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Unit 10: Rational Expressions



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Homework 4: Adding/Subtracting Rational Expressions

Directions: Find each sum or difference. Final answers must be simplified.

1.  $\frac{5n}{15} + \frac{7n}{15} = \frac{12n}{15} = \frac{4n}{5}$

2.  $\frac{11a}{12a^2} - \frac{7a}{12a^2} = \frac{4a}{12a^2} = \frac{1}{3a}$

3.  $\frac{10x^3y}{7xy^2} + \frac{4x^3y}{7xy^2} = \frac{14x^3y}{7xy^2} = \frac{2x^2}{y}$

4.  $\frac{9z}{3z-4} - \frac{12}{3z-4} = \frac{9z-12}{3z-4} = \frac{3(3z-4)}{3z-4} = 3$

5.  $\frac{m+2}{2m-1} + \frac{3m-3}{2m-1} = \frac{4m-1}{2m-1}$

6.  $\frac{a-4}{a+1} + \frac{a+6}{a+1} = \frac{2a+2}{a+1} = \frac{2(a+1)}{a+1} = 2$

7.  $\frac{5a+2}{a^2} - \frac{4a+2}{a^2} = \frac{a}{a^2} = \frac{1}{a}$

8.  $\frac{k+4}{k^2-2k-3} + \frac{6k+3}{k^2-2k-3} = \frac{7k+7}{k^2-2k-3} = \frac{7(k+1)}{(k-3)(k+1)} = \frac{7}{k-3}$

9.  $\frac{6x+3}{x^2+6x+5} - \frac{x-2}{x^2+6x+5} = \frac{5x+5}{x^2+6x+5} = \frac{5(x+1)}{(x+5)(x+1)} = \frac{5}{x+5}$

10.  $\frac{6p+4}{4p^2+4p} + \frac{p+3}{4p^2+4p} = \frac{7p+7}{4p^2+4p} = \frac{7(p+1)}{4p(p+1)} = \frac{7}{4p}$

11.  $\frac{3x+2}{x^2-25} - \frac{2x-3}{x^2-25} = \frac{x+5}{(x+5)(x-5)} = \frac{1}{x-5}$

12.  $\frac{5y+3}{y^2-64} - \frac{4y-5}{y^2-64} = \frac{y+8}{(y+8)(y-8)} = \frac{1}{y-8}$

13.  $\frac{m+6}{2m^2+4m-16} + \frac{m+2}{2m^2+4m-16} = \frac{2m+8}{2m^2+4m-16} = \frac{2(m+4)}{2(m+4)(m-2)} = \frac{1}{m-2}$

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

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

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Homework 5: Adding/Subtracting  
Rational Expressions (Unlike Bases)

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**Directions:** Find each sum or difference. Make sure your answer is simplified.

1.  $\frac{7y}{6} - \frac{y}{2} + \frac{2y}{9}$

$$\frac{21y}{18} - \frac{9y}{18} + \frac{4y}{18} = \frac{16y}{18} = \boxed{\frac{8y}{9}}$$

2.  $\frac{5 \cdot 3}{5(4x)} + \frac{1}{20x}$

$$\frac{15}{20x} + \frac{1}{20x} = \frac{16}{20x} = \boxed{\frac{4}{5x}}$$

3.  $\frac{9(m-1)}{2 \cdot 9} - \frac{3m+1}{18}$

$$\frac{9m-9}{18} - \frac{3m+1}{18} = \frac{6m-10}{18}$$

$$= \frac{2(3m-5)}{18 \cdot 9} = \boxed{\frac{3m-5}{9}}$$

4.  $\frac{12}{4k-20} - \frac{1 \cdot 4}{(k-5)4}$

$$\frac{12}{4k-20} - \frac{4}{4k-20} = \frac{8}{4k-20}$$

$$= \frac{8 \cancel{2}}{4 \cancel{2}(k-5)} = \boxed{\frac{2}{k-5}}$$

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

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

6.  $\frac{(y+8)y}{(y+8)y-8} - \frac{6y+80}{y^2-64}$

$$\frac{y^2+8y}{y^2-64} - \frac{6y+80}{y^2-64} = \frac{y^2+2y-80}{y^2-64}$$

$$= \frac{(y+10)(y-8)}{(y-8)(y+8)} = \boxed{\frac{y+10}{y+8}}$$

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

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

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

8.  $\frac{3w}{w^2-4w} - \frac{1 \cdot w}{(w-4)w}$

$$\frac{3w}{w^2-4w} - \frac{w}{w^2-4w} = \frac{2w}{w^2-4w}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2w}}{w(w-4)} = \boxed{\frac{2}{w-4}}$$

$$9. \frac{(x+3) \cdot 3}{x+1} - \frac{6}{x^2+4x+3} \leftarrow (x+3)(x+1)$$

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

$$= \frac{3(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+3)} = \boxed{\frac{3}{x+3}}$$

$$10. \frac{(x+5) \cdot 1}{x-6} + \frac{x-17}{x^2-x-30} \leftarrow (x-6)(x+5)$$

$$\frac{x+5}{x^2-x-30} + \frac{x-17}{x^2-x-30} = \frac{2x-12}{x^2-x-30}$$

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

$$11. \frac{8y-26}{y^2-4y-21} - \frac{3(y+3)}{(y-7)(y+3)}$$

$$\rightarrow (y-7)(y+3)$$

$$\frac{8y-26}{y^2-4y-21} - \frac{3y+9}{y^2-4y-21} = \frac{5y-35}{y^2-4y-21}$$

$$= \frac{5(y-7)}{(y-7)(y+3)} = \boxed{\frac{5}{y+3}}$$

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

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

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

$$\textcircled{2x^2+5x+2}$$

$$x^2+5x+4$$

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

$$\textcircled{2x^2-x-1}$$

$$x^2-x-2$$

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