

Unit 4 Review

Multiply or divide the following rational expressions and find the excluded values.

Keep, Change, Flip

1. Divide $\frac{x+2}{x-4} \div \frac{x}{3x-12}$ $\frac{(x+2)}{\cancel{(x-4)}} \cdot \frac{3\cancel{(x-4)}}{x} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x}$
 $x \neq 4, 0$

2. Multiply $\frac{(x-5)(x+1)}{3(x-5)} \cdot \frac{4}{(x-3)(x+1)}$ $= \frac{4}{3(x-3)}$
 $x \neq 5, 3, -1$

6. Multiply $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} \cdot \frac{x-3}{x-4}$

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

7. Divide $\frac{x+3}{x+2} \div \frac{x^2+3x}{2x-4}$

$\frac{\cancel{(x+3)}}{(x+2)} \cdot \frac{2(x-2)}{x\cancel{(x+3)}} = \frac{2(x-2)}{x(x+2)}$
 $x \neq -2, 2, 0, -3$

Add or subtract the following expressions, simplify the results, and note the excluded values.

8. $\frac{4}{x-1} - \frac{x+2}{x-1} = \frac{4-x-2}{x-1}$

LCD: $(x-1)$

$x \neq 1$

$= \frac{2-x}{x-1}$ or $\frac{-x+2}{x-1}$

9. $\frac{6x+6}{(x+3)(x-3)} + \frac{x+3}{(x+3)}$

LCD: $(x+3)(x-3)$

$x \neq -3, 3$

$\frac{6x+6}{(x+3)(x-3)} + \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{6x+6}{(x+3)(x-3)} + \frac{x^2-9}{(x+3)(x-3)}$

$\frac{6x+6+x^2-9}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{x^2+6x-3}{(x+3)(x-3)}$

10. $\frac{1}{3+x} + \frac{3-x}{x}$

LCD: $(3+x)(x)$

$x \neq -3, 0$

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

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

LCD: $x(x-1)$

$x \neq 0, 1$

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

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

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

Find the LCD of the following rational equations:

12. $\frac{5}{(x-2)(x-1)} - \frac{1}{x-2} = 0$

LCD: $(x-2)(x-1)$

13. $\frac{x+2}{x} - \frac{4}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x(x-1)} = 0$

LCD: $x(x-1)$

Solve algebraically the following rational equations. State any extraneous solutions.

14. $\frac{3x}{7} - \frac{4x+1}{9} = 0$

Cross Multiply

No extraneous solutions

$$9(3x) = 7(4x+1)$$

$$27x = 28x + 7$$

$$\frac{-28x}{-28x} \quad \frac{-28x}{-28x}$$

$$\frac{-x}{-1} = \frac{7}{-1}$$

$x = -7$

15. $\frac{x+5}{10} - \frac{5}{x-6} = 0$

Cross Multiply

$x \neq 6$

$$(x+5)(x-6) = -5(10)$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 5x - 30 = -50$$

$$x^2 - x - 30 = \frac{-50}{+50} \quad \frac{-50}{+50}$$

$$x^2 - x + 20 = 0$$

No solution

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

Kill the Denominator

LCD: $(x-1)(x-3)$
 $x \neq 1, 3$

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

$$x(x-3) + x-1 = 2$$

$$x^2 - 3x + x - 1 = 2$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 1 = 2$$

$$\frac{-2}{-2} \quad \frac{-2}{-2}$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = \cancel{3}, -1$$

$x = -1$

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

Kill the Denominator

$x \neq -2$

LCD: $(x+2)(2)$

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

$$6 + 3 = x$$

$9 = x$

use a graphing calculator to find zeros!

Kill the Denominator

18. $\frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{x+4}{3x-6}$

LCD: $6(x-2)(3)$

$x \neq 2$

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

$3x^2 - 6x + 18 = -6x + 24$

$3x^2 - 12x - 6 = 0$

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

$x = 4.45, -0.45$

19. A restaurant has two pastry ovens, one large and one small. When both ovens are used, it takes about 3 hours to bake the bread needed for the day. When only the large oven is used, it takes about 4 hours to bake the bread for the day. About how long would it take to bake the bread for the day if only the small oven were used?

Big + Small = Together

$B + S = T$

$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{3}$

LCD: 12x

$3 \frac{12x}{4} + \frac{12x}{x} = 4 \frac{12x}{3}$

$3x + 12 = 4x - 3x$

$12 = x$

12 hours

Review Questions:

20. Given the zeros $x=-1$ and 3 (multiplicity 2), write a function in factored form.

$f(x) = (x+1)(x-3)^2$

21. Describe the end behavior of $f(x)$ using limits as $x \rightarrow -\infty$ and as $x \rightarrow \infty$:

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

Degree: $1 + 2 + 4 = 7$

Leading coefficient: +

End Behavior: $\downarrow \uparrow$

Left:

As $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow -\infty$

Right:

As $x \rightarrow +\infty, y \rightarrow +\infty$

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|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Leading coefficient | |
| Degree | (+) + | - |
| Even (match) | $\uparrow \uparrow$ | $\downarrow \downarrow$ |
| Odd (opposite) | $\downarrow \uparrow$ | $\uparrow \downarrow$ |