

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. Find all characteristics without a calculator.

(Domain, range, max, min, 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 Rationals (Domain, Asymptotes, Holes, Discontinuities, x/y-intercepts without calculator).

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 inverses.

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

$$1a. \frac{5x^3 - 30x^2 - 35x}{(x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4)}$$

$$\frac{5x(x^2 - 6x - 7)}{(x^2 - 4)(x + 1)}$$

$$\frac{5x(x - 7)(x + 1)}{(x - 2)(x + 2)(x + 1)}$$

$$\frac{5x(x - 7)}{(x - 2)(x + 2)}$$

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

$$\frac{x(x - 5) \cdot 6(x + 1)(x + 1)}{(x + 4)(x + 1) \cdot 9x^2(x - 5)}$$

$$\frac{2(x + 1)}{3x(x + 4)}$$

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

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

$$\frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot (2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5) \cdot x \cdot y^5}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot (3) \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (3) \cdot x^5 \cdot y}$$

$$\frac{20y^4}{9x^4}$$

$$3a. \frac{x}{2(x-1)} + \frac{x-5}{(x-4)(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{x(x-4)(x+1) + 2(x-1)(x-5)}{2(x-1)(x-4)(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 2x^2 - 12x + 10}{2(x-1)(x-4)(x+1)} = \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 16x + 10}{2(x-1)(x-4)(x+1)}$$

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

$$\frac{5}{6x(x-2)} - \frac{2}{3x} \cdot \frac{2(x-2)}{2(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{5-4x+8}{6x(x-2)}$$

$$\frac{-4x+13}{6x(x-2)}$$

$$4a \quad \frac{1}{r-5} = \frac{7}{2r}$$

$$2r = 7r - 35$$

$$-5r = -35$$

$$\boxed{r = 7}$$

$$4b \quad \left(\frac{4}{x} + 6 = \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \cdot x^2$$

$$4x + 6x^2 = 1$$

$$6x^2 + 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 24}}{12}$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{40}}{12}$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{10}}{12}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{10}}{6}}$$

$$4c \quad \frac{x-4}{x+2} + \frac{2}{x-2} = \frac{17}{(x-2)(x+2)}$$

$$(x-4)(x-2) + 2(x+2) = 17$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 8 + 2x + 4 = 17$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 12 = 17$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = -1, 5$$

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

$$4(2+c) - 4(1+c) = (2+c)(1+c)$$

$$8 + 4c - 4 - 4c = c^2 + 3c + 2$$

$$4 = c^2 + 3c + 2$$

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

$$c = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9+8}}{2}$$

$$c = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}$$

5a $\frac{1}{x-3} + 2$ shifted right 3, shifted up 2

H.A. $y = 2$ V.A. $x = 3$

D: $\{x \mid x \neq 3\}$

R: $\{y \mid y \neq 2\}$

max/min: none

x-int: $0 = \frac{1}{x-3} + 2$

$$-2 = \frac{1}{x-3}$$

$$-2x + 6 = 1$$

$$-2x = -5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{2}, 0\right)$$

y-int: $\frac{1}{0-3} + 2$
 $\left(0, \frac{5}{3}\right)$

Inc: none

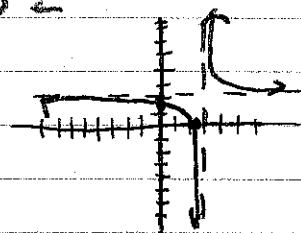
Dec: $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

Const: none

End

Behavior: As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $y \rightarrow 2$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow 2$



5b. $-\frac{1}{2x}$ reflect over x-axis, shrink by $\frac{1}{2}$

V.A. $x=0$ H.A. $y=0$

D: $\{x | x \neq 0\}$

R: $\{y | y \neq 0\}$

max/min: none

x-int: none

y-int: none

Inc: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

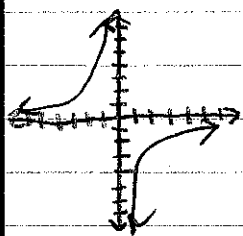
Dec: none

Const: none

End

Behavior: As $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow 0$

As $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow 0$



$$5c. \frac{4}{2-x} - 1 = \frac{4}{-1(x-2)} - 1$$

shift right 2, reflect over x-axis, stretch by 4,
shift down 1

V.A. $x=2$ H.A. $y=-1$

D: $\{x | x \neq 2\}$

R: $\{y | y \neq -1\}$

max/min: none

x-int: $0 = \frac{4}{-1(x-2)} - 1$

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

$$-1 = \frac{4}{x-2}$$

$$-x+2 = 4$$

$$-x = 2$$

$$x = -2$$

$$(-2, 0)$$

y-int: $\frac{4}{2-0} - 1$
 $(0, 1)$

Inc: $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

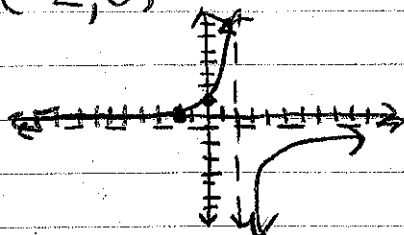
Dec: none

Const: none

End Behavior:

As $x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow -1$

As $x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow -1$



$$6a. \frac{5x^2 - 10x}{2x^3 - 10x^2 + 12x} = \frac{5x(x-2)}{2x(x-2)(x-3)} = \frac{5}{2(x-3)}$$

$$\text{V.A. } x=3$$

$$\text{H.A. } y=0$$

$$\text{Holes: } (2, -\frac{5}{2}) (0, -\frac{5}{6})$$

Discontinuous at $x=0, 2,$ and 3

X-int: none (asymptote)

Y-int: none (hole)

$$6b. \frac{10x^2 - 40}{2x^2 - x - 6} = \frac{10(x-2)(x+2)}{(2x+3)(x-2)} = \frac{10(x+2)}{2x+3}$$

$$\text{V.A. } x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{H.A. } y = 5$$

$$\text{Holes: } (2, \frac{40}{7})$$

Discontinuous at $x = -\frac{3}{2}$ and 2

$$\text{X-int: } (-2, 0)$$

$$\text{Y-int: } (0, \frac{20}{3})$$

$$6c. \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 9x - 9}{x^2 - 2x - 3} = \frac{(x+3)(x-3)(x+1)}{(x-3)(x+1)} = x+3$$

no asymptotes

$$\text{Holes: } (-1, 2) (3, 6)$$

Discontinuous at $x = -1$ and 3

$$\text{X-int: } (-3, 0)$$

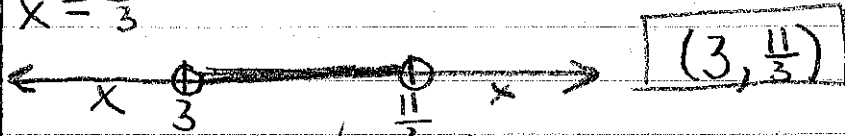
$$\text{Y-int: } (0, 3)$$

$$7a. \frac{4}{x-3} > 6 \quad x \neq 3$$

$$4 = 6x - 18$$

$$22 = 6x$$

$$x = \frac{11}{3}$$



$$(1) -1.33 > 6 \quad (3.2) 20 > 6 \quad (4) 4 > 6$$

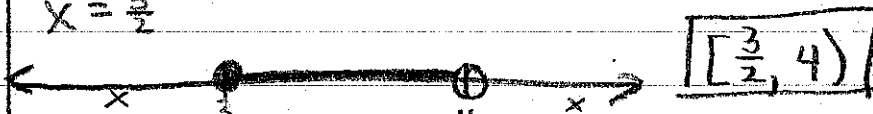
Use calculator!

$$7b. \frac{x+6}{x-4} \leq -3 \quad x \neq 4$$

$$x+6 = -3x+12$$

$$4x = 6$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$



$$(1) -1.5 \leq -3 \quad (3) -9 \leq -3 \quad (5) 11 \leq -3$$

$$7c. \left(\frac{x+1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x} \geq 1 \right) (x(x-1)) \quad x \neq 0, 1$$

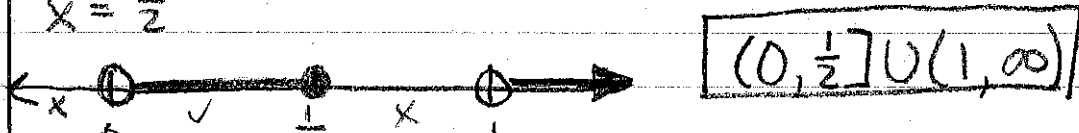
$$x^2 + x + 2x - 2 \geq x^2 - x$$

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

$$4x - 2 = 0$$

$$4x = 2$$

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



$$(-1) -2 \geq 1 \quad (2.5) 6.33 \geq 1 \quad (-7.5) -4.33 \geq 1 \quad (1.5) 6.33 \geq 1$$

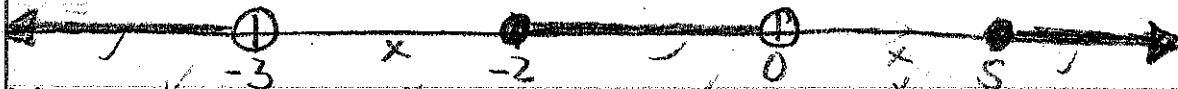
$$7d. \left(\frac{x-3}{3x} \geq \frac{1}{3x(x+3)} + \frac{1}{x+3} \right) \cdot (3x(x+3)) \quad x \neq 0, -3$$

$$x^2 - 9 = 1 + 3x$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$$

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

$$x = -2, 5$$



$$(-\infty, -3) \quad (-2.5) \quad (-1) \quad (1.7) \quad (2) \quad (6) \quad (1.7)$$

$$\boxed{(-\infty, -3) \cup [-2, 0) \cup [5, \infty)}$$

$$8a. \quad f(x) = \frac{3}{x-2} + 4 \quad g(x) = \frac{3}{x-4} + 2$$

$$f(g(x)) = \frac{3}{\left(\frac{3}{x-4} + 2\right) - 2} + 4 = \frac{3}{\frac{3}{x-4}} + 4 = 3 \cdot \frac{x-4}{3} + 4$$

$$= x - 4 + 4 = x$$

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{3}{\left(\frac{3}{x-2} + 4\right) - 4} + 2 = \frac{3}{\frac{3}{x-2}} + 2 = 3 \cdot \frac{x-2}{3} + 2$$

$$= x - 2 + 2 = x$$

$f(g(x)) = g(f(x)) = x$, so $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses.

$$9a. \quad g(x) = \frac{5}{x-4} + 1 \quad D: \{x | x \neq 4\} \quad R: \{y | y \neq 1\}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{y-4} + 1$$

$$x-1 = \frac{5}{y-4}$$

$$y-4 = \frac{5}{x-1}$$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{5}{x-1} + 4 \quad D: \{x | x \neq 1\} \quad R: \{y | y \neq 4\}$$

$$9b. \quad h(x) = \frac{3x-2}{4x+1} \quad D: \{x | x \neq -\frac{1}{4}\} \quad R: \{y | y \neq \frac{3}{4}\}$$

$$x = \frac{3y-2}{4y+1} (4y+1)$$

$$4xy + x = 3y - 2$$

$$4xy - 3y = -x - 2$$

$$y(4x-3) = -x-2$$

$$h^{-1}(x) = \frac{-x-2}{4x-3} \quad D: \{x | x \neq \frac{3}{4}\} \quad R: \{y | y \neq -\frac{1}{4}\}$$