

Unit 5A Review – Rational Functions

1. Simplifying Rationals

$$a. \frac{5x^3 - 30x^2 - 35x}{x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4}$$

2. Multiplying and Dividing Rationals

$$a. \frac{x^2 - 5x}{x^2 + 5x + 4} \cdot \frac{6x^2 + 12x + 6}{9x^3 - 45x^2}$$

$$b. \frac{36xy^3}{27x^4} \div \frac{12xy}{20y^2}$$

3. Adding and Subtracting Rationals

$$a. \frac{x}{2x-2} + \frac{x-5}{x^2-3x-4}$$

$$b. \frac{5}{6x^2-12x} - \frac{2}{3x}$$

4. Solving Rationals (check for extraneous solutions)

$$a. \frac{1}{r-5} = \frac{7}{2r}$$

$$b. \frac{4}{x} + 6 = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$c. \frac{x-4}{x+2} + \frac{2}{x-2} = \frac{17}{x^2-4}$$

$$d. \frac{1}{1+c} - \frac{1}{2+c} = \frac{1}{4}$$

5. Graphing Rationals with Transformations of the Parent Function. Graph the following rational functions. Find all characteristics without a calculator.

(Domain, range, max, min, x/y-intercepts, intervals of increase/decrease/constant, end behavior)

$$a. \frac{1}{x-3} + 2$$

$$b. \frac{-1}{2x}$$

$$c. \frac{4}{2-x} - 1$$

6. Graphing and Characteristics of other Rational Functions. Graph the following rational functions. Find all characteristics without a calculator. (Domain, Asymptotes, Holes, Discontinuities, x/y-intercepts).

$$a. \frac{5x^2 - 10x}{2x^3 - 10x^2 + 12x}$$

$$b. \frac{10x^2 - 40}{2x^2 - x - 6}$$

$$c. \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 9x - 9}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$$

7. Solving Inequalities. Plot on number line and write answer in interval notation.

$$a. \frac{4}{x-3} > 6$$

$$b. \frac{x+6}{x-4} \leq -3$$

$$c. \frac{x+1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x} \geq 1$$

$$d. \frac{x-3}{3x} \geq \frac{1}{3x^2+9x} + \frac{1}{x+3}$$

8. Verifying Inverses

a. Verify that $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-2} + 4$ and $g(x) = \frac{3}{x-4} + 2$ are inverse functions of each other.

9. Find the inverse of the following functions. Also find the domain and range of both the original function and the inverse.

a. $g(x) = \frac{5}{x-4} + 1$

b. $h(x) = \frac{3x-2}{4x+1}$