

## Solving Rational Equations (9.3)

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hw: p452#4d, 6, 7b, 8c

8. Write the equation of a possible rational function with each set of characteristics.

- a) vertical asymptotes at  $x = \pm 5$  and x-intercepts of  $-10$  and  $4$

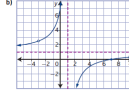
8.c)

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



4. For each function, predict the locations of any vertical asymptotes, points of discontinuity, and intercepts. Then, graph the function to verify your predictions.

- a)  $y = \frac{x^2 + 4x}{x^2 + 9x + 20}$   
 b)  $y = \frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{x^2 - 1}$   
 c)  $y = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{x^2 - 2x - 8}$   
 d)  $y = \frac{2x^2 + 7x - 15}{9 - 4x^2}$



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ex1: Alex has made 12 out of 19 free throws so far. He wants to be able to shoot 80% from the line. How many will he have to hit in a row before he reaches 80%?

$$f = \frac{12}{19}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{12+x}{19+x}$$

$$\frac{12}{19} < \frac{13}{20} < \frac{14}{21} < \frac{15}{22} < \dots$$

$$(19+x) \cdot 0.8 = \frac{12+x}{19+x} \quad (\text{Huh?})$$

$$0.8(19+x) = (12+x)$$

$$15.2 + 0.8x = 12 + x$$

$$3.2 = 0.2x$$

$$16 = x$$

16 in a row

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ex2: Solve

$$(x+2) \quad x + \frac{6(x+2)}{x+2} = 5(x+2) \quad x \neq -2$$

$$x(x+2) + 6 = 5(x+2)$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 6 = 5x + 10$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=4} \quad \boxed{x=-1}$$

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ex3: Solve

$$\frac{x}{2x+5} + 2x = \frac{8x+15}{4x+10} \quad x \neq -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\frac{x}{2(x+5)} + 2x = \frac{8x+15}{2(2x+5)} \quad x \neq -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$2x + 2x(2x+5) = 8x+15$$

$$2x + 8x^2 + 20x = 8x+15$$

$$8x^2 + 19x - 15 = 0$$

$$b = -19$$

$$a = 14$$

$$8x^2 + 20x - 6x - 15 = 0$$

$$4x(2x+5) - 3(2x+5) = 0$$

$$(4x-3)(2x+5) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{3}{4}} \quad x \neq -\frac{5}{2} \text{ restriction}$$

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ex4: Solve to one decimal place

$$\frac{x^2 - 3x - 7}{3 - 2x} = x - 1 \quad x \neq 1.5$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 7 = (3-2x)(x-1)$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 7 = 3x - 3 - 2x^2 + 2x$$

$$3x^2 - 8x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4(3)(-4)}}{2(3)}$$

$$= \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{112}}{6}$$

$$\boxed{x = 3.1} \quad \boxed{x = -0.4}$$

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$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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3. Solve each equation algebraically.

a)  $\frac{5x}{3x+4} = 7$   $x = -\frac{4}{3}$

$$5x = 7(3x+4)$$

$$5x = 21x + 28$$

$$-28 = 16x$$

$$\boxed{-1.75 = x}$$

c)  $\frac{x^2}{x-2} = x-6$   $x \neq 2$

$$x^2 = (x-6)(x-2)$$

$$x^2 = x^2 - 8x + 12$$

$$8x = 12$$

$$\boxed{x = 1.5}$$

5. Determine the approximate solution to each rational equation graphically, to the nearest hundredth. Then, solve the equation algebraically.

a)  $\frac{x+1}{2x} = x-3$   $x \neq 0$

$$x+1 = 2x(x-3)$$

$$x+1 = 2x^2 - 6x$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 7x - 1$$

$$x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 4(2)(-1)}}{2(2)}$$

$$\boxed{x = 2.64 \quad x = -0.14}$$

c)  $\frac{2}{x} = 3 - \frac{7x}{x-2}$   $x(x-2) \neq 0, 2$

$$2(x-2) = 3x(x-2) - 7x(x)$$

$$2x - 4 = 3x^2 - 6x - 7x^2$$

$$4x^2 + 8x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 0.41 \quad x = -2.41}$$

11.  $2 = \frac{50t}{1.2t^2 + 5}$

$$2.4t^2 + 10 = 50t$$

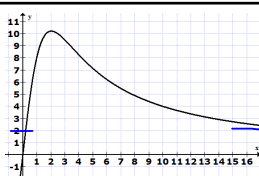
$$1.2t^2 - 25t + 5 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{25 \pm \sqrt{(25)^2 - 4(1.2)(5)}}{2(1.2)}$$

$$= \frac{25 \pm \sqrt{625 - 24}}{2.4}$$

$$t = \frac{25 \pm 24.5}{2.4} \quad t = 20.65$$

$$t = 0.25$$



11. A researcher is studying the effects of caffeine on the body. As part of her research, she monitors the levels of caffeine in a person's bloodstream over time after drinking coffee. The function  $C(t) = \frac{50t}{1.2t^2 + 5}$  models the level of caffeine in one particular person's bloodstream, where  $t$  is the time, in hours, since drinking the coffee and  $C(t)$  is the person's bloodstream concentration of caffeine, in milligrams per litre. How long after drinking coffee has the person's level dropped to 2 mg/L?