

Unit 4 Day 10
Solving Rational Equations

Warm-up: Simplify without a calculator!

(Leave your answer as a simplified fraction)

1. $\frac{5}{12} - \frac{1}{12} =$

3. $\frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{7} =$

2. $\frac{6}{4} - \frac{3}{7} =$

4. $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{6} =$

5. Suppose that y varies inversely as x^2 and that $y = 6$ when $x = 9$.

a) Find the equation that represents the relationship of x and y .

b) Find the value of y when $x = 3$.

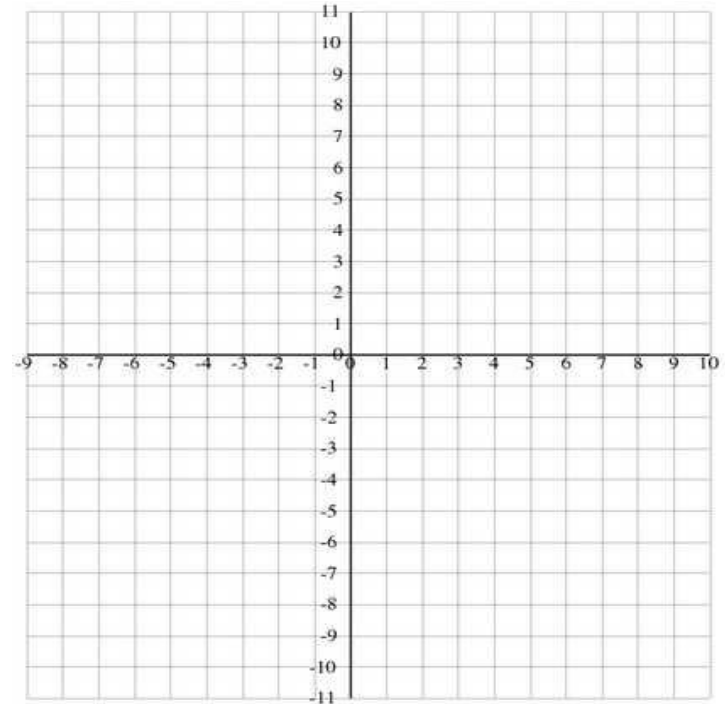
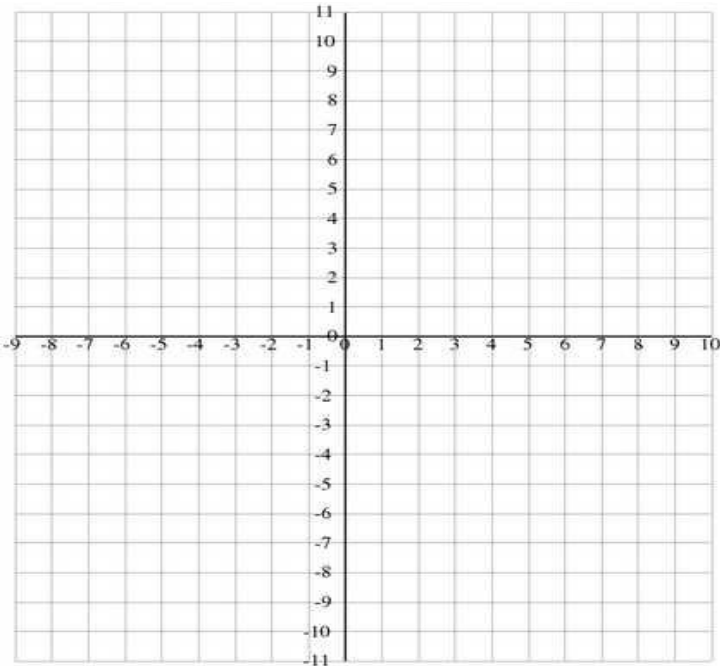
Warm – Up
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Extra Warm Up: **BY HAND** = **NO CALCULATOR!**

Create a **table** and completely graph the function by hand!

6. $y = \sqrt[3]{x+2}$

7. $y = \sqrt{x-1}$



8. What is the domain and range of the function:

$$f(x) = |4x - 4c| - 7$$

Warm-up Answers: Simplify without a calculator!

(Leave your answer as a simplified fraction)

$$1. \frac{5}{12} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3. \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{28}{35} + \frac{5}{35} = \frac{33}{35}$$

$$2. \frac{6}{4} - \frac{3}{7} = \frac{42}{28} - \frac{12}{28} = \frac{30}{28} = \frac{15}{14}$$

$$4. \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{4}{6} + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2}$$

5. Suppose that y varies inversely as x^2 and that $y = 6$ when $x = 9$.

a) Find the equation that represents the relationship of x and y .

$$y = \frac{k}{x^2} \quad 6 = \frac{k}{(9)^2} \quad k = 486 \quad y = \frac{486}{x^2}$$

b) Find the value of y when $x = 3$.

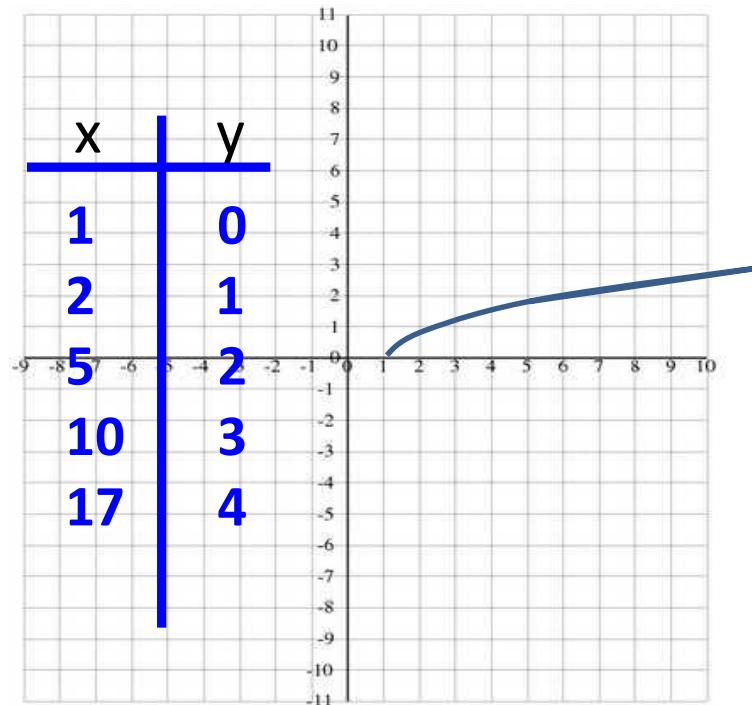
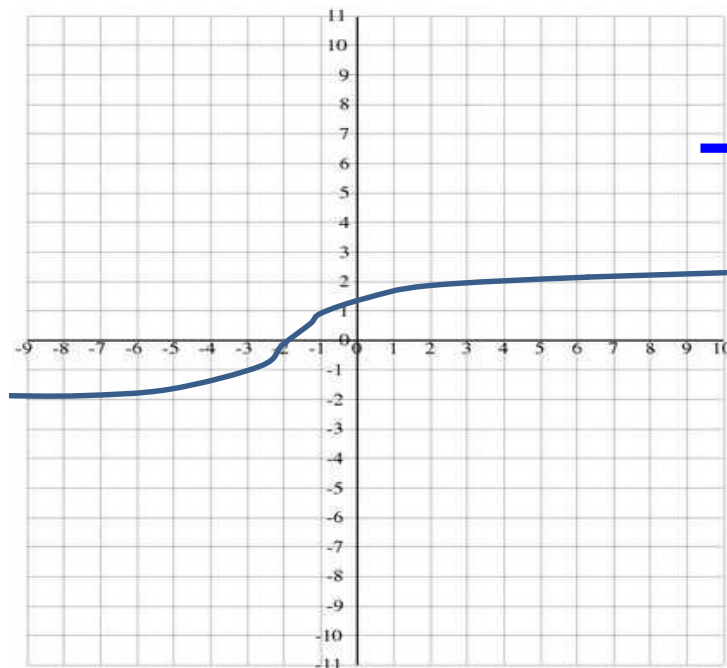
$$y = \frac{486}{(3)^2} = \frac{486}{9} = 54$$

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Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $[-7, \infty)$

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Remember:

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Homework Answers

1. Direct Variation: **Divide y by x** for each ordered pair. If the result is a constant (k), then the function is a direct variation.
2. Inverse Variation: **Multiply x by y** for each ordered pair. If the result is constant, the function is an inverse variation.
3. Direct, $k = 7$
4. Neither
5. Direct, $k = 9$
6. Inverse, $k = 12$
7. Inverse, $k = 4$
8. Inverse, $k = 32$
9. $x = 2$
10. $x = 10$

Homework Answers

11. a. $k = 1915.2$

b. $y \approx 3.02$

c. $x = 27.36$

12. a. $k = 324000$

b. $y = 7200$

13. a. $k = 5400$

b. $x = 77.14$ min

c. $y = 72$

d. $x = 54$ min

14. a. As time increases, the amount of water leaked increases

b. $k = 5$

c. 500 gallons

d. 20 hours

Homework Answers

15. $y = 4x ; y = 24$

16. $y = -108/x ; x = -21.6$

17. $y = 12xz ; y = 288$

18. $y = 64/x ; x = 21.33$

19. $I = 120/R$

20. a) The force is cut in half (divided by 2) $F = \frac{kv^2}{2r}$

b) The force increases 9 times. $F = \frac{k(3v)^2}{r}$

c) The force increases by 4.5 times. $F = \frac{k(1.5v)^2}{.5r}$

Notes p. 39 Solving Rational Equations

A **rational equation** is an equation that contains one or more rational expressions. It can have a variable in the number and/or the denominator. *Our* goal when solving rational equations is to eliminate the fractions and solve the equation for the variable!

Recall that when you graph a rational function, there is a vertical asymptote. This is an x-value that the graph approaches but **NEVER** touches. When you solve rational equations, there are some values for x that must be excluded from the domain because they will make the denominator equal to zero, and dividing by zero is **undefined**.

Any number that causes the denominator to equal zero is called an **excluded value (EV)**.

To find excluded values, **factor the denominator** (if possible), then **set the factors equal to zero** and solve for the variable; the solutions are excluded values. When solving rational equations, if **all solutions of the rational equation are excluded values** then there is **no solution** to the rational equation!

To solve **simple rational equations**, the **cross product property** can be utilized to eliminate the fraction leaving a linear equation to solve. **REMEMBER:** **Check your final answers** to make sure they are not an excluded value!

Solving Rational Equations

Examples: Using the cross product property, solve the following equations. Do not forget to determine the excluded values.

1. $\frac{6}{x} = \frac{3}{7}$ EV: $x \neq 0$

$x = 14$

2. $\frac{4}{x-7} = \frac{6}{x}$ EV: $x \neq 0, 7$

$x = 21$

3. $\frac{-5}{x+4} = \frac{1}{x+4}$ EV: $x \neq -4$

$x = -4$

**BUT $x = -4$ is an
excluded value**

So....

No Solution!

4. $\frac{6}{x+5} = \frac{x}{6}$ EV: $x \neq -5$

$x = -9, 4$

Solving Rational Equations

When your rational equation is in the format fraction = fraction then you can just cross-multiply to solve – and watch for excluded values. Some rational equations, like the ones below, are not that simple. For ones like the type below, we need another method....

Examples: Multiply through by the LCD to solve the following equations. Do not forget to determine the excluded values.

5. $\frac{2}{x} - 3 = \frac{8}{x}$ EV: $x \neq 0$

LCD is x

$$\cancel{(x)} \frac{2}{\cancel{x}} - 3(\cancel{x}) = \frac{8}{\cancel{x}} \cancel{(x)}$$

$$2 - 3x = 8$$

$$-3x = 6$$

$$x = -2$$

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6. $\frac{7x}{x-3} + 4 = \frac{x+1}{x-3}$ EV: $x \neq 3$

LCD is $x-3$

$$\cancel{(x-3)} \frac{7x}{\cancel{x-3}} + 4(\cancel{x-3}) = \frac{x+1}{\cancel{x-3}} \cancel{(x-3)}$$

$$7x + 4x - 12 = x + 1$$

$$11x - 12 = x + 1$$

$$10x = 13$$

$$x = 1.3$$

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You Try! Solving Rational Equations

Examples: Solve the rational equation. Do not forget to determine the excluded values.

7. $\frac{8}{x+8} = \frac{x}{x+2}$ EV: $x \neq -8, -2$

$x = -4, 4$

8. $\frac{4}{x+2} + 3 = \frac{9}{x+2}$ EV: $x \neq -2$

$x = -1/3$

9. $\frac{3x}{x-1} - 2 = \frac{10}{x-1}$ EV: $x \neq 1$

$x = 8$

10. $\frac{12}{x+2} = \frac{7}{x-3}$ EV: $x \neq -2, 3$

$x = 10$

(Work on next slide)

You Try Work

Examples: Solve the rational equation. Do not forget to determine the excluded values.

7. $\frac{8}{x+8} = \frac{x}{x+2}$ EV: $x \neq -8, -2$

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{8x} + 16 &= x^2 + \cancel{8x} \\ x^2 - 16 &= 0 \\ (x+4)(x-4) &= 0 \\ x &= 4, -4 \end{aligned}$$

8. $\left(\frac{4}{x+2} + 3 = \frac{9}{x+2}\right)$ EV: $x \neq -2$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 + 3x + 6 &= 9 \\ 10 + 3x &= 9 \\ 3x &= -1 \\ x &= -\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

9. $\left(\frac{3x}{x-1} - 2 = \frac{10}{x-1}\right)$ EV: $x \neq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2x + 2 &= 10 \\ x + 2 &= 10 \\ x &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

10. $\frac{12}{x+2} = \frac{7}{x-3}$ EV: $x \neq -2, 3$

$$\begin{aligned} 12x - 36 &= 7x + 14 \\ 5x &= 50 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Classwork

Solving Rational Equations Practice

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Practice Answers

Solve the rational equation. Do not forget to determine the excluded values.

$$1. \frac{3}{x} = \frac{2}{x+4} \quad \text{EV: } \underline{x \neq 0, -4}$$

$$3x + 12 = 2x$$

$$x = -12$$

$$2. \frac{x+1}{2x+5} = \frac{2}{x} \quad \text{EV: } \underline{x \neq 0, -5/2}$$

$$x^2 + x = 4x + 10$$

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

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

$$x = 5, -2$$

$$3. \left(\frac{3}{x+2} + 5 = \frac{4}{x+2} \right) \text{EV: } \underline{x \neq -2}$$

$$3 + 5x + 10 = 4$$

$$5x + 13 = 4$$

$$x = -9/5$$

$$4. \frac{6}{x-3} = \frac{x}{18} \quad \text{EV: } \underline{x \neq 3}$$

$$108 = x^2 - 3x \quad x = 12, -9$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 108 = 0$$

$$(x-12)(x+9) = 0$$

5. EV: $x \neq -4$, Answer: $x = 0$

6. EV: $x \neq 0, 2$, Answer: $x = 1/4$

Practice!



Quiz Corrections

On separate sheet of GRAPH paper, rework the ones you missed. Show your work! Ask teacher or neighbors for help!
Be better prepared for our test coming up. 😊

Kahoot!

<https://play.kahoot.it/#/?quizId=fe331d08-ae69-4dc1-a78b-c4d28e539abd>

Kahoot!

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