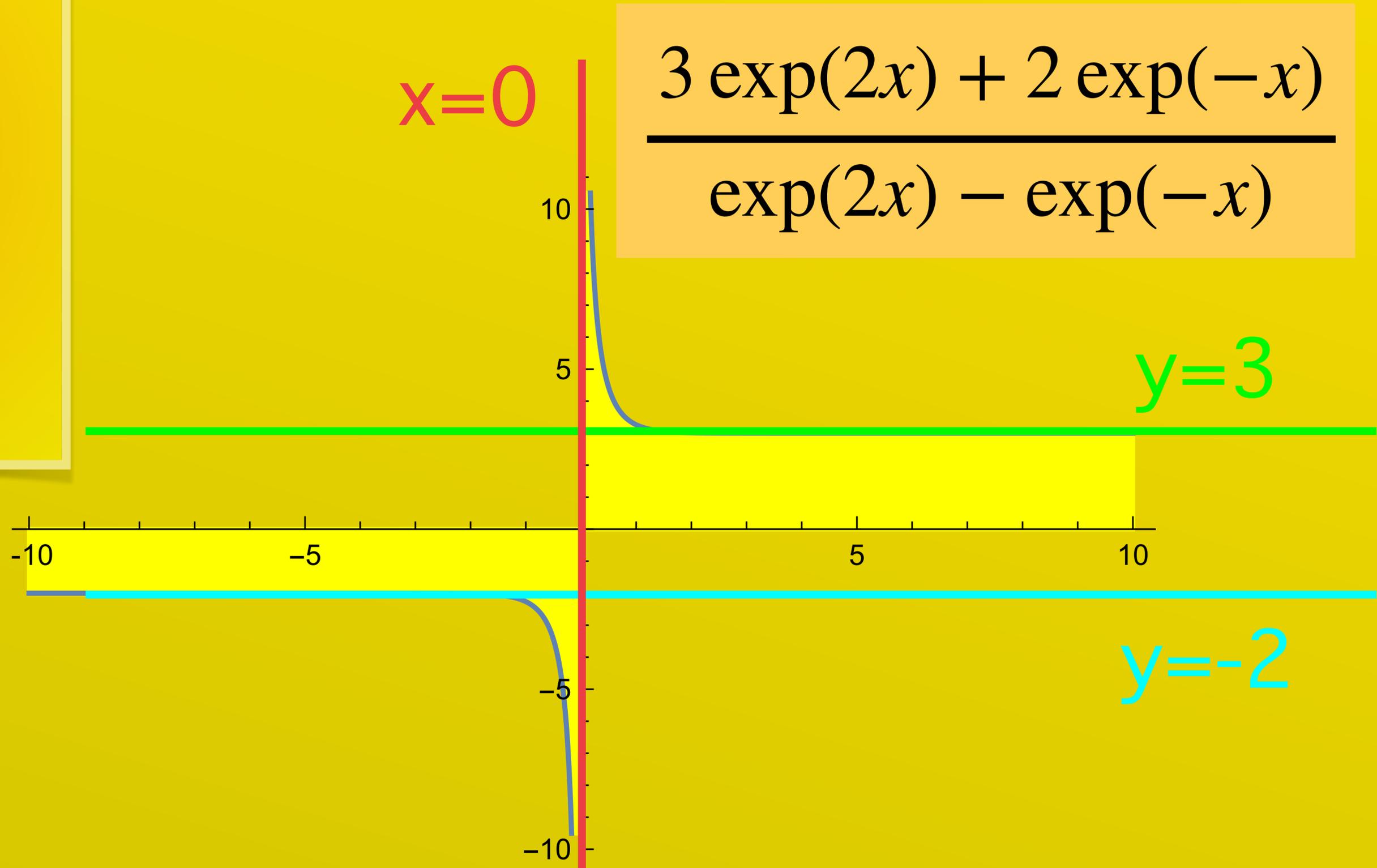


# *ASYMPTOTES*

Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes

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

# ASYMPTOTES



*WHICH ONE IS RIGHT?*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x - 8} = 8$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{1}{x - \infty} = 8$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{1}{x - 8} = \infty$$

*A CLASSIC!*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} 1/(x-8) = \infty$$

SO

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 1/(x-5) = \infty$$

# *A RACE*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{10^x}{x^{1000}}$$

What happens at + infinity

What happens at - infinity?

# DICHOTOMY

polynomial

$$x^3$$

exponential

$$3^x$$

P - NP problematic, can we do things in polynomial time?

fractional power

$$x^{1/3}$$

logarithmic

$$\log(x)$$

super exponential

$$3^{(x^2)}$$

# HIGHEST ORDER

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^4 - 20000}{3x^4 + 1000}$$

divide out:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 20000/x^4}{3 + 1000/x^4}$$

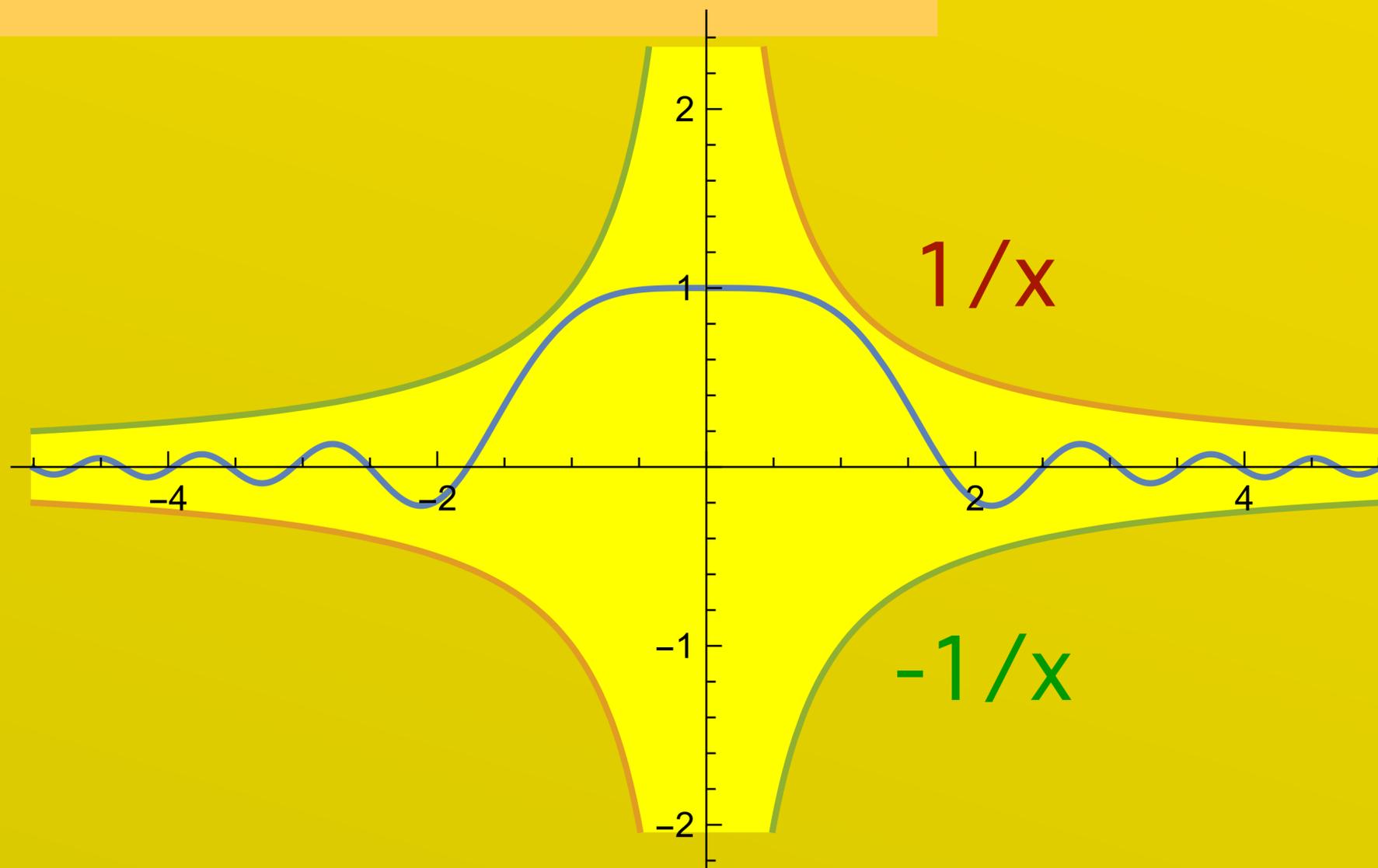
*SQUEEZE!*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(x^{10})}{x}$$

# *SQUEEZE AT $\infty$*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(x^{10})}{x}$$

Function is bound  
above by  $1/x$  and  
bound below by  $-1/x$ .  
Both go to 0.



# JAM

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^7 - 5x + 6}{x^8 - 3}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4 \sin(x)}{\exp(x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sqrt{16x^6 - x^3}}{5x^3 + \sin(x)}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |x| + x}{x^2 + \exp(-x)}$$

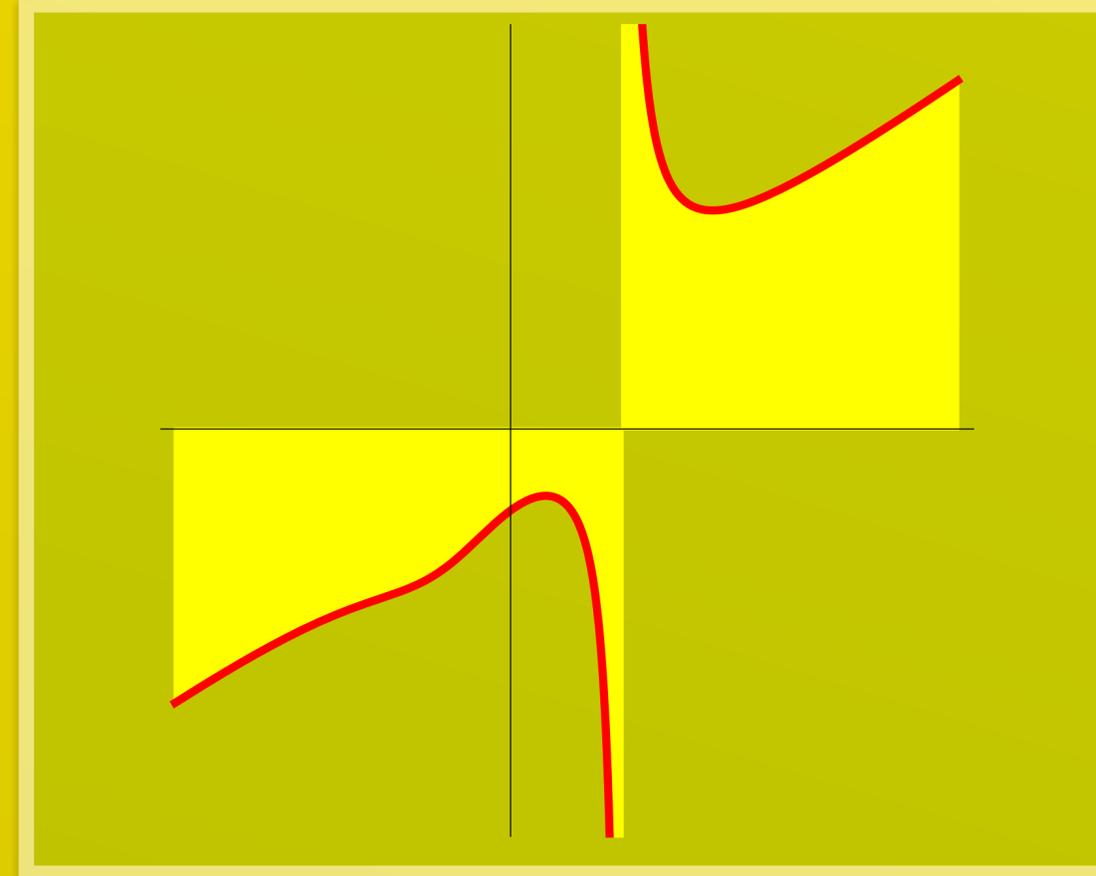
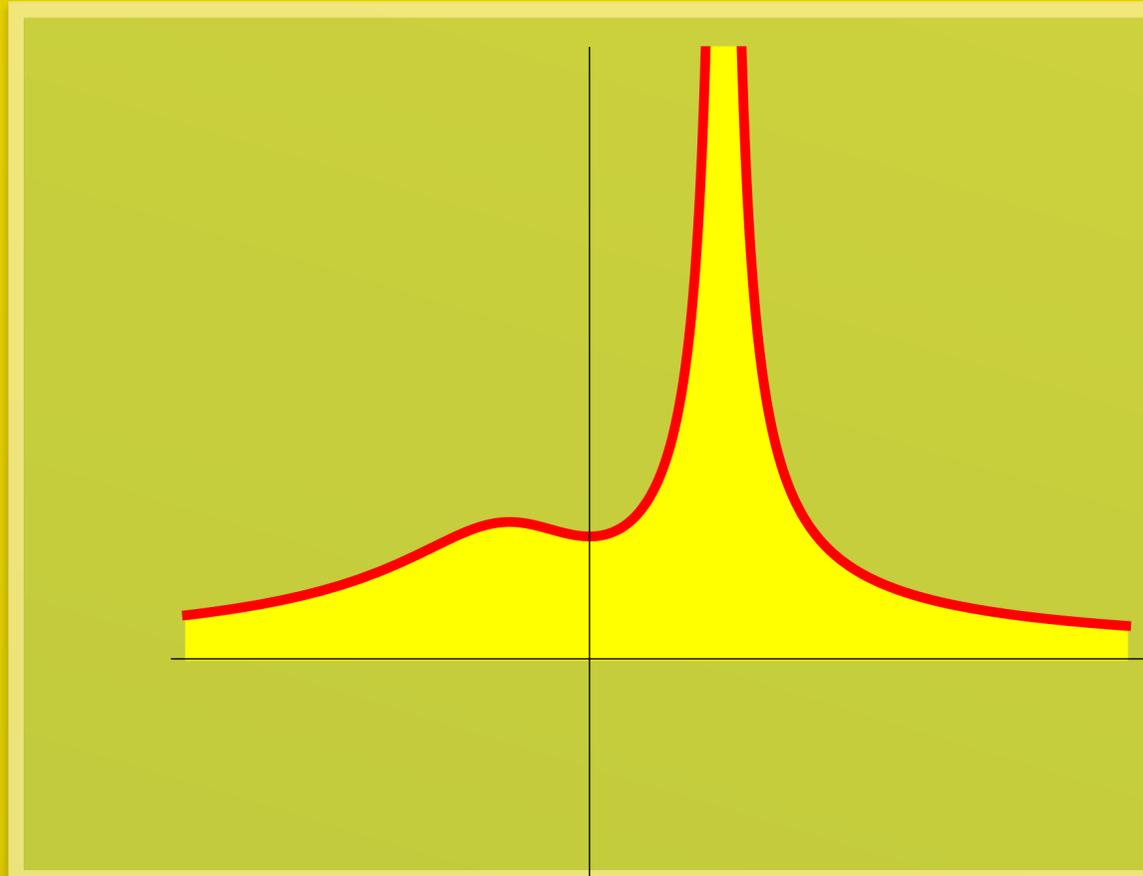
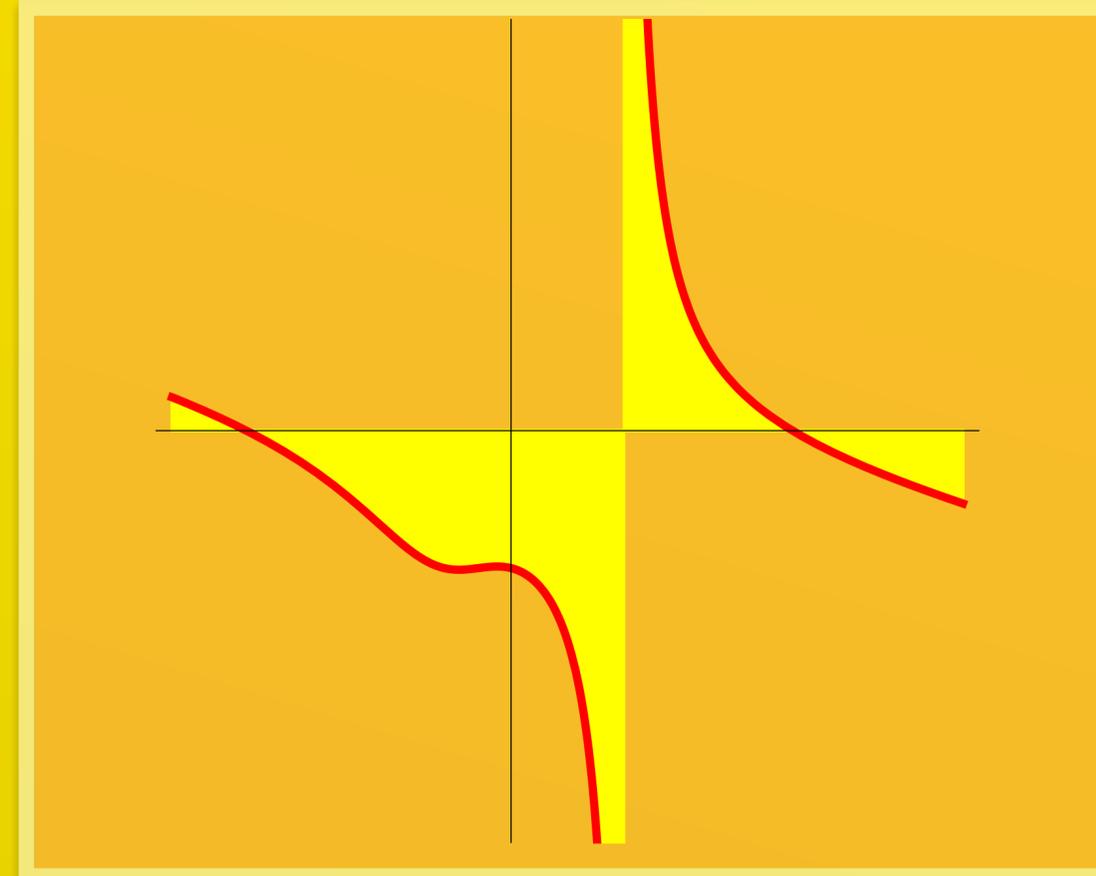
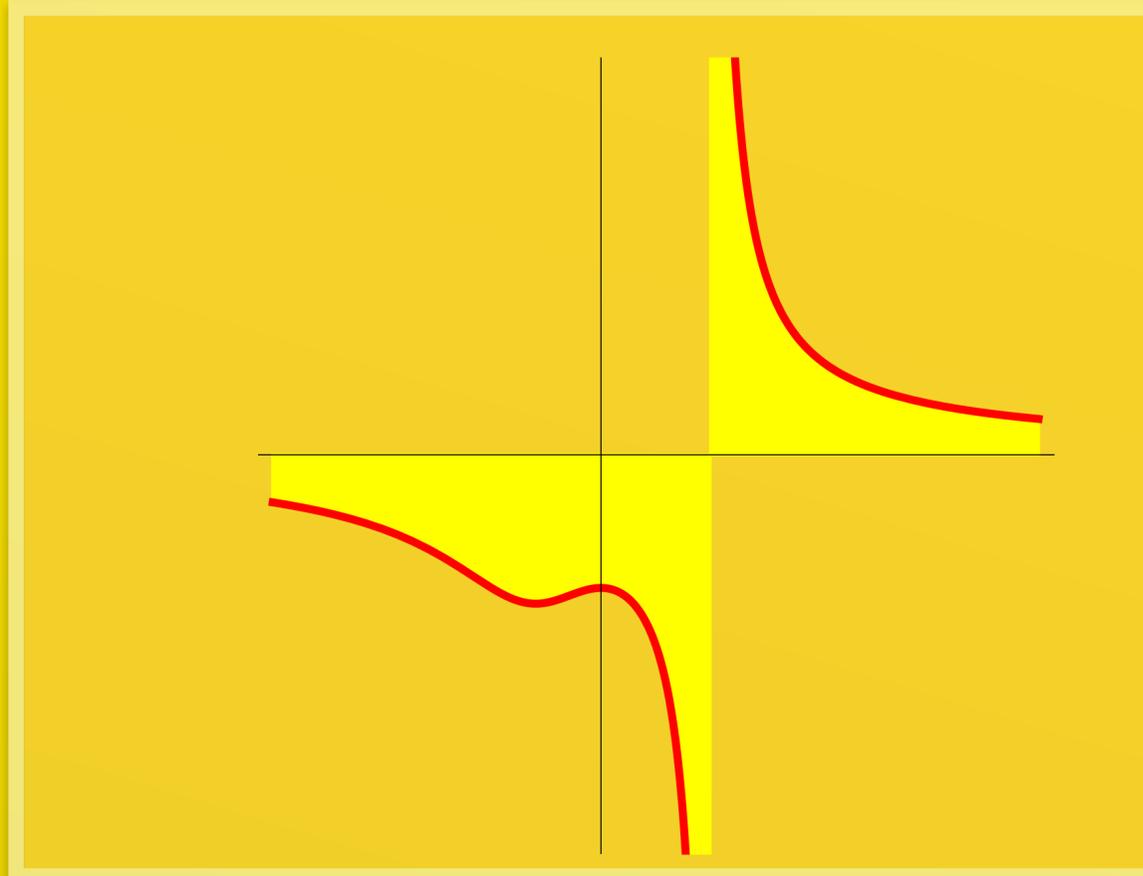
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3e^{3x} - e^x}{5e^{3x} + e^{2x}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \sin(6x)}{5x + 17}$$

*JAMM*

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

Which is the  
correct  
graph?



*JAM*

Evaluate

$$\log_{10}(x)$$

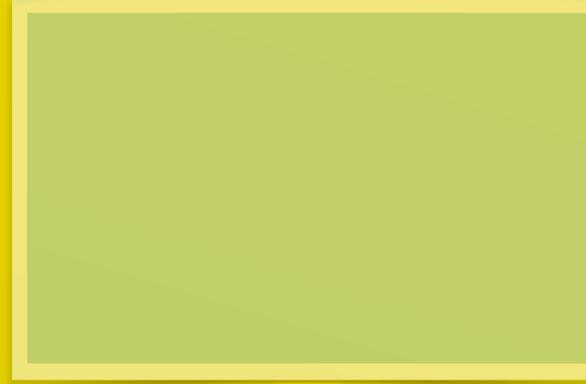
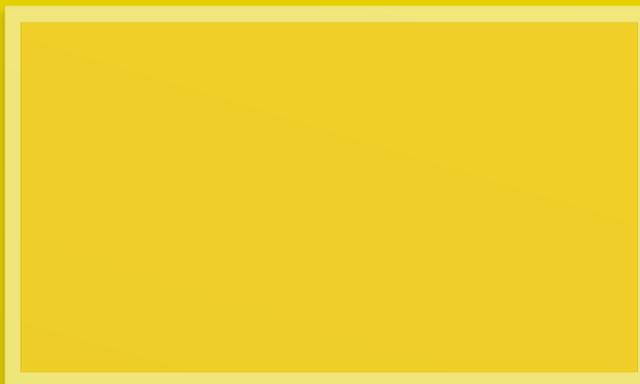
$$\sqrt{x}$$

$$\frac{\log_{10}(x)}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$x = 1$



$x = 10000$



$x = 1'000'000$



*THE END*