

Problem 4:

Simplify
$$\frac{3x - \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{y^2}{x} + x}$$

Method 1:
$$\left(\frac{3xy - \frac{1}{y}}{y} \right) \div \left(\frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{x \cdot x}{x} \right)$$

$$\frac{3xy - 1}{y} \div \frac{y^2 + x^2}{x}$$

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

$$\frac{3x^2y - x}{y^3 + x^2y}$$

Method 2: Multiply by LCD of all denominators

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

LCD: xy
(LCM):

$$\frac{xy \cdot 3x - \frac{1}{y} \cdot xy}{xy \cdot \frac{y^2}{x} + x \cdot xy} = \frac{3x^2y - x}{y^3 + x^2y}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{2x^2-6}{(x-1)(x-1)(x-2)} \div \frac{x^2+4}{(x+2)(x-2)(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{(2x^2-6)}{(x-1)(x-1)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{(x+2)(x-2)(x-2)}{(x^2+4)}$$

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

$$x \neq 1, -2, 2$$

$$b. \quad \frac{x}{\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)}$$

Method 1 $\frac{1 \text{ fraction}}{1 \text{ fraction}}$
add/subtract,
then divide

$$x \div \left(\frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{yx} \right)$$

$$x \div \left(\frac{y+x}{xy} \right)$$

$$\frac{x}{1} \cdot \frac{xy}{(y+x)}$$

$$\frac{x^2 y}{y+x}, \quad x \neq -y, \quad x \neq 0, \quad y \neq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y+x=0 \\ -y \quad -y \\ \hline x = -y \end{array}$$

Method 2 $\times \text{LCD}$

$$\left(\frac{x}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}} \right) \frac{xy}{xy}$$

LCD: xy

$$\frac{x \cdot xy}{\frac{1}{x} \cdot xy + \frac{1}{y} \cdot xy}$$

$$\frac{x^2 y}{y+x}, \quad \begin{array}{l} x \neq -y \\ x \neq 0, \\ y \neq 0 \end{array}$$

C.
$$\frac{x-2}{x} + \frac{2}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{3}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1}$$
 LCD: $x(x+1)(x-1)$

Method 1:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~Method 2:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ & & -2 & 4 & -2 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & (x-1)^2 & \\ & & & 2x & \end{array}$$

$$c. \frac{\left(\frac{x-2}{x} + \frac{2}{x+1} \right)}{\left(\frac{3}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right)} \leftarrow$$

$$\left(\frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{x(x+1)} + \frac{2x}{(x+1)x} \right) \div \left(\frac{3(x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} \oplus \frac{-1(x-1)}{(x+1)(x-1)} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{x^2 + 1x - 2x - 2 + 2x}{x(x+1)} \right) \div \left(\frac{3x + 3 - 1x + 1}{(x-1)(x+1)} \right)$$

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

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

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

$$d. \quad \frac{\frac{2}{x+4} + 2}{1 + \frac{3}{x+4}}$$

Method 2: Find LCD,
Multiply EVERY
term by LCD
Simplify
LCD: $(x+4)$

Method 1:

$$\left(\frac{2}{(x+4)} + 2 \frac{(x+4)}{(x+4)} \right) \div \left(\frac{1(x+4)}{(x+4)} + \frac{3}{(x+4)} \right)$$

$$\frac{2+2x+8}{(x+4)} \div \frac{x+4+3}{x+4}$$

$$\frac{2x+10}{x+4} \div \frac{x+7}{x+4}$$

$$\frac{2(x+5)}{\cancel{(x+4)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x+4)}}{(x+7)} = \frac{2(x+5)}{(x+7)}, x \neq -7, -4$$

$$e. \quad \frac{3}{x-2} - \frac{6}{x^2-4}$$

$$\frac{3}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x-2}$$

Method 1: Add/Subtract num + den. by using common denominator

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{3 \frac{(x+2)}{(x-2)(x+2)} + \frac{-6}{(x+2)(x-2)}}{(x+2)(x-2)} \right) \div \left(\frac{3 \frac{(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-2)} + \frac{1 \frac{(x+2)}{(x-2)(x+2)}}{(x-2)(x+2)} \right)$$

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

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

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

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

Sec. 8.6 Solving Rational Equations

Problem 1:

$$a. 8 \left(\frac{1}{4} - x \right) = \left(\frac{x}{8} \right) 8 \quad \text{LCD: } 8$$

$$\cancel{2} \cancel{8} \frac{1}{4} - 8x = \frac{x}{\cancel{8}} \cdot \cancel{8}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 - 8x = x \\ + 8x \quad + 8x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2}{9} = \frac{9x}{9}$$

$$\frac{2}{9} = x$$

$$b. 2y \left(\frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{5}{2y} \right) 2y \quad \text{LCD: } 2y$$

$$\cancel{2y} \cdot \frac{2}{\cancel{y}} + \cancel{2y} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\cancel{2y} \cdot 5}{\cancel{2y}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 + y = 5 \\ -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline y = 1 \end{array}$$

c. $\frac{4 \cancel{(x+2)}(2x+3)}{\cancel{(x+2)}} = \frac{5 \cancel{(x+2)}(2x+3)}{\cancel{(2x+3)} \cdot x + \frac{-3}{2}}$ LCD: $(x+2)(2x+3)$

$$4(2x+3) = 5(x+2)$$

$$8x + 12 = 5x + 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5x \quad -5x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 12 = 10 \\ -12 \quad -12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

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

$$d. \left(\frac{1}{x^2-5x} + \frac{x-7}{x} \right) = \frac{4}{x^2-5x} \quad \begin{matrix} x(x-5) \\ \text{LCD: } x(x-5) \end{matrix}$$

$$\cancel{x(x-5)} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{x(x-5)}} + \cancel{x(x-5)} \frac{(x-7)}{x} = \cancel{x(x-5)} \cdot \frac{4}{\cancel{x(x-5)}}$$

$$1 + (x-5)(x-7) = 4$$

$$1 + x^2 - 7x - 5x + 35 = 4$$

$$x^2 - 12x + 36 = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4-4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$x^2 - 12x + 32 = 0 \quad 4, 8$$

$$(x-4)(x-8) = 0$$

$$x = 4, 8$$

e.

$$\frac{-(7x+3)\cancel{(x-3)}\cancel{(x-5)}}{x^2-8x+15 \cdot \frac{1 \cdot 15}{3 \cdot 5}} + \frac{-3x\cancel{(x-3)}\cancel{(x-5)} | (x-5)\cancel{(x-3)}}{\cancel{x-5} \cdot \cancel{3x}}$$

$$-\cancel{(x-3)}\cancel{(x-5)} \quad -\cancel{(x-3)}\cancel{(x-5)} \quad -\cancel{(x-3)}\cancel{(x-5)}$$

LCD: $-(x-3)(x-5)$

$$-(7x+3) - 3x(x-3) = x-5$$

$$-7x-3 - 3x^2+9 = x-5$$

$$-3x^2 - 7x + 6 = x - 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x^2 - 7x + 6 = x - 5 \\ -x + 5 \quad -x + 5 \\ \hline -3x^2 - 8x + 11 = 0 \\ \frac{-3x^2}{-1} \quad \frac{-8x}{-1} \quad \frac{11}{-1} \quad \frac{0}{-1} \end{array}$$

$$3x^2 + 8x - 11 = 0$$

$$(3x+11)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 1, -\frac{11}{3}$$

$$b. \quad \frac{5}{x} + \frac{x+1}{(x+2)} = \frac{2x+9}{(x+2)} \quad \text{LCD: } x(x+2)$$

$$\frac{5 \cancel{x(x+2)}}{\cancel{x}} + \frac{(x+1) \cancel{x(x+2)}}{\cancel{(x+2)}} = \frac{(2x+9) \cancel{x(x+2)}}{\cancel{(x+2)}}$$

$$5(x+2) + (x+1)x = (2x+9)x$$

$$5x + 10 + x^2 + 1x = 2x^2 + 9x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 6x + 10 = 2x^2 + 9x \\ -x^2 - 6x - 10 \end{array}$$