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9.4 Adding & Subtracting Rational Expressions

1. $\frac{3x^2+x}{x^3-8} + \frac{4}{x^3-8} - \frac{2x^2-x}{x^3-8}$

Already has a common denominator

Distribute the negative

combine like terms

$$\frac{3x^2 + x + 4 - (2x^2 - x)}{x^3 - 8} = \frac{3x^2 + x + 4 - 2x^2 + x}{x^3 - 8} = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x^3 - 8}$$

2. $\frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{x}{3x+3}$ (remember to factor denominators before 'sharing')

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

3. $\frac{8}{2x-5} - \frac{x+5}{2x^2+x-15}$

Factoring $2x^2+x-15 = (x+6)(x-\frac{5}{2})$

Distribute

FOIL

$$\frac{8}{2x-5} - \frac{x+5}{(x+3)(2x-5)} = \frac{8x+24}{(x+3)(2x-5)} - \frac{x+5}{(x+3)(2x-5)} = \frac{7x+19}{(x+3)(2x-5)}$$

$8x+24 - (x+5) = 8x+24-x-5 = 7x+19$

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

Distribute

FOIL

$$\frac{12x+4}{(3x+1)(x+6)} + \frac{x^2+4x-12}{(3x+1)(x+6)} = \frac{12x+4 + x^2+4x-12}{(3x+1)(x+6)} = \frac{x^2+16x-8}{(x+6)(3x+1)}$$

5. $\frac{x}{x^2+4x+4} - \frac{x-5}{x^2+5x+6}$

Distribute

FOIL

$$\frac{x}{(x+2)(x+2)} - \frac{(x-5)}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{x^2+3x}{(x+3)(x+2)^2} - \frac{x^2-3x-10}{(x+3)(x+2)^2} = \frac{6x+10}{(x+3)(x+2)^2}$$

$x^2+3x - (x^2-3x-10) = x^2+3x-x^2+3x+10 = 6x+10$

6. $\frac{7+x}{x^2-2x} - \frac{x-6}{3x^2+5x} - \frac{x-4}{3x^2-x-10}$

FOIL x^2

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$$\frac{(3x+5)(7+x)}{x(x-2)} - \frac{(x-6)(x-2)}{x(3x+5)} - \frac{(x-4)}{(x-2)(3x+5)} \cdot \frac{x}{x} = \frac{3x^2+26x+35 - (x^2-8x+12) - (x^2-4x)}{x(x-2)(3x+5)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2+38x+23}{x(x-2)(3x+5)}$$

9.5 Solving Rational Equations

... Cross multiply ...

$$7. \frac{x^2-1}{x+2} = \frac{2x-1}{2}$$

$$(x+2)(2x-1) = (x^2-1) \cdot 2$$

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

$$-2x \quad +2 \quad \cancel{2x} \quad \cancel{-2}$$

$$3x = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=0}$$

$$8. \frac{x^2}{2x-5} = \frac{x+8}{2}$$

cross multiply

$$(2x-5)(x+8) = 2x^2$$

$$2x^2 + 11x - 40 = 2x^2$$

$$\cancel{2x^2} \quad \cancel{11x} \quad -40 = \cancel{2x^2}$$

$$11x - 40 = 0$$

$$11x = 40$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{40}{11}}$$

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

$$(x+3)(x-3)$$

$$\frac{2x^2+6x}{x^2-9} = \frac{2x^2-18}{x^2-9} + \frac{3x}{x^2-9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2+6x = 2x^2-18+3x \Rightarrow 0 = -18-3x$$

$$18 = -3x$$

$$\boxed{x = -6}$$

$$10. \frac{6}{x+2} + 1 = \frac{5}{x} + \frac{x+2}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{6x}{x(x+2)} + \frac{x(x+2)}{x(x+2)} = \frac{5x+10}{x(x+2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x + x^2 + 2x = 5x + 10$$

$$\cancel{-5x} \quad \cancel{-5x} \quad -10$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$(x+5)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = -5}, \boxed{x = 2}$$

$$11. \frac{4x}{x^2+6x+9} - \frac{2}{x+3} = \frac{3}{x^2-9}$$

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

$$\cdot \frac{x+3}{x+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 12x - (2x^2 - 18) = 3x + 9$$

$$4x^2 - 12x - 2x^2 + 18 = 3x + 9$$

$$2x^2 - 12x + 18 = 3x + 9$$

$$\cancel{-3x} \quad \cancel{-9} \quad \cancel{-3x} \quad \cancel{-9}$$

$$2x^2 - 15x + 9 = 0$$

... This cannot Factor... So $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$a=2 \quad b=-15 \quad c=9$$

$$x = \frac{15 \pm \sqrt{15^2 - 4(2)(9)}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{15 \pm \sqrt{153}}{4}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{15 \pm 3\sqrt{17}}{4}}$$

$$12. \frac{5}{3x} - \frac{2}{x+1} = \frac{4}{x} + \frac{3(x+1)}{3(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{5x+5}{3x(x+1)} - \frac{6x}{3x(x+1)} = \frac{12(x+1)}{3x(x+1)}$$

$$5x+5-6x = 12x+12$$

$$-x+5 = 12x+12$$

$$\cancel{+x} \quad \cancel{-12} \quad +x \quad \cancel{-12}$$

$$-7 = 13x \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{-7}{13}}$$