

Determining which are Rational functions Practice 1

**Problem 1** Determine if the following function is a Rational Function:

$$f(x) = -2(x - 4)^2 + 2$$

If it is a rational function, enter 1. If it is not a rational function, enter 0. .

**Feedback(attempt):** A rational function in this case needs a non-constant denominator. Thus something like  $\frac{x+1}{4}$  would not be considered a rational function (mostly because we can rewrite it as  $\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}$ , a polynomial). However, a rational function can have a constant numerator, thus  $\frac{1}{x+1}$  would be considered a rational function.

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**Problem 2** Determine if the following function is a Rational Function:

$$f(x) = -3|x + 10| + 8$$

If it is a rational function, enter 1. If it is not a rational function, enter 0. .

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**Problem 3** Determine if the following function is a Rational Function:

$$f(x) = -\log(x + 10) + 2$$

If it is a rational function, enter 1. If it is not a rational function, enter 0. .

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**Problem 4** Determine if the following function is a Rational Function:

$$f(x) = 7(x + 9)^2 - 9$$

If it is a rational function, enter 1. If it is not a rational function, enter 0. .

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**Problem 5** Determine if the following function is a Rational Function:

$$f(x) = -\frac{(x-8)^2+1}{\sqrt{x-1}-7} - \frac{7x+48}{10\log(x-4)+1} + \frac{6e^{(x-1)}}{4x+17}$$

If it is a rational function, enter 1. If it is not a rational function, enter 0. .

**Feedback(attempt):** Remember that a rational function needs to be a (as in singular) ratio of functions. We can combine these fractions into a single fraction by using common denominators and the like, but as given it is the sum of several rational functions, and thus not a rational function itself.

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