

Activity 1.3.5: Simplifying Rational Algebraic Expressions

Total points = 31

Answers

1.

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

2.

$$\frac{2x^2+8x}{2x(x+4)}$$
$$= \frac{2x}{2x(x+4)}$$
$$= x+4$$

3.

$$\frac{x^2-16}{(x-4)(x+4)}$$
$$= \frac{x-4}{(x-4)(x+4)}$$
$$= x+4$$

4.

$$\frac{x^3+64}{x^2-4x+16}$$
$$= \frac{(x+4)(x^2-4x+16)}{(x+4)(x^2-4x+16)}$$
$$= x+4$$

5.

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

6.

$$\frac{2x^2+4x}{x+2}$$
$$= \frac{2x(x+2)}{x+2}$$
$$= 2x$$
7.

$$\frac{4x^3-8x^2}{4x^2(x-2)}$$
$$= \frac{4x^2}{4x^2(x-2)}$$
$$= x-2$$

8.

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

9.

$$\frac{8x^3-27}{4x^2+6x+9}$$
$$= \frac{(2x-3)(4x^2+6x+9)}{4x^2+6x+9}$$
$$= 2x-3$$

10.

$$\frac{3x^2-12x+12}{3(x^2-4x+4)}$$
$$= \frac{x-2}{3(x^2-4x+4)}$$
$$= \frac{x-2}{3(x-2)^2}$$
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