

Math 166 Basic Review -

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{5+6}{10} = \boxed{\frac{11}{10}} \checkmark$$

- Common Denominator (LCM).
→ rewrite each in the new form.
→ add or sub.
→ Simplify.

$$\frac{3}{7} - \frac{8}{9} = \frac{27-56}{63} = \boxed{\frac{29}{63}} \checkmark$$

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

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{4x+7}{(x+1)(x+4)}}$$

$$x \neq -1, -4$$

$$\frac{a}{b} \pm \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad \pm bc}{bd}$$

$$\frac{(X+1)^2 - 2(X+1)}{(X+1)^3} \left(\frac{1}{(X+1)} - \frac{2}{(X+1)^2} \right) + \frac{3}{X-1}$$

$$\frac{(X+1)(X+1) - 2}{(X+1)^2} + \frac{3}{X-1}$$

$$\frac{A}{A^3} = \frac{1}{A^2}$$

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

$$(X-1)^2 = X^2 - 2X + 1; (X+1)^2 = X^2 + 2X + 1$$

$$\frac{A}{A A^2} = \frac{1}{A^2}$$

Special product.

a	b
a ²	ab
ab	b ²
a	b

$$(a+b)^2 = (a+b)(a+b) = a^2 + ab + ab + b^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$X^2 = X X$$

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

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

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{4(x^2 + x + 1)}{(x+1)^2 (x-1)}}.$$

Simplify.

$$\frac{\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}} = \frac{\frac{(x^2 - y^2)}{xy}}{\frac{(y^2 - x^2)}{x^2 y^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x+y)} \cancel{(x-y)} - \cancel{x} \cancel{y}}{\cancel{(y+x)} \cancel{(y-x)}} = \frac{\cancel{(x^2 - y^2)}}{\cancel{x} \cancel{y}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{x} \cancel{y}}{\cancel{(y^2 - x^2)}} = -xy.$$

$= -xy$

$$\frac{\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}}{\frac{y}{x} - \frac{x}{y}} = -1$$

$$\frac{a-b}{b-a} = -1$$

pop Quiz Simplify

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \quad * \quad \frac{y^2+y}{y^2-1} = \left(\frac{y}{y-1} \right)$$

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

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

$$\frac{a}{a+b} = \frac{1}{b}$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) \quad *$$

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

$$(a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) = a^3 - b^3$$

$$a^3 + \cancel{a^2b} + \cancel{ab^2} - \cancel{a^2b} - \cancel{ab^2} - b^3 =$$