

# S14RationalsNOTES

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**Rational Expressions Unit 2**

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**Big idea/Learning Goals**

The difference between expression and an equation is equations have equals sign.  
 Because of this difference, it matters where you place the equals sign when simplifying an expression or when solving an equation. Show examples:

ex.  $(1+x)(x-2)$  expression  
 $= x^2 + x - 2$   
*no other side, don't assume it's zero!*

ex.  $2x = x(x-5)$   
 $2x = x^2 - 5x$   
 $0 = x^2 - 7x$  .... solve by factoring

In this unit you will learn how to work with algebra of more complex nature than you've seen so far. The expressions that you will be asked to simplify will have variables in the numerators and the denominators. These expressions are called rational expressions since they are just fractions. There will be certain rules that you will have to follow in order to keep the expressions equivalent or the same.

Corrections for the textbook answers:

Sec 2.2 #9 a)  $\pi(16x^2 + 8x)$

Sec 2.3 #7 f)  $2[m(m+5) - n(n-5)]$

Sec 2.3 #9 f)  $(\sqrt{2}m + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{2}m - \sqrt{5})(6m - 7)$

Sec 2.7 #11  $\frac{t^2 - t - s^2 - s}{st(s+1)(t-1)}$

**Success Criteria**
☐ I understand the new topics for this unit if I can do the practice questions in the textbook/handouts

Date	pg	Topics	# of quest. done? You may be asked to show them	Questions I had difficulty with ask teacher before test!
	2-3	Operations with Polynomials Section 2.1 & 2.2	2.1 # 8, 12 2.2 # 5, 9	
	4-6	Factoring Polynomials & Solving by Factoring Section 2.3 & Two Handout	# 4, 5, 6	
	7-9	Working with Complicated Fractions – if there is time Handout	all	
		Simplifying Rational Functions Section 2.4 & Handout	# 4, 5, 8, 11	
	10-12	Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions Section 2.6 & two Handouts	# 4, 5, 6, 9	
	13-14	Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions Section 2.7 & two Handouts	# 5, 6, 8, 12	
		REVIEW		


**Reflect** – previous TEST mark \_\_\_\_\_, Overall mark now \_\_\_\_\_.

$$2x^{-1} = \frac{2}{x} \text{ Rational}$$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

$$2x^{1/2} = 2\sqrt{x} \leftarrow \text{Root}$$

## Operations with Polynomials

Before you begin analyzing rational expressions (fractions with polynomials in the numerator and denominator), you must be comfortable with polynomial operations.



1. What is a polynomial?

- Many terms with variable(s)  
on which the powers are only  
whole #'s (no negatives, no fraction powers)

2. How can you simplify a polynomial?

- Collect like terms (add/subtract coefficient)  
- When mult/dividing terms do  
not have the like exponents  
of like bases add/subtract.



3. Simplify, then identify the name of the polynomial.

a.  $2a(-3a^2b^4)^3$  (-3)<sup>3</sup>

$$= 2a(-3a^2b^4)(-3a^2b^4)(-3a^2b^4)$$

skip  $= -54a^7b^{12}$

c.  $1\left(\frac{8}{9}a^2 + b - 6\right) - \left(\frac{5}{4}b + 3c - 2a^2 - 9\right)$

$$= \frac{8}{9}a^2 + \frac{1 \times 4}{1 \times 4}b - 6 - \frac{5}{4}b - 3c + \frac{9 \times 1}{9 \times 1}2a^2 + 9$$

$$= \frac{26}{9}a^2 - \frac{1}{4}b - 3c + 3$$

b.  $-2xy + 5x^3 + 2x(4xy) - xy + x(10x^2) - 6y(-3x^2)$

$$= -2xy + 5x^3 + 8x^2y - xy + 10x^3 + 18x^2y$$

$$= -3xy + 15x^3 + 26x^2y$$

d.  $3x(x+2)(x-1) - 6(-x^2 + x - 4)(-x^2 + x - 4)$

$$= 3x(x^2 + 1x - 2) - 6(x^4 - x^3 + 4x^2$$

$$- x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 16)$$

$$= 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x - 6(x^4 - 2x^3 + 9x^2 - 8x + 16)$$

$$- 6x^4 + 12x^3 - 54x^2 + 48x - 96$$

$$= -6x^4 + 15x^3 - 51x^2 + 42x - 96$$



e.  $(1+y)^4$

you will learn how to do this faster later on in the course

LONG FOIL 4 times

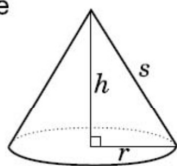
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$$= 1 + 4y + 6y^2 + 4y^3 + y^4$$



4. Simplify the expression for the volume of the cone if  $V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3}$ ,  $r = 2 + x$ , and  $h = 2x - 3$

Cone



$$V = \frac{\pi}{3}(2+x)^2(2x-3)$$

$$V = \frac{\pi}{3}(4 + 4x + x^2)(2x-3)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3}(\text{yellow boxes})$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{\pi}{3}(2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 12)$$

5. There are certain rules that are different for monomials in comparison to polynomials. Complete the following questions and then summarize the rules.

**MONOMIALS**

a.  $(5x^2y^3)^2$

can distribute exponent over mult./div.

$$= 5^2 x^4 y^6$$

$$= 25x^4y^6$$

c.  $\sqrt{25x^2y^4}$

can distribute root

$$\sqrt{25} \sqrt{x^2} \sqrt{y^4}$$

$$= 5x^2y^2$$

Technically  $5|x/y^2$

e.  $2x(3x)(4x^2)$

multiply all at once

$$= 24x^4$$

**POLYNOMIALS**

b.  $(5x^2 + y^3)^2$

→ Have +/− HARDER some rules don't apply.

FOIL can't distribute exp. in!

$$= 25x^4 + 10x^2y^3 + y^6$$

d.  $\sqrt{25x^2 - y^4}$

can't even simplify

f.  $(2x)(3x + 4x^2)$

do distribute

$$= 6x^2 + 8x^3$$

g.  $\frac{2xy}{(2x^2y)(4xy^3)}$

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

can cancel identical "factors" (things are multiplied)

h.  $\frac{2xy}{2x^2y - 4xy^3}$  ← factor 1st

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2xy}{2xy(x - 2y^2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x - 2y^2}$$

This unit

6. Clarify the terms:

EXPAND

multiply + remove brackets

FACTOR

divide into factors + get brackets in your answer

SIMPLIFY

collect like terms  
multiply/divide like bases  
⋮

EVALUATE

sub in the given #

SOLVE

isolate for a variable  
"SAMDEB" if x appears once.  
"Factor" if x appears more than once.

## Factoring Polynomials & Solving by Factoring

Part of simplifying rational expressions will involve factoring the expressions in the numerator and also in the denominator to see if there are any cancellations. It is time to review factoring methods from grade 10.

1. Show how difference of square method can be used even if **numbers** are not perfect squares.

ex.  $x^2 - 17 = (x + \sqrt{17})(x - \sqrt{17})$  — factor over real #'s or irrational #'s.

2. Factor completely. NOTE: if you see brackets, and it asks to factor, don't expand!



a.  $16c^4 - 81d^8$

$$= (4c^2 + 9d^4)(4c^2 - 9d^4)$$

$$= (4c^2 + 9d^4)(2c + 3d^2)(2c - 3d^2)$$

can't  
can't  
c is not squared, stop.

c.  $-24a^3b^2 + 48a^2b^2 - 4ab$

$$= -4ab(ba^2b - 12ab + 1)$$

b.  $(2-x)^2 - 4(x+1)^2$

$$= [(2-x) + 2(x+1)][(2-x) - 2(x+1)]$$

$$= (2-x+2x+2)(2-x-2x-2)$$

$$= (4+x)(-3x)$$

d.  $\frac{2\pi h(r+h)^2 + 4\pi(r+h)h^2}{2\pi h(r+h)} = 2\pi h(r+h)(r+3h)$

$$= \underbrace{2\pi h(r+h)}_{\text{G.C.F.}} \left[ \underbrace{(r+h) + 2h}_{\text{"Leftovers"}} \right]$$



e.  $16x^4 - 8x^2 + 1 - 9x^6$

$$= (4x^2 - 1)^2 - 9x^6$$

$$= [4x^2 - 1 + 3x^3][4x^2 - 1 - 3x^3]$$

g.  $\frac{27(g-h)^3 - 12(h-g)}{27(g-h)^3 - 12(-g+h)}$

$$\frac{27(g-h)^3 + 12(g-h)}{3(g-h)^3 + 12(g-h)}$$

$$= \underbrace{3(g-h)}_{\text{G.C.F.}} \left[ \underbrace{9(g-h)^2 + 4}_{\text{Leftovers}} \right]$$

can't do more.

f.  $56x^3y^2 + 18x^2y^2 - 8xy^2$

$$2xy^2(28x^2 + 9x - 4)$$

$$2xy^2(4x-1)(7x+4)$$

h.  $\frac{6(x+y)^3 + 4(x+y)^2}{2(x+y)^3 + 2(x+y)^2}$

$$= \underbrace{2(x+y)^2}_{\text{G.C.F.}} \left[ \underbrace{3(x+y)^5 + 2}_{\text{Leftovers}} \right]$$

pull out smallest exp.

$$= \frac{2[3(x+y)^5 + 2]}{(x+y)^2}$$



i.  $2x^4y^2 - 13x^2y + 20$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2 & 1 \\ 10 & 20 \end{matrix}$$

both neg.

j.  $15k^2 - 7km - 2m^2$

$$= (1x^2y - 4)(2x^2y - 5)$$

$$(3k - 2m)(5k + 1m)$$



k.  $6d^4 - 29d^2 + 35$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} -5 \\ -7 \end{matrix}$$

$$(2d^2 - 5)(3d^2 - 7) \leftarrow \text{factored over integers.}$$

$$= (2d + \sqrt{5})(2d - \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{3}d + \sqrt{7})(\sqrt{3}d - \sqrt{7}) \leftarrow \text{over real \#s.}$$

l.  $3y^2 + 5y - 10$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 10 \end{matrix}$$

one neg.

no combination that works.



3. The last question above cannot be done with rational numbers. BUT there IS a solution! The answers are irrational as can be seen from the quadratic formula. Show how you can still record the factored version by using the quadratic formula.

4. Please don't use the quadratic formula all the time. Can you think of reasons why I'm asking you not to resort to this method unless absolutely necessary?

$$\begin{matrix} 3y^2 + 5y - 10 \\ a \quad b \quad c \end{matrix}$$

$$y = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{145}}{6}$$

$$y = 1.17 \quad \text{and} \quad y = -2.84$$

Record in factored form.  $y = a(x-r)(x-t)$

$$\text{approx} = 3(y - 1.17)(y + 2.84)$$

$$\text{exact} = 3\left(y - \frac{-5 + \sqrt{145}}{6}\right)\left(y - \frac{-5 - \sqrt{145}}{6}\right)$$

↳ Takes longer  
 - Confusing if more than one variable is involved.  
 - may look different  
 ex.  $6(x - \frac{1}{2})(x - \frac{1}{3})$   
 instead  $(2x - 1)(3x - 1)$

$$\begin{matrix} a(x-h)^2 + k \\ ax^2 + bx + c \end{matrix}$$

Solve by factoring.

5.  $3x^2 - 14x + 8 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 3 \end{array} \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -4 \end{array} \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 8 \end{array}$$

$$(3x-2)(x-4)=0$$

$$3x-2=0 \quad \text{OR} \quad x-4=0$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x = 4$$

do in your head

7.  $24x^2y - 16x^2y^2 + 8x^3y^2 = 0$

$$(8x^2y)(3-2y+xy)=0$$

$$3-2y+xy=0$$

$$x=0 \quad y=0$$

CAN'T solve 1 equation but 2 unknowns.

9.  $256a^4 = 625$

$$256a^4 - 625 = 0$$

$$(16a^2 + 25)(16a^2 - 25) = 0$$

$$(16a^2 + 25)(4a + 5)(4a - 5) = 0$$

$$a = \text{N/A} \quad a = -\frac{5}{4} \quad a = \frac{5}{4}$$

6.  $p^4 + 21p^2 = 100$

$$p^4 + 21p^2 - 100 = 0$$

$$(p^2 - 4)(p^2 + 25) = 0$$

$$(p+2)(p-2)(p^2+25)=0$$

$$p = -2 \quad p = 2 \quad p = \text{N/A.}$$

8.  $3\sin^2 A - 14\sin A = -8$

$$\text{let } x = \sin A$$

$$3x^2 - 14x + 8 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -4 \end{array} \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 8 \end{array}$$

$$(3x-2)(x-4)=0$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3} \quad x = 4$$

$$\sin A = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$A = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \approx 42^\circ$$

$$\sin A = 4$$

$$A = \sin^{-1}(4) = \text{N/A.}$$

10.  $121 - (3+b)^2 = 0$

$$[11 + (3+b)][11 - (3+b)] = 0$$

$$(14+b)(8-b) = 0$$

$$b = -14 \quad b = 8$$

11. The last two questions can be solved by isolating, why can't the other questions be isolated but the last two can be?

SANDER → variable appears once!

9.  $256a^4 = 625$

$$\sqrt[4]{a^4} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{625}{256}}$$

$$a = \pm \frac{\sqrt[4]{625}}{\sqrt[4]{256}} = \pm \frac{5}{4}$$

10.  $121 - (3+b)^2 = 0$

$$\pm \sqrt{121} = \sqrt{(3+b)^2}$$

$$\pm 11 = 3+b$$

**Working with Complicated Fractions – if there is time**

1. Recall the rules of dividing and adding fractions.

ex.  $\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{1}{5}$   
 $= \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{5}{1} = \frac{10}{5} = 2$

ex.  $\frac{5 \times 2}{5 \times 3} + \frac{1 \times 3}{5 \times 3}$   
 $= \frac{10+3}{15} = \frac{13}{15}$

$\frac{10}{15} + \frac{3}{15}$

2. Explain each mistake you should avoid and give a correct version of the result.

**Errors Involving Fractions**

ex.  $\frac{360}{2100} = \frac{10 \times 36}{21 \times 100}$   
 $= \frac{(2)(5)(2)(3)(2)(3)}{(3)(7)(2)(2)(5)(5)}$   
 $= \frac{6}{35}$

Expression	Does NOT Equal
$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$	$\frac{1}{a+b}$
$\frac{a}{x+b}$	$\frac{a}{x} + \frac{a}{b}$
$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^c$	$\frac{bx}{a}$
$\frac{1}{\frac{b}{x}}$	$\frac{1}{3x}$
$\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 2$	$\frac{1}{x+2}$ or $\frac{3}{x}$

← do LCD

← can't split up denominator (can with numerators)

← multiply by reciprocal

← x should be in numerator

← do LCD

**Errors Involving Cancellation**

Expression	Does NOT Equal
$\frac{a+bx}{a}$	$1+bx$
$\frac{a+ax}{a}$	$a+x$
$1+\frac{x}{2x}$	$1+\frac{1}{x}$

← can't cancel unless everything is factored (multiplied)

not  $x^2$

3. Simplify the following.

a.  $\frac{5}{\left(\frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 4} \cdot \frac{1 \times 8}{4 \times 3}\right)}$

$= \frac{5}{\left(\frac{5}{12}\right)}$

$= 5 \div \frac{5}{12}$

$= \frac{5 \times 12}{1 \times 5}$   
 $= 12$

Not proper to have fraction within fraction.

b.  $\frac{\left(\frac{x+2}{x}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{x} - 2\right)}$

$= \left(\frac{x+2}{x}\right) \div \left(\frac{1-2x}{x}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{x+2}{x}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{x}{1-2x}\right) = \frac{x(x+2)}{x(1-2x)}$

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

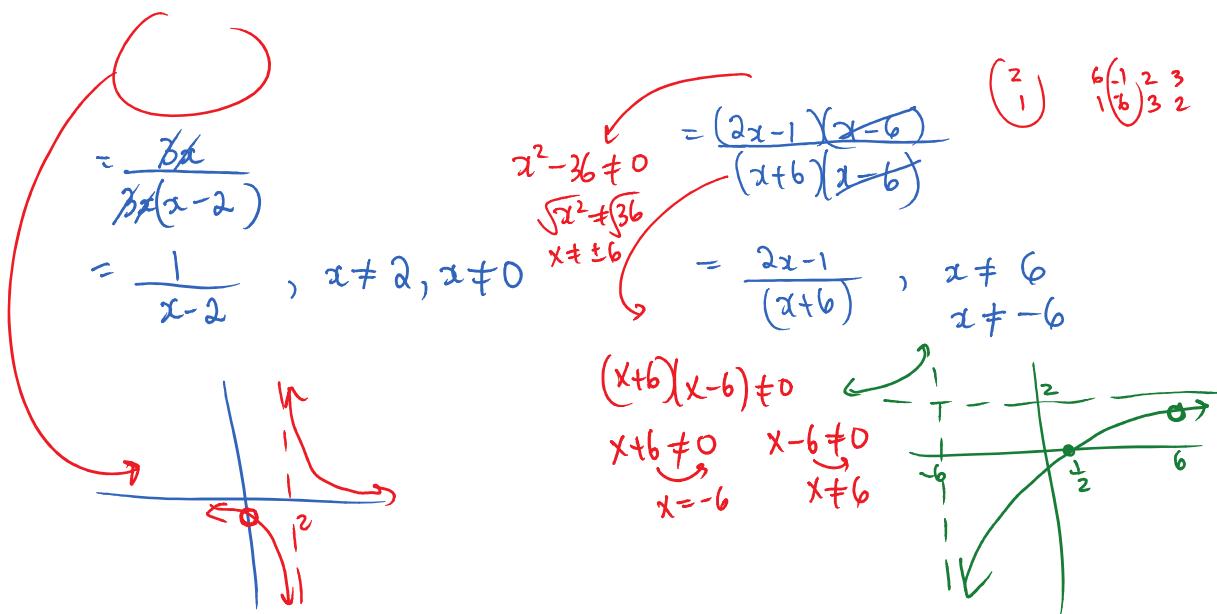


← dividing by ZERO "  
 $a-b=0$   
 since  $a=b$

Restrictions are values that are not part of the domain  
 ie. values that make the expression undefined dividing by zero

It's important to state them since these restrictions will  
 be vertical asymptotes of rational graphs (adv. functions)

- ① Factor both numerator + denominator
- ② Cancel like factors (must be multiplied to do so)
- ③ State restrictions (look at denominators of every line in your solution, not just the end) \* The factored line before cancel is best.





c.  $\frac{42x^3y^5}{-12x^4y^2}$

$$= \frac{7y^3}{-2x}$$

$$\frac{x \cancel{x} x}{x \cancel{x} x}$$

$$\frac{-12(x^4)(y^2) \neq 0}{-12}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x^4 \neq 0 \text{ or } y^2 \neq 0 \\ \textcircled{x \neq 0} \quad \textcircled{y \neq 0} \end{array}$$

d.  $\frac{18-2m^2}{m^2-6m+9}$

$$= \frac{-2m^2+18}{m^2-6m+9}$$

$$= \frac{-2(m^2-9)}{(m-3)(m-3)}$$

$$= \frac{-2(m+3)(\cancel{m-3})}{(m-3)(\cancel{m-3})}$$

$$= \frac{-2(m+3)}{m-3}, m \neq 3$$



e.  $\frac{2a-a^2}{(3a+4)(a-2)-2(a-2)}$

$$= \frac{-a^2+2a}{(a-2)((3a+4)-2)}$$

G.C.F.      Leftovers

$$= \frac{-a(a-2)}{(a-2)(3a+2)}$$

$$= \frac{-a}{(3a+2)}, a \neq 2, a \neq -\frac{2}{3}$$

f.  $\frac{-3y^2+2x^2}{2x^2+xy-3y^2} \neq \text{fix order before start.}$

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{-x+y} \\ \textcircled{-1 \quad -1} \\ -1(x-y) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2y+x \neq 0 \\ \textcircled{x \neq -2y} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y-x \neq 0 \\ \textcircled{y \neq x} \end{array}$$

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

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions



1. Working with rational expressions is similar to working with fractions rational numbers. Remind yourself of the rules of multiplying and dividing fractions.

ex.  $\frac{2}{3} \rightarrow \frac{5}{4} = \frac{10}{12} = \frac{5}{6}$

ex.  $5 \div \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{1} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$



2. What are the steps of multiplying rational expressions?

- ① Factor everything
- ② Multiply  $\frac{\text{top} \times \text{top}}{\text{bottom} \times \text{bottom}}$
- ③ Cancel like factors
- ④ State restrictions (best to see right before you cancel)

4. Simplify each of the following and state restrictions.



a.  $\frac{k^2 + k}{k^2 - k} \times \frac{3k - 21}{2k^2 - 11k - 21}$

$= \frac{k(k+1) \rightarrow 3(k-7)}{k(k-1) \rightarrow (2k+3)(k-7)}$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$

$= \frac{k(k+1)(3)(\cancel{k-7})}{k(k-1)(2k+3)(\cancel{k-7})}$

$= \frac{3(k+1)}{(k-1)(2k+3)}$   $\begin{matrix} k \neq 0 \\ k \neq 1 \\ k \neq -\frac{3}{2} \\ k \neq 7 \end{matrix}$

3. What are the steps of dividing rational expressions?

- ① Factor everything before flip!!
- ② Flip the 2nd fraction and multiply
- ③ Cancel like factors
- ④ State restrictions of ALL denom (before flip + after flip)

b.  $\frac{6x^2 - 15x}{3x^2 + 5x - 12} \div \frac{4x^2 - 25}{3x + 9}$   $\rightarrow$

$= \frac{3x(2x-5)}{(3x-4)(x+3)} \div \frac{(2x-5)(2x+5)}{3(x+3)}$

$= \frac{3x(2x-5)(3)(\cancel{x+3})}{(3x-4)(\cancel{x+3})(2x-5)(2x+5)}$

$= \frac{9x}{(3x-4)(2x+5)}$   $\begin{matrix} x \neq \frac{4}{3} \\ x \neq -\frac{3}{2} \\ x \neq \pm \frac{5}{2} \end{matrix}$



c.  $\frac{3a^2(b+2)}{b(3-a)} \times \frac{10b(a-3)}{a^3b^4}$

$$= \frac{3a^2(b+2)(10)(b)(a-3)}{(b)(-1)(a-3)a^3b^4}$$

$$= \frac{-30(b+2)}{ab^4}$$

$$a \neq 3, 0$$

$$b \neq 0$$

d.  $\frac{6(x-1)}{x^2} \div \frac{3(x-1)}{x(x+2)}$

$$= \frac{6(\cancel{x-1})}{x^2} \cdot \frac{x(x+2)}{3(\cancel{x-1})}$$

$$= \frac{6(x+2)}{3x}$$

$$= \frac{2(x+2)}{x}, x \neq 0, -2, 1$$



e.  $\frac{4x^2-25y^2}{(5y-2x)^2} \times \frac{4}{4x+10y}$

$$= \frac{(2x+5y)(2x-5y)(4)}{(5y-2x)(5y-2x)(2)(2x+5y)}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{2(5y-2x)}$$

$$5y-2x \neq 0$$

$$2x+5y \neq 0$$

$$= \frac{2}{2x-5y} \text{ OR } = \frac{-2}{5y-2x}$$

$$= \frac{2}{-1(5y-2x)}$$

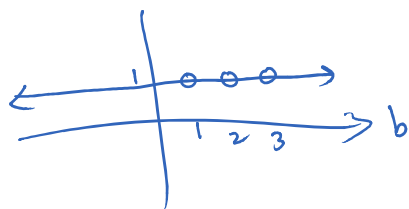
f.  $\frac{3b^2-9b+6}{2b^2-10b+12} \div \frac{3-3b}{6-2b}$

$$= \frac{3(b^2-3b+2)}{2(b^2-5b+6)} \div \frac{-3(b-1)}{-2(b-3)}$$

$$= \frac{3(\cancel{b-2})(\cancel{b-1})}{2(\cancel{b-2})(\cancel{b-3})} \cdot \frac{-2(\cancel{b-3})}{-3(\cancel{b-1})}$$

$$= \frac{-6}{-6}$$

$$= 1, b \neq 2, 3, 1$$





g.  $\frac{3y^2 - 7y + 2}{y^2 + 3y + 2} \times \frac{8y + 8}{4y - 8}$

h.  $\frac{\frac{(m+n)}{5m^4n}}{\frac{(m^2-n^2)}{15n^3m}}$

$$= \frac{(m+n)}{5m^4n} \div \frac{(m^2-n^2)}{15n^3m}$$

$$= \frac{(m+n)}{5m^4n} \div \frac{(m+n)(m-n)}{15n^3m}$$

$$= \frac{(m+n)(15n^3m)}{5m^4n(m+n)(m-n)}$$

$$= \frac{2(3y-1)}{(y+2)} \quad y \neq 2, -1, -2$$

$$= \frac{3n^2}{m^3(m-n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m &\neq 0 \\ n &\neq 0 \\ m+n &\neq 0 \\ m-n &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$



5. Create an expression that has the following conditions.


Zeros at  $x = -2$  and  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  and restrictions at  $x \neq -5$  and  $x \neq \frac{2}{7}$

numerator = 0 gives x-int  
denominator = 0 gives restrictions

$$\frac{(x+2)(3x-1)}{(x+5)(7x-2)}$$

6. For the cylinder,

- a. simplify the ratio of its surface area to volume.  
b. if height is 3 times as long as radius, simplify the ratio again.

  $V = \pi r^2 h$   
 $SA = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{a} \frac{SA}{V} &= \frac{(2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h)}{\pi r^2 h} \\ &= \frac{2\cancel{\pi}r(r+h)}{\cancel{\pi}r^2 h} \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{b} h = 3r$

$$\frac{SA}{V} = \frac{2(r+3r)}{r(3r)}$$

$$= \frac{2(4r)}{3r^2}$$

$$= \frac{8r}{3r^2} = \left(\frac{8}{3r}\right)$$

$$\frac{8\cancel{r}}{3\cancel{r}r}$$

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$$\frac{SA}{V} = \frac{2(r+h)}{rh}, \quad r \neq 0, h \neq 0$$

$$24 = (4)(6) = (2)(2)(2)(3)$$

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## Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

$$90 = (45)(2) = (9)(5)(2) = (3)(3)(5)(2)$$

1. Working with rational expressions is similar to working with rational numbers. Remind yourself of the rules of adding and subtracting fractions.

ex.  $\frac{1 \cdot 5 \cdot 3}{24 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \frac{7 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{90 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = \frac{15 + 28}{(2)(2)(2)(3)(5)(3)} = \frac{43}{360}$

\* LCD = record all factors of 1st denominator then include any missing parts from 2nd denom.

2. What are the steps of adding/subtracting rational expressions?

- ① Factor only the denominators to find LCD
- ② Create the LCD by multiplying by the missing factors.
- ③ Simplify the numerator only (don't expand denominator)
- ④ Check for cancellations, state restrictions

or can't see restrictions or potential cancellations

3. Simplify each of the following and state restrictions.

with MONOMIALS

a.  $\frac{3xy(6-x)(3+y)}{x^2y \cdot 3x^2y^2} + \frac{1}{3x^3y^2}$  LCD =  $(x^2y)(3)x$

$= \frac{3xy(6-x)(3+y)}{3x^3y^2} + \frac{1}{3x^3y^2}$  ← simplify top factor or expand then factor

$= \frac{(18xy - 3x^2y - 9x^2y + 1)}{3x^3y^2}$

$= \frac{18xy - 6x^2y - 9x^2y + 1}{3x^3y^2}$   $x \neq 0$   
 $y \neq 0$

c.  $\frac{2x-1}{12} + \frac{(3x-2)(x+1) \cdot 6}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot (2) \cdot 6}$

$= \frac{(2x-1) + 4(3x-2) - 6(x+1)}{12}$

$= \frac{2x-1 + 12x-8-6x-6}{12}$  ← mistake

$= \frac{8x-15}{12}$ , no restrictions

OR  $\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{5}{4}$

only POLYNOMIALS

b.  $\frac{5x+2}{25x^2-1} - \frac{3x-1}{25x^2+10x+1}$

$= \frac{(5x+2)}{(5x+1)(5x-1)} - \frac{(3x-1)}{(5x+1)(5x+1)}$

$= \frac{(5x+1)(5x+2) - (5x-1)(3x-1)}{(5x+1)(5x-1)(5x+1)}$

$= \frac{25x^2+15x+2 - (15x^2-8x+1)}{(5x+1)(5x-1)(5x+1)}$

d.  $\frac{x+3}{x^2-4} - \frac{3-x}{4-x^2}$   $\frac{10x^2+23x+1}{(5x+1)(5x-1)(5x+1)}$   $x \neq \pm \frac{1}{5}$

$= \frac{x+3}{x^2-4} + \frac{3-x}{x^2-4}$   $\rightarrow \frac{-x^2+4}{-1} = -(x^2-4)$

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

$= \frac{6}{x^2-4}$   $x \neq \pm 2$   
can't see restrictions unless it's factored.

$= \frac{6}{(x+2)(x-2)}$



$$e. \frac{3}{(x+1)} - \frac{4}{(x-2)}$$

$$= \frac{3(x-2) - 4(x+1)}{(x+1)(x-2)}$$

$$= \frac{-x-10}{(x+1)(x-2)} \quad x \neq -1, 2$$

$$g. \frac{x}{(x+2)(x-3)} + \frac{4}{(-2-x)(x-4)}$$

$$= \frac{x}{(x+2)(x-3)} - \frac{4}{(x+2)(x-4)}$$

$$= \frac{x(x-4) - 4(x-3)}{(x+2)(x-3)(x-4)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 4x - 4x + 12}{(x+2)(x-3)(x-4)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{(x+2)(x-3)(x-4)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{(x-6)(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-3)(x-4)} \quad x \neq -2, 3, 4$$



$$i. \frac{2m^3}{12m^2 - 8m} + \frac{12m}{4m - 6m^2}$$

$$= \frac{2m^3}{2 \cdot 4m(3m-2)} + \frac{-6 \cdot 12m}{-2m(3m-2)}$$

$$= \frac{m^2}{2(3m-2)} - \frac{6}{(3m-2)}$$

$$= \frac{m^2 - 6(2)}{2(3m-2)}$$

$$= \frac{m^2 - 12}{2(3m-2)} \quad , m \neq \frac{2}{3}, 0$$

$$f. \frac{x-6}{x^2-3x+2} - \frac{3x+2}{x^2-x-2}$$

$$= \frac{(x-6)}{(x-2)(x-1)} - \frac{(3x+2)}{(x-2)(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{(x-6)(x+1) - (3x+2)(x-1)}{(x-2)(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 5x - 6 - (3x^2 - x - 2)}{(x-2)(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{-2x^2 - 4x - 4}{(x-2)(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{-2(x^2 + 2x + 2)}{(x-2)(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$x \neq 2, 1, -1$

$$h. \frac{x^2-x}{2x^2-3x} - \frac{3x^2+1-4x}{3-5x+2x^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2-x)}{x(2x-3)} - \frac{(3x^2-4x+1)}{(2x-3)(x-1)}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2-x)(x-1) - (3x^2-4x+1)(x)}{x(2x-3)(x-1)}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 - x^2 - x^2 + x - (3x^3 - 4x^2 + x)}{x(2x-3)(x-1)}$$

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

$$= \frac{-2x}{(2x-3)} \quad , x \neq \frac{3}{2}, 0, 1$$

$$j. \frac{x+y}{(x+y)^2 - 5(x+y) - 6} + \frac{y}{3x(x+y) + 3x}$$

$$= \frac{(a-6)(a+1)}{(x+y-6)(x+y+1)}$$

$$= \frac{(x+y)(3x)}{(x+y-6)(x+y+1)(3x)} + \frac{y(x+y-6)}{3x(x+y+1)(x+y-6)}$$

$$= \frac{[(x+y)(3x) + y(x+y-6)]}{3x(x+y-6)(x+y+1)}$$

$$= \frac{(3x^2 + 3xy + xy + y^2 - 6y)}{3x(x+y-6)(x+y+1)}$$

$$= \frac{(3x^2 + 4xy + y^2 - 6y)}{3x(x+y-6)(x+y+1)}$$

$$3x \neq 0 \quad x \neq 0 \quad x+y-6 \neq 0 \quad x \neq -6-y$$

$$x+y+1 \neq 0 \quad x \neq -1-y$$

Practice: LCD only

$$c) \frac{1}{42x^3y} + \frac{3}{70x^2y} - \frac{2}{45xy^4z} = \frac{\quad}{\quad?}$$

$$d) \frac{3}{2x^2(x+2)} - \frac{1}{6x(x+2)^2(x-3)} = \frac{\quad}{\quad?}$$

$$e) \frac{1}{2x^2-8x} - \frac{1}{2x^2-7x-4} = \frac{\quad}{\quad?}$$