

Math 115

Fall 2017

Lecture 27



Some review:

$$1) \text{ Reduce: } \frac{x^4 - 10x^3}{x^2 - 17x + 70} = \frac{\cancel{x^3}(\cancel{x-10})}{(\cancel{x-10})(x-7)} = \boxed{\frac{x^3}{x-7}}$$

$$2) \text{ Simplify: } \frac{3x^2 - 5x - 2}{6x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 1}$$

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

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

Find all excluded Values:

1) $\frac{3x}{7-x}$

$7-x=0$

$7=x$

$\boxed{\text{E.V.: } 7}$

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

$x^2+x-2=0$

$(x+2)(x-1)=0$

$x=-2$
 $x=1$

$\boxed{\text{E.V. } -2 \text{ \& } 1}$

3) $\frac{\text{whatever}}{x^2+5x-14}$

$x^2+5x-14=0$

$(x+7)(x-2)=0$ E.V.

$x+7=0$

$\boxed{x=-7}$

$x-2=0$

$\boxed{x=2}$

4) $\frac{\text{whatever}}{2x^2+5x-7}$

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$2x^2+5x-7=0$
 $a=2$ $b=5$ $c=-7$

$b^2-4ac=(5)^2-4(2)(-7)$
 $=81$

$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$

$x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{81}}{2(2)} = \frac{-5 \pm 9}{4}$

$x = \frac{-5+9}{4} = \frac{4}{4} = \boxed{1}$

$x = \frac{-5-9}{4} = \frac{-14}{4} = \boxed{-\frac{7}{2}}$

E.V. $1 \text{ \& } -\frac{7}{2}$

Multiply: $\frac{5x-20}{3x^2+x} \cdot \frac{3x^2+13x+4}{x^2-16}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{5(\cancel{x-4})}}{\cancel{x(3x+1)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(3x+1)(\cancel{x+4})}}{\cancel{(x-4)(x+4)}} = \boxed{\frac{5}{x}}$$

Divide: $\frac{x^2+7x+10}{x^2-x-2} \div \frac{x^2+2x-15}{x^2-4x+3}$

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

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

Simplify:

1) $\frac{5x}{2y} + \frac{x}{2y} = \frac{5x+x}{2y} = \frac{\cancel{6x}}{\cancel{2y}} = \boxed{\frac{3x}{y}}$

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

3) $\frac{4x^2+15x}{x+3} - \frac{8x+15}{x+3} = \frac{4x^2+15x-8x-15}{x+3}$

$$= \frac{4x^2+7x-15}{x+3} = \frac{\cancel{(x+3)}(4x-5)}{\cancel{x+3}} = \boxed{4x-5}$$

Simplify: $\frac{2x+3}{x^2-x-30} - \frac{x-2}{x^2-x-30}$

$$= \frac{2x+3-x+2}{x^2-x-30} = \frac{x+5}{x^2-x-30} = \frac{\cancel{x}+5}{(x-6)(\cancel{x+5})} = \boxed{\frac{1}{x-6}}$$

Simplify: $\frac{9}{y+4} + \frac{y-5}{y+4}$

$$= \frac{9+y-5}{y+4} = \frac{y+4}{y+4} = \boxed{1}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2(x+5) - 1(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+5)} = \frac{2x+10-x+3}{(x-3)(x+5)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x+13}{(x-3)(x+5)}}$$

Simplify $\frac{4}{x^2-25} - \frac{3}{x+5}$

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

$$= \frac{4 - 3(x-5)}{(x+5)(x-5)} = \boxed{\frac{19 - 3x}{(x+5)(x-5)}}$$

Simplify

$$\frac{x}{x^2 - 5x + 6} - \frac{2}{x^2 - 9}$$

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

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

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

Simplify:

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

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

$$= \frac{5x+5 + 2x-4 - 7x-14}{(x+2)(x-2)(x+1)} = \boxed{\frac{-13}{(x+2)(x-2)(x+1)}}$$

Solving Rational Equations:

1) find LCD & Excluded Values

2) Multiply by LCD to clear all fractions.

3) Solve the new eqn.

4) Never include excluded values in your final solution.

Solve: $\frac{x+5}{4} + \frac{x+5}{2} = \frac{x}{8}$

LCD = 8, E.V.: None

$$\cancel{8}^2 \cdot \frac{x+5}{\cancel{4}} + \cancel{8}^4 \cdot \frac{x+5}{\cancel{2}} = \cancel{8} \cdot \frac{x}{\cancel{8}}$$

$$2(x+5) + 4(x+5) = x \rightarrow 5x = -30$$

$$2x + 10 + 4x + 20 = x$$

$$6x + 30 = x$$

$$6x - x = -30$$

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

$$\{-6\}$$

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

LCD = $x-3$, E.V. 3

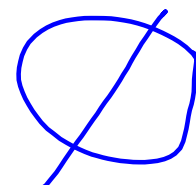
$$(x-3) \cdot 2 + \cancel{(x-3)} \cdot \frac{3}{\cancel{x-3}} = \cancel{(x-3)} \cdot \frac{x}{\cancel{x-3}}$$

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

$$2x - 6 + 3 = x$$

$$2x - 3 = x$$

$$2x - x = 3$$



Solve $\frac{2y}{y-2} - \frac{4}{y-2} = 4$

LCD = $y-2$, E.V. 2

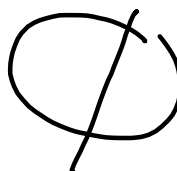
$$\cancel{(y-2)} \cdot \frac{2y}{\cancel{y-2}} - \cancel{(y-2)} \cdot \frac{4}{\cancel{y-2}} = (y-2) \cdot 4$$

$$2y - 4 = 4(y-2)$$

$$2y - 4 = 4y - 8 \quad \rightarrow \quad y = \frac{-4}{-2} \quad y = 2$$

$$2y - 4y = -8 + 4$$

$$-2y = -4$$



Solve $\frac{5}{x-6} = \frac{x}{x-2}$

LCD = $(x-6)(x-2)$, E.V.: $6 \neq 2$

$$\cancel{(x-6)}\cancel{(x-2)} \cdot \frac{5}{\cancel{x-6}} = \cancel{(x-6)}\cancel{(x-2)} \cdot \frac{x}{\cancel{x-2}}$$

$$5(x-2) = x(x-6)$$

$$5x - 10 = x^2 - 6x$$

$$x^2 - 6x - 5x + 10 = 0$$

$$\{1, 10\}$$

$$x^2 - 11x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x-10)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{x=10}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\boxed{x=1}$$

Solve: $2 = \frac{2x}{x+2} - \frac{x-8}{x-2}$

LCD = $(x+2)(x-2)$, E.V.: ± 2

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

$2 \underbrace{(x+2)(x-2)} = 2x(x-2) - \cancel{(x+2)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{x-8}{\cancel{x-2}}$

$2(x^2-4) = 2x^2-4x - [x^2-8x+2x-16]$

$2x^2-8 = 2x^2-4x - [x^2-6x-16]$

$\cancel{2x^2}-8 = \cancel{2x^2}-4x - x^2 + 6x + 16$

$-8 = -x^2 + 2x + 16 \quad \int \rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 24 = 0$

$-8 + x^2 - 2x - 16 = 0 \quad (x-6)(x+4) = 0$

$\{ -4, 6 \} \quad \boxed{x=6} \quad \boxed{x=-4}$

Solve: $\frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{4}{x^2-4}$

LCD = $(x+2)(x-2)$ E.V.: ± 2

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

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

$1(x-2) + 1(x+2) = 4$

$x-2 + x+2 = 4$

$2x = 4$

$x = 2$



The sum of some number and its reciprocal is $\frac{10}{3}$. Find all such numbers.

Let x be the number

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{10}{3}$$

Solve $x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{10}{3}$

LCD = $3x$

E.V.: 0

$$3x \cdot x + 3x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 3x \cdot \frac{10}{3}$$

$$3x^2 + 3 = 10x$$

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

$a=3 \quad b=-10 \quad c=3$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-10)^2 - 4(3)(3) = 64$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{64}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{10 \pm 8}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{10+8}{6} = \frac{18}{6} = \boxed{3}$$

$$x = \frac{10-8}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$3 \text{ \& } \frac{1}{3}$$

The difference of some number and its reciprocal is equal to $\frac{3}{2}$.

Find all such numbers.

$$x - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{LCD} = 2x, \text{ E.V.: } 0$$

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

$$2x \cdot x - 2x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 2x \cdot \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= 25$$

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

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{25}}{4} = \frac{3 \pm 5}{4}$$

$$a=2, b=-3, c=-2$$

$$\boxed{x=2} \quad \boxed{x=-\frac{1}{2}} \quad 2 \neq -\frac{1}{2}$$

Find two consecutive integers such that the sum of their reciprocals is $\frac{3}{2}$.

$$x \text{ \& } x+1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \text{ \& } \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{Solve for } x.$$