

Instructions: Please answer legibly, logically, and **show all work**. Remember that explaining and words are a critical part of math – if you get stuck, try to explain what you would do if you could get past your sticking point. No credit will be given for unjustified or unclear work, including guess-and-check. Be sure to answer the question or perform the task you are asked.

1. (5 pts each) Simplify each expression completely. No negative exponents should remain.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad 3x^4x^{-7}y^2y^3z^5z^{-6} &= 3x^{4-7}y^{2+3}z^{5-6} \\
 &= 3x^{-3}y^5z^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{3y^5}{x^3z^1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad \left(\frac{2x^{-3}yz^2}{6x^{-1}y^2z} \right)^{-1} &= \left(\frac{2x^{-3}yz^2}{2 \cdot 3x^{-1}y^2z} \right)^{-1} \\
 &= \left(\frac{x^{-3}z}{3x^{-1}y} \right)^{-1} \\
 &= \left(\frac{yz}{3x^2x^{-1}y} \right)^{-1} \\
 &= \left(\frac{z}{3x^2y} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{3x^2y}{z} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

bc of this and ths product then flip fraction

2. (2 pts) Determine if the following statement is *always* true. If yes, clearly explain why. If not, show algebraically or give a simple counterexample using numbers for the variables (make sure you follow order of operations):

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 \quad \text{Never}$$

3. (2 pts) Simplify using only positive exponents.

$$(x+y)^{-1} \quad \frac{1}{(x+y)}$$

4. (5 pts each) Perform the operations and simplify completely.

$$(a) \ x^3 - 5x^2(x+1) - 7(x^3 - x^2)$$

$$\underline{x^3 - 5x^3 - 5x^2 - 7x^3 + 7x^2}$$

$$-11x^3 + 2x^2$$

$$(b) (4x+7)\left(\frac{1}{2}x-3\right) = 4x\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) + 4x(-3) + 7\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) + 7(-3)$$

$$= \frac{4}{2}x^2 - \underline{12x} + \underline{\frac{7}{2}x} - 21$$

$$= 2x^2 - \frac{24}{2}x + \frac{7}{2}x - 21$$

$$= 2x^2 - \frac{17}{2}x - 21$$

5. (5 pts) Find the quotient and remainder.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x-1 \end{array} \overline{)4x^2 - 10x + 6} \quad 2x(2x-1) = 4x^2 - 2x$$

$$- \underline{(4x^2 - 2x)} \downarrow \quad -4(2x-1) = -8x + 4$$

$$-8x + 6$$

$$- \underline{(-8x + 4)}$$

$$2 \text{ R } 0$$

6. (5 pts each) Factor completely.

$$(a) \underline{3c} - \underline{cd} + \underline{3d} - \underline{c^2}$$

$$3c - c^2 - cd + 3d$$

$c \cdot c$

$$c(3-c) + d(-c+3)$$

$$c(3-c) + d(3-c)$$

$$(3-c)(c+d)$$

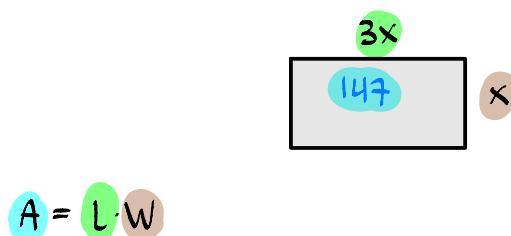
$$(b) x^4 - 1$$

$$= ((v^2)^2 - 1^2) \quad \text{change } v's \text{ to } x's$$

$$= (v^2 - 1)(v^2 + 1)$$

$$= (v+1)(v-1)(v^2+1)$$

7. (6 pts) The length of a rectangle is three times as long as the width. If its area is 147 cm^2 , find the dimensions of the rectangle.



$$A = L \cdot W$$

$$147 = 3w^2$$

$$147 - 3w^2 = 0$$

$$3(49-w^2) = 0$$

$$3(7^2 - w^2) = 0 \quad \text{difference of squares}$$

$$\frac{3(7-w)(7+w)}{3} = 0$$

$$(7-w)(7+w)$$

case 1
 $(7-w) = 0$
 $7 = w$

case 2
 $7+w=0$
 $w = -7$ can't be negative

Plug in $x=7$ into $A=L \cdot W$

$$A = L \cdot W$$

$$147 = L \cdot 7$$

$$\frac{147}{7} = L$$

$$21 = L$$

8. (5 pts) Consider the rational function: $j(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2 - 6x + 8}$

(a) Find the domain of the rational function and give it in interval notation.

set bottom equal to 0 and solve

$$x^2 - 6x + 8 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline x & -4 \\ \hline x & -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(x-2)(x-4) = 0$$

case 1

$$x-2 = 0$$

$$x=2$$

case 2

$$x-4 = 0$$

$$x=4$$

$$(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$$

(b) Simplify the function, if possible.

$$\frac{x-2}{x^2 - 6x + 8} = \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(x-4)} = \frac{1}{(x-4)}$$

9. (8 pts) Divide and simplify completely.

$$\frac{y^2 - 36}{y^2 - 8y + 16} \div \frac{3y - 18}{y^2 - y - 12} = \frac{y^2 - 36}{y^2 - 8y + 16} \cdot \frac{y^2 - y - 12}{3y - 18}$$

$$y^2 - 36 = y^2 - 6^2$$

$$= (y-6)(y+6)$$

$$= \frac{(y-6)(y+6)}{(x-4)(x-4)} \cdot \frac{(y+3)(y-4)}{3(y-6)}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline y^2 - 8y + 16 & | -4 \\ \hline y & -4 \\ \hline (x-4)(x-4) & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{(y+6)(y+3)}{3(x-4)}$$

$$3y - 18 = 3(y-6)$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline y^2 - y - 12 & | -4 \\ \hline y & -4 \\ \hline (y+3)(y-4) & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

10. (6 pts) Perform the operations and simplify completely.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{x}{x-2} + \frac{x^2+2}{x^2-x-2} &= \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{x}{x-2} + \frac{x^2+2}{(x+1)(x-2)} \\
 \frac{x}{x+1} \quad \frac{-1}{x-2} \quad \frac{x^2+2}{(x+1)(x-2)} &= \frac{1}{x+1} \cdot \frac{(x-2)}{(x-2)} - \frac{x}{x-2} \cdot \frac{(x+1)}{(x+1)} + \frac{x^2+2}{(x+1)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{x-2 - x(x+1) + x^2+2}{(x+1)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{\cancel{x-2} - \cancel{x^2+x} + \cancel{x^2+2}}{(x+1)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{0}{(x+1)(x-2)} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

11. (5 pts) Simplify the complex fraction completely into a single fraction.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{y}{y} \cdot \frac{\frac{5}{x}}{\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{y}} \cdot \frac{x}{x} &= \frac{\frac{5}{x}}{\frac{2y}{yx} + \frac{3x}{yx}} = \frac{\frac{5}{x}}{\frac{2y+3x}{yx}} \xrightarrow[\text{keep}]{\text{change}} \frac{5}{\frac{2y+3x}{yx}} \xrightarrow[\text{flip fraction}]{\text{same as}} \frac{5}{x} \cdot \frac{yx}{2y+3x} \\
 &\quad \uparrow \text{add top} \\
 &\quad \text{keep bottom} \\
 &\quad \text{the same}
 \end{aligned}$$

12. (6 pts) Solve for x . If any extraneous solutions exist, be sure to identify them and/or cross them out.

$$\frac{2}{x^2 - x} = \frac{1}{x - 1}$$

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$$1(x^2 - x) = 2(x - 1)$$

$$x^2 - x = 2x - 2$$

$$-2x \quad -2x$$

$$x^2 - 3x = -2$$

$$+2 \quad +2$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r|rr} x & | & -2 \\ x & | & -1 \end{array}$$

$$(x-1)(x-2)$$

so $(x-1)(x-2)=0$

cross multiply bc there is equal sign

case 1: $x-1=0$

$x=1$ ← this is extraneous

case 2: $x-2=0$

$$x=2$$

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

$$\frac{2}{0} = \frac{1}{0}$$

undefined
 x

13. (5 pts) A new type of blood analyzer can process a batch of samples in 3 hours. An older model can process the same batch in 4 hours. How long will it take to process the batch if both machines are working together at the same time?

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

$$\frac{1}{3} \cancel{\frac{4}{4}} + \frac{1}{4} \cancel{\frac{3}{3}} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{4+3}{12} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{7}{12} = \frac{1}{x}$$

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cross multiply

$$12 \cdot 1 = 7x$$

$$\frac{12}{7} = \frac{7x}{7}$$

$$\frac{12}{7} = x$$