

Homework Questions
2.7 Solve Rational Expressions

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$\frac{2x+1}{x^2-x}$ → $x(x-1)$

VA: 0, 1

HA: $\frac{2x}{x^2} = 0$

$x=0$
 $x-1=0$
 $+1 +1$
 $x=1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \infty$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\infty$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = -\infty$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \infty$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$

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

VA: -3, 1 x: (-2, 0)

HA: $\frac{x}{x^2} = 0$ $x+2=0$
 $x = -2$

$\frac{0+2}{0^2+0-3} = -\frac{2}{3}$ y: $(0, -\frac{2}{3})$

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2.7 Solving Rational Expressions

Steps:

1. Find the restrictions
2. Factor
3. Get a common denominator
4. Multiply by the common denominator
5. Cross multiply (across the equal sign)
6. Solve for x
7. Always check answer
 1. Check on calculator
 2. # then hit stor-> then put in x
 3. Then put the equation in calculator

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Examples

$\frac{x}{x} \cdot x + \frac{3}{x} = 4$

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

$x^2 + 3 = 4 \cdot x$

$x^2 + 3 = 4x$ $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$

$\frac{3}{-1} -3$ $(x-1)(x-3)$
 $x-1=0$ $x=1$
 $x-3=0$ $x=3$

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ex 2

$x + \frac{1}{x-4} = 0$

$\frac{x-4}{x-4} \cdot x + \frac{1}{x-4} = 0$

$\frac{x(x-4)}{x-4} + \frac{1}{x-4} = 0$

$\frac{x(x-4)+1}{x-4} = 0 \cdot x-4$

$x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$

$\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(1)}}{2}$ $\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}$

$\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-4}}{2}$ $\frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$2 \pm \sqrt{3} \approx (2.68, 3.732)$

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