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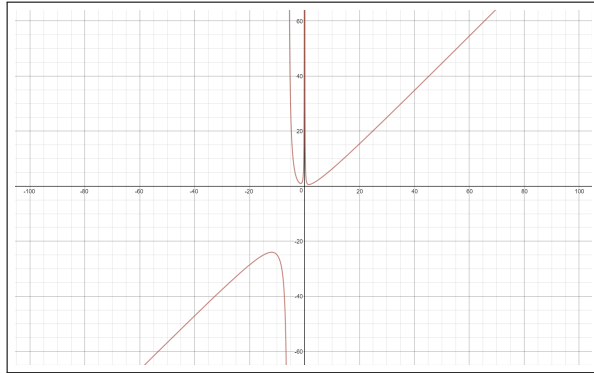
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$$y = \frac{(x^4 + 5)}{x^3 + 6x^2}$$



Graphing lines  
coming together  
to show the tension and grace  
Of their powers.  
the exponents pulling, pulling  
Forming an entirely new shape  
The struggle of powers  
Births an entirely new creation  
With a beauty, grace, and wonder  
All its own.

Graceful, fluid, moving  
Now toward infinity, now away  
Now toward zero, now away  
But it can never arrive.  
There are limits to its  
Powers, curves and grace—  
Even empty spaces at times.

What a beautiful pattern  
Of numbers, space, and time.  
What lovely art and joy.  
Graphing lines.