7.4 Practice - Add and Subtract

Add or subtract the rational expressions. Simplify your answers whenever possible.

1)
$$\frac{2}{a+3} + \frac{4}{a+3}$$

3)
$$\frac{t^2+4t}{t-1}+\frac{2t-7}{t-1}$$

$$5) \frac{2x^2+3}{x^2-6x+5} - \frac{x^2-5x+9}{x^2-6x+5}$$

7)
$$\frac{5}{6r} - \frac{5}{8r}$$

9)
$$\frac{8}{9t^3} + \frac{5}{6t^2}$$

11)
$$\frac{a+2}{2} - \frac{a-4}{4}$$

13)
$$\frac{x-1}{4x} - \frac{2x+3}{x}$$

$$15) \ \frac{5x+3y}{2x^2y} - \frac{3x+4y}{xy^2}$$

17)
$$\frac{2z}{z-1} - \frac{3z}{z+1}$$

$$19) \ \frac{8}{x^2 - 4} - \frac{3}{x + 2}$$

$$21) \ \frac{t}{t-3} - \frac{5}{4t-12}$$

$$23) \ \frac{2}{5x^2 + 5x} - \frac{4}{3x + 3}$$

$$(25) \frac{t}{y-t} - \frac{y}{y+t}$$

$$27) \ \frac{x}{x^2 + 5x + 6} - \frac{2}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$$

$$29) \ \frac{x}{x^2 + 15x + 56} - \frac{7}{x^2 + 13x + 42}$$

31)
$$\frac{5x}{x^2-x-6} - \frac{18}{x^2-9}$$

$$33) \ \frac{2x}{x^2 - 1} - \frac{4}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$$

$$35) \frac{x+1}{x^2-2x-35} + \frac{x+6}{x^2+7x+10}$$

$$37) \ \frac{4-a^2}{a^2-9} - \frac{a-2}{3-a}$$

$$39) \ \frac{2z}{1-2z} + \frac{3z}{2z+1} - \frac{3}{4z^2-1}$$

41)
$$\frac{2x-3}{x^2+3x+2} + \frac{3x-1}{x^2+5x+6}$$

43)
$$\frac{2x+7}{x^2-2x-3} - \frac{3x-2}{x^2+6x+5}$$

2)
$$\frac{x^2}{x-2} - \frac{6x-8}{x-2}$$

4)
$$\frac{a^2+3a}{a^2+5a-6} - \frac{4}{a^2+5a-6}$$

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

8)
$$\frac{7}{xy^2} + \frac{3}{x^2y}$$

10)
$$\frac{x+5}{8} + \frac{x-3}{12}$$

12)
$$\frac{2a-1}{3a^2} + \frac{5a+1}{9a}$$

14)
$$\frac{2c-d}{c^2d} - \frac{c+d}{cd^2}$$

16)
$$\frac{2}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x+1}$$

18)
$$\frac{2}{x-5} + \frac{3}{4x}$$

$$20) \ \frac{4x}{x^2 - 25} + \frac{x}{x + 5}$$

22)
$$\frac{2}{x+3} + \frac{4}{(x+3)^2}$$

24)
$$\frac{3a}{4a-20} + \frac{9a}{6a-30}$$

26)
$$\frac{x}{x-5} + \frac{x-5}{x}$$

28)
$$\frac{2x}{x^2-1} - \frac{3}{x^2+5x+4}$$

$$30) \ \frac{2x}{x^2 - 9} + \frac{5}{x^2 + x - 6}$$

$$32) \ \frac{4x}{x^2 - 2x - 3} - \frac{3}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$$

$$34) \frac{x-1}{x^2+3x+2} + \frac{x+5}{x^2+4x+3}$$

36)
$$\frac{3x+2}{3x+6} + \frac{x}{4-x^2}$$

38)
$$\frac{4y}{y^2-1} - \frac{2}{y} - \frac{2}{y+1}$$

40)
$$\frac{2r}{r^2-s^2} + \frac{1}{r+s} - \frac{1}{r-s}$$

42)
$$\frac{x+2}{x^2-4x+3} + \frac{4x+5}{x^2+4x-5}$$

44)
$$\frac{3x-8}{x^2+6x+8} + \frac{2x-3}{x^2+3x+2}$$



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Answers - Add and Subtract

1)
$$\frac{6}{a+3}$$

2)
$$x-4$$

3)
$$t+7$$

$$4)\ \frac{a+4}{a+6}$$

$$5) \frac{x+6}{x-5}$$

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

7)
$$\frac{5}{24r}$$

$$8) \frac{7x+3y}{x^2y^2}$$

9)
$$\frac{15t+16}{18t^3}$$

10)
$$\frac{5x+9}{24}$$

11)
$$\frac{a+8}{4}$$

$$12) \ \frac{5a^2 + 7a - 3}{9a^2}$$

13)
$$\frac{-7x-13}{4x}$$

$$14) \,\, \frac{-\,c^2 + c\,d - d^2}{c^2 d^2}$$

$$15) \ \frac{3y^2 - 3xy - 6x^2}{2x^2y^2}$$

16)
$$\frac{4x}{x^2-1}$$

17)
$$\frac{-z^2+5z}{z^2-1}$$

18)
$$\frac{11x+15}{4x(x+5)}$$

19)
$$\frac{14-3x}{x^2-4}$$

$$20) \ \frac{x^2 - x}{x^2 - 25}$$

21)
$$\frac{4t-5}{4(t-3)}$$

22)
$$\frac{2x+10}{(x+3)^2}$$

23)
$$\frac{6-20x}{15x(x+1)}$$

$$24) \ \frac{9a}{4(a-5)}$$

$$25) \ \frac{t^2 + 2ty - y^2}{y^2 - t^2}$$

$$26) \ \frac{2x^2 - 10x + 25}{x(x-5)}$$

27)
$$\frac{x-3}{(x+3)(x+1)}$$

28)
$$\frac{2x+3}{(x-1)(x+4)}$$

29)
$$\frac{x-8}{(x+8)(x+6)}$$

$$30) \ \frac{2x-5}{(x-3)(x-2)}$$

31)
$$\frac{5x+12}{x^2+5x+6}$$

32)
$$\frac{4x+1}{(x+1)(x-2)}$$

$$33) \ \frac{2x+4}{x^2+4x+3}$$

$$34) \ \frac{2x+7}{x^2+5x+6}$$

$$35) \ \frac{2x-8}{x^2-5x-14}$$

$$36) \frac{-3x^2+7x+4}{3(x+2)(2-x)}$$

37)
$$\frac{a-2}{a^2-9}$$

38)
$$\frac{2}{y^2 - y}$$

$$39) \frac{z-3}{2z-1}$$

$$40) \frac{2}{r+s}$$

41)
$$\frac{5(x-1)}{(x+1)(x+3)}$$

$$42) \ \frac{5x+5}{x^2+2x-15}$$

43)
$$\frac{-(x-29)}{(x-3)(x+5)}$$

44)
$$\frac{5x-10}{x^2+5x+4}$$



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