

# Rational Functions

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## Variation

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### Review Queue

1.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x$

2.  $y = -3x$

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

### Direct Variation

1.  $y = 5x; y = 60$

2.  $y = -\frac{1}{3}x; y = -4$

3.  $y = \frac{2}{3}x; y = 4$

4.  $y = \frac{4}{5}x; x = \frac{5}{2}$

5.  $y = \frac{1}{6}x; x = 12$

6.  $y = -4x; x = -\frac{1}{2}$

7. no

8. yes

9. 351.6 calories; 30 miles

10. 844 miles

11. \$5.00; 32 more cars

12. \$25 per hour, \$1000

### Inverse Variation

1.  $y = \frac{12}{x}; y = \frac{4}{5}$

2.  $y = \frac{2}{x}; y = \frac{2}{15}$

3.  $y = \frac{6}{x}; y = \frac{2}{5}$

4.  $y = \frac{4}{x}; x = 2$

5.  $y = \frac{6}{x}; x = 3$

6.  $y = \frac{36}{5x}; x = 36$

7. yes

8. no

9. 2 pieces; 3 pieces;  $y = \frac{24}{x}$

10. 78 mph

11. 12 hours; 9 friends total

12. 1.3 degrees Celsius

### Joint Variation

1.  $w = \frac{k}{xy}$

2.  $r = \frac{k}{q^2}$

3.  $z = \frac{kxy}{w}$

4.  $a = \frac{kb}{c\sqrt{d}}$

5.  $z = \frac{2}{3}xy; z = -8$

6.  $z = -2xy; z = 7$

7.  $z = -\frac{2}{3}xy; y = 4$

8.  $z = \frac{1}{4}xy; x = -3$

9. 180 cars

10.  $k = \frac{1}{5}$ ; 1 hour 15 min

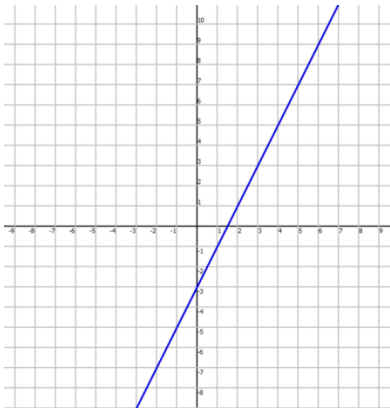
11.  $W = 9.8mh$ ; 2940 joules

12.  $I = \frac{4}{d^2}$ ; 0.4 watts per  $m^2$

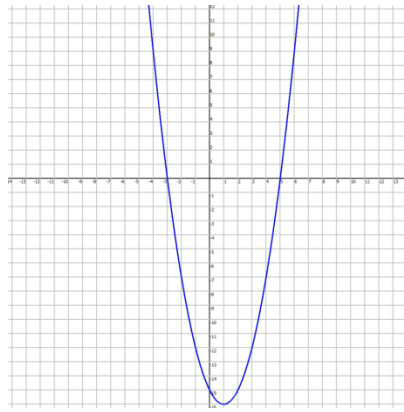
# Graphing Rational Functions

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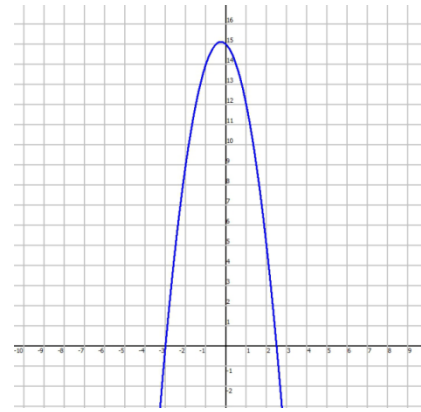
1. [ans-0902-01](#)



2. [ans-0902-02](#)



3. [ans-0902-03](#)

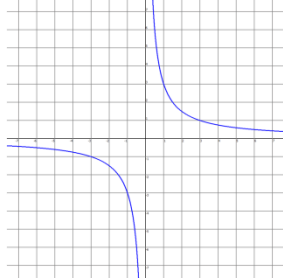


**Graphing**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-h} + k$

1. VA:  $x = -8$ ; HA:  $y = -3$ ; yes

2. VA:  $x = 4$ ; HA:  $y = 6$

3. [ans-0902-04](#)



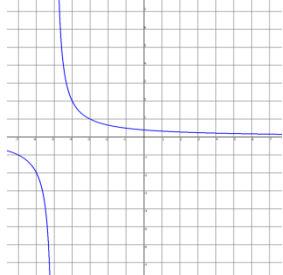
VA:  $x = 0$ ; HA:  $y = 0$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq 0$ ;

Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq 0$ ;

no intercepts

4. [ans-0902-05](#)



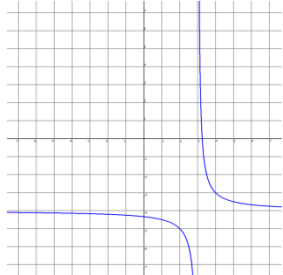
VA:  $x = -5$ ; HA:  $y = 0$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -5$ ;

Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq 0$ ;

$\left(0, \frac{2}{5}\right)$

5. [ans-0902-06](#)



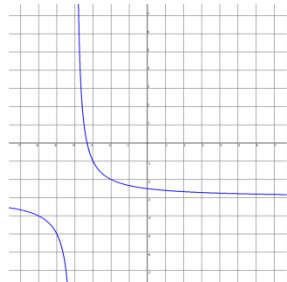
VA:  $x = 3$ ; HA:  $y = -4$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq 3$ ;

Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq -4$ ;

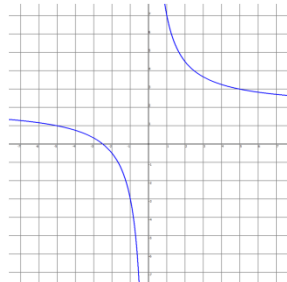
$\left(0, -\frac{13}{3}\right), \left(\frac{13}{4}, 0\right)$

6. ans-0902-07



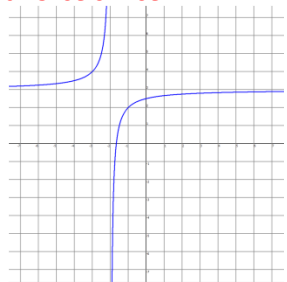
VA:  $x = -4$ ; HA:  $y = -3$ ;  
 Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -4$ ;  
 Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq -3$ ;  
 $\left(0, -\frac{5}{2}\right), \left(-\frac{10}{3}, 0\right)$

7. ans-0902-08



VA:  $x = 0$ ; HA:  $y = 2$ ;  
 Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq 0$ ;  
 Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq 2$ ;  
 $\left(-\frac{5}{2}, 0\right)$

8. ans-0902-09



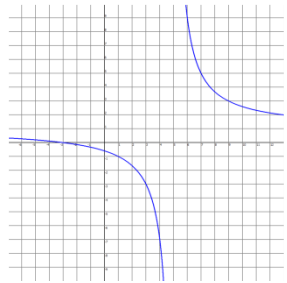
VA:  $x = -2$ ; HA:  $y = 3$ ;  
 Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -2$ ;  
 Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq 3$ ;  
 $\left(0, \frac{5}{2}\right), \left(-\frac{5}{3}, 0\right)$

9.  $y = \frac{1}{x-6} - 4$

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

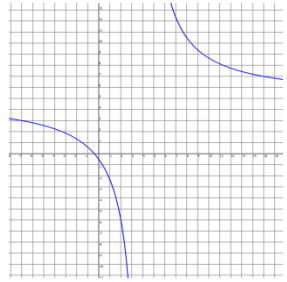
## Graphing $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ When the Degrees are the Same

1. ans-0902-10



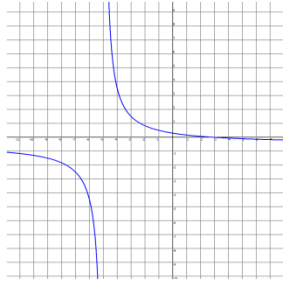
VA:  $x = 5$ ; HA:  $y = 1$ ;  
 Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq 5$ ;  
 Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq 1$ ;  
 $\left(0, -\frac{3}{5}\right), (-3, 0)$

2. ans-0902-11



VA:  $x = 4$ ; HA:  $y = 5$ ;  
 Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq 4$ ;  
 Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq 5$ ;  
 $\left(0, -\frac{1}{2}\right), \left(-\frac{2}{5}, 0\right)$

3. ans-0902-12



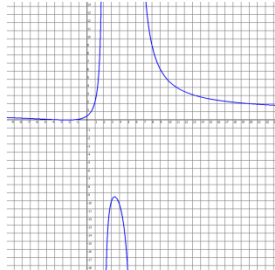
VA:  $x = -5$ ; HA:  $y = -\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -5$ ;

Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ ;

$\left(0, \frac{3}{10}\right), (3, 0)$

4. ans-0902-13



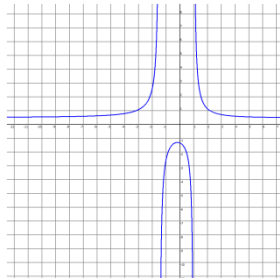
VA:  $x = 6, x = 2$ ; HA:  $y = 1$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq 6, 2$ ;

Range:  $(-\infty, -9.493) \cup (-0.007, \infty)$ ;

$\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right), (-3, 0), (-2, 0)$

5. ans-0902-14



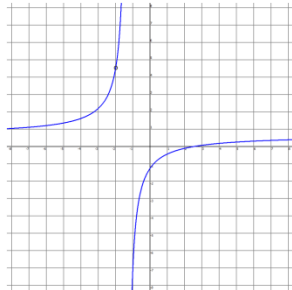
VA:  $x = -\frac{3}{2}, x = 1$ ; HA:  $y = \frac{1}{2}$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -\frac{3}{2}, 1$ ;

Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq \frac{1}{2}$ ;

$\left(0, -\frac{4}{3}\right)$ , no x-intercepts

6. ans-0902-15



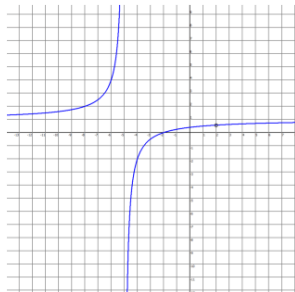
VA:  $x = -\frac{4}{3}$ ; HA:  $y = \frac{2}{3}$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -\frac{4}{3}, -2$ ;

Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq \frac{2}{3}$ ;

$\left(0, -\frac{5}{4}\right), \left(\frac{5}{2}, 0\right)$ ; hole at  $\left(-2, \frac{9}{2}\right)$

7. ans-0902-16



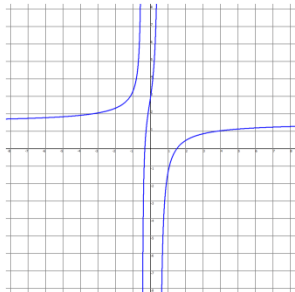
VA:  $x = -5$ ; HA:  $y = 1$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -5, 2$ ;

Range: all real numbers,  $y \neq 1$ ;

$\left(0, \frac{2}{5}\right), (-2, 0)$ ; hole at  $\left(2, \frac{4}{7}\right)$

8. ans-0902-17



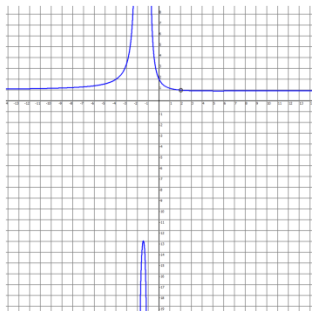
VA:  $x = -\frac{1}{2}, x = \frac{1}{2}$ ; HA:  $y = \frac{3}{2}$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ;

Range: all real numbers;

$(0, 3), \left(-\frac{1}{3}, 0\right), \left(\frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$

9. ans-0902-18



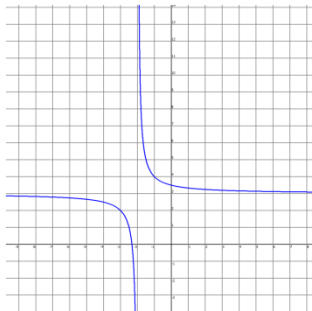
VA:  $x = -2, x = -1$ ; HA:  $y = 1$ ;

Domain: all real numbers,  $x \neq -2, -1, 2$ ;

Range:  $(-\infty, -12.928) \cup (0.928, \infty)$ ;

$(0, 2)$ , no x-intercepts

10. ans-0902-19

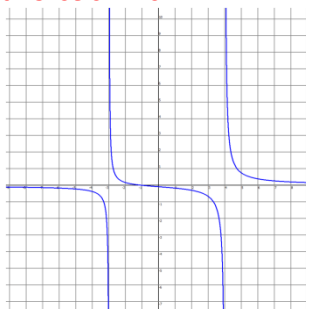


These are actually the same because

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

## Graphing $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ when the Degrees are Different

1. ans-0902-20

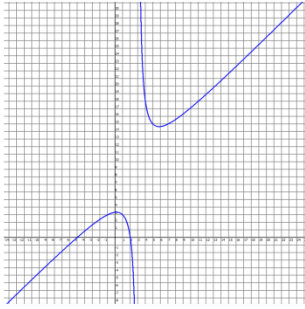


VA:  $x = -3, x = 4$

HA:  $y = 0$

Intercepts:  $\left(0, -\frac{1}{12}\right), (-1, 0)$

2. ans-0902-21

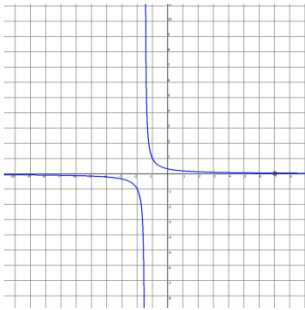


VA:  $x = 3$

SA:  $y = x + 6$

Intercepts:  $\left(0, \frac{10}{3}\right), (2, 0), (-5, 0)$

3. ans-0902-22



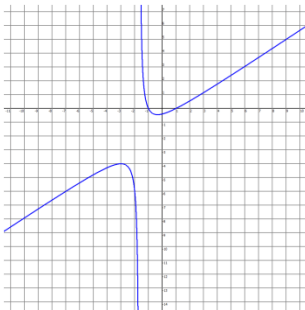
VA:  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$

HA:  $y = 0$

Intercepts:  $\left(0, \frac{1}{3}\right), (7, 0)$

Hole:  $\left(7, \frac{1}{17}\right)$

4. ans-0902-23

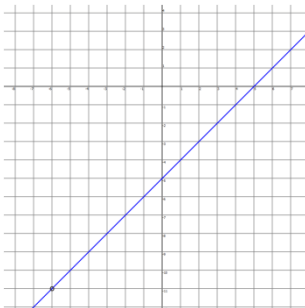


VA:  $x = -\frac{5}{3}$

SA:  $y = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{10}{9}$

Intercepts:  $\left(0, -\frac{2}{5}\right), (1, 0), (-1, 0)$

5. ans-0902-24

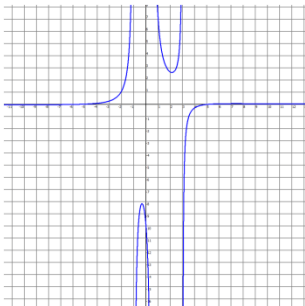


No asymptotes

Intercepts:  $(0, -5), (5, 0)$

Hole:  $(-6, -11)$

6. ans-0902-25

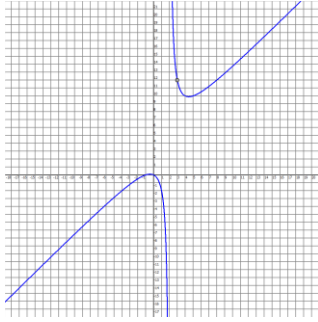


VA:  $x = \frac{1}{2}, x = -1, x = 3$

HA:  $y = 0$

Intercepts:  $(0, -10), (5, 0), (-6, 0)$

7. ans-0902-26



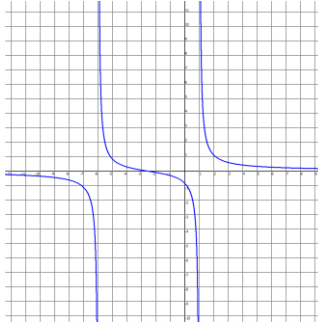
$$\text{VA: } x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{SA: } y = x + 3$$

$$\text{Intercepts: } (0,0), (-1,0), (3,0)$$

$$\text{Hole: } (3,12)$$

8. ans-0902-27

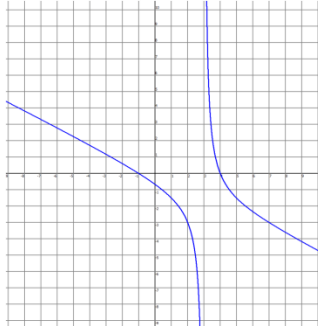


$$\text{VA: } x = -6, x = 1$$

$$\text{HA: } y = 0$$

$$\text{Intercepts: } \left(0, -\frac{5}{6}\right), \left(-\frac{5}{2}, 0\right)$$

9. ans-0902-28

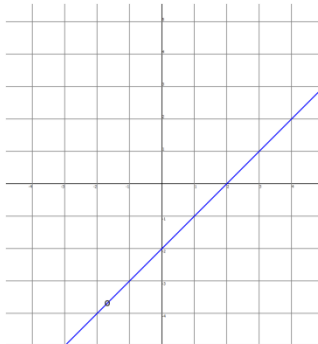


$$\text{VA: } x = 3$$

$$\text{SA: } y = -\frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\text{Intercepts: } \left(0, -\frac{2}{3}\right), (-1,0), (4,0)$$

10. ans-0902-29



If we divide,  $\frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{3x + 5} = x - 2$  this can

also be found by factoring the numerator and denominator and cancelling the like factor of  $3x + 5$ . We have seen before that when factors cancel, a hole is formed, not an asymptote.

## Simplifying, Multiplying, and Dividing Rational Expressions

### Review Queue

1.  $\frac{2}{5}$

2.  $\frac{2x^2}{3y^3}$

3.  $\frac{a^4}{5b^3c^7}$

4.  $\frac{4}{9}$

5.  $\frac{8}{3}$

6. 8

## Simplifying Rational Expressions

- |    |                         |     |                              |     |                      |     |                      |
|----|-------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1. | $\frac{4x^2}{2x+3}$     | 2.  | $\frac{x+2}{x(x+5)}$         | 3.  | $\frac{x-3}{x-4}$    | 4.  | $\frac{x+7}{x(x-7)}$ |
| 5. | $\frac{-2(2x+1)}{2x+3}$ | 6.  | $\frac{2(x-4)}{3(x-1)(x+1)}$ | 7.  | $\frac{3x+4}{3x+1}$  | 8.  | $\frac{x+2}{x}$      |
| 9. | $\frac{x(2x+3)}{4}$     | 10. | $x-2$                        | 11. | $\frac{1-3x}{x^2+1}$ | 12. | $\frac{x+3}{2x+5}$   |

## Multiplying Rational Expressions

- |    |                       |     |                           |     |                    |    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|--------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1. | $\frac{12y^5}{x^3}$   | 2.  | $x^5y^8$                  | 3.  | $6x^5$             | 4. | $\frac{3(y+2)}{2}$    |
| 5. | $\frac{2(2x-1)}{x+1}$ | 6.  | $\frac{x+3}{x-1}$         | 7.  | $-3$               | 8. | $\frac{2(x+5)}{4x-3}$ |
| 9. | $\frac{-(x+5)}{x+1}$  | 10. | $\frac{(x-3)(2x+3)}{x+8}$ | 11. | $\frac{2x-3}{x-3}$ |    |                       |

## Dividing Rational Expressions

- |    |                                |     |                              |    |                      |    |                      |
|----|--------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | $\frac{b}{a}$                  | 2.  | $\frac{2x^3}{y^6}$           | 3. | $\frac{yz^5}{7}$     | 4. | $\frac{4}{x}$        |
| 5. | $\frac{x+3}{4}$                | 6.  | $\frac{-x(x+2)}{3(2x-5)}$    | 7. | $\frac{x(x+2)}{x+3}$ | 8. | $\frac{x(x+1)}{x+8}$ |
| 9. | $\frac{2(x+5)(x^2-3x+9)}{x+7}$ | 10. | $\frac{-(x+5)}{(2x-1)(7-x)}$ |    |                      |    |                      |

## Adding & Subtracting Rational Expressions and Complex Fractions

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### Review Queue

- |    |               |    |                 |    |                |    |                 |
|----|---------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1. | $\frac{5}{4}$ | 2. | $\frac{13}{21}$ | 3. | $\frac{8}{15}$ | 4. | $\frac{57}{72}$ |
|----|---------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|

### Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions with Like Denominators

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

$$5. \frac{5}{x-5} \quad 6. \frac{3}{x+2} \quad 7. \frac{1}{x-2} \quad 8. \frac{2(x+1)}{x^2+1}$$

$$9. \frac{5}{2x-3} \quad 10. \frac{3}{x+4}$$

## Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions where One Denominator is the LCD

$$1. \frac{7}{4x} \quad 2. \frac{x^2+3x-1}{x^2+3x} \quad 3. \frac{1}{3} \quad 4. \frac{5}{x+2}$$

$$5. \frac{-1}{2x+3} \quad 6. \frac{10x-18}{3x^2+x-10} \quad 7. \frac{x-3}{2(2x-3)} \quad 8. \frac{x+3}{5x-3}$$

$$9. \frac{7x+19}{2x^2+x-15} \quad 10. \frac{3}{x-3} \quad 11. \frac{4}{x+3}$$

## Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions with Unlike Denominators

$$1. \frac{3x^2+10}{6x} \quad 2. \frac{2x+7}{7x^2} \quad 3. \frac{x^2-3x-7}{4x(x+2)} \quad 4. \frac{7x-9}{2(x+3)(x-1)}$$

$$5. \frac{x^2-14x+6}{x(2x-1)(x+6)} \quad 6. \frac{1}{5(x+1)} \quad 7. \frac{2(2x^2+5x+6)}{(x+2)(x-5)(x+3)}$$

$$8. \frac{x^2+3x+23}{x(x-2)(3x+5)} \quad 9. \frac{20x^2+42x-7}{5x(x-1)(x+1)} \quad 10. \frac{7x^3-12x^2+7x-10}{(2x-1)(3x+2)(x)}$$

## Complex Fractions

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

$$5. \frac{(x+1)(x+2)}{x} \quad 6. \frac{(x-8)(x+1)}{(3x+7)} \quad 7. \frac{(x-3)(2x^2-4x-11)}{3x^2+12x-21}$$

$$8. \frac{2(x^2+2x+15)}{8x^2-3x+15} \quad 9. \frac{(7x+2)(x-1)}{(x-3)(x+4)} \quad 10. \frac{(x+1)(4x^2+5x-8)}{(x+2)(-x^2+6x+1)}$$

## Solving Rational Equations

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### Review Queue

$$1. x = -7, -2 \quad 2. x = 0 \quad 3. x = 2 \quad 4. x = 30$$

$$5. x = 1.33 \quad 6. x = 103$$

## Using Cross-Multiplication

1.  $x = 6, -2$

2.  $x = -5, 2$

3.  $x = 6, -1$

4.  $x = 1, -1$

5.  $x = \frac{1}{2}, -4$

6.  $x = -3$

7.  $x = -2, \frac{9}{2}$

8.  $x = \frac{5}{28}$

9.  $x = -40$

10.  $x = 8, -1$

## Using the LCD

1.  $x = 2, -5$

2.  $x = -\frac{7}{13}$

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

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

5.  $x = -5, 2$

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

7.  $x = 0, 28$

8.  $x = 5, -3$

9.  $x = -\frac{1}{4}$

10.  $x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$