

**Chapter  
7****Maintaining Mathematical Proficiency****Evaluate.**

1.  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3}$

2.  $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4}$

3.  $-\frac{5}{6} + \frac{3}{4}$

4.  $\frac{9}{11} - \frac{2}{11}$

5.  $\frac{1}{5} - \frac{7}{10}$

6.  $\frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{6}$

7.  $-\frac{3}{8} + \frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{2}$

8.  $\frac{3}{4} - \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)$

9.  $\frac{13}{18} + \frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{2}$

**Simplify.**

10.  $\frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{8}{15}}$

11.  $\frac{\frac{1}{6}}{-\frac{2}{3}}$

12.  $\frac{\frac{3}{4}}{12}$

13.  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5}}$

14.  $\frac{2}{\frac{4}{9} - \frac{2}{3}}$

15.  $\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5}}{\frac{7}{10} - \frac{2}{5}}$

# 7.1

## Inverse Variation

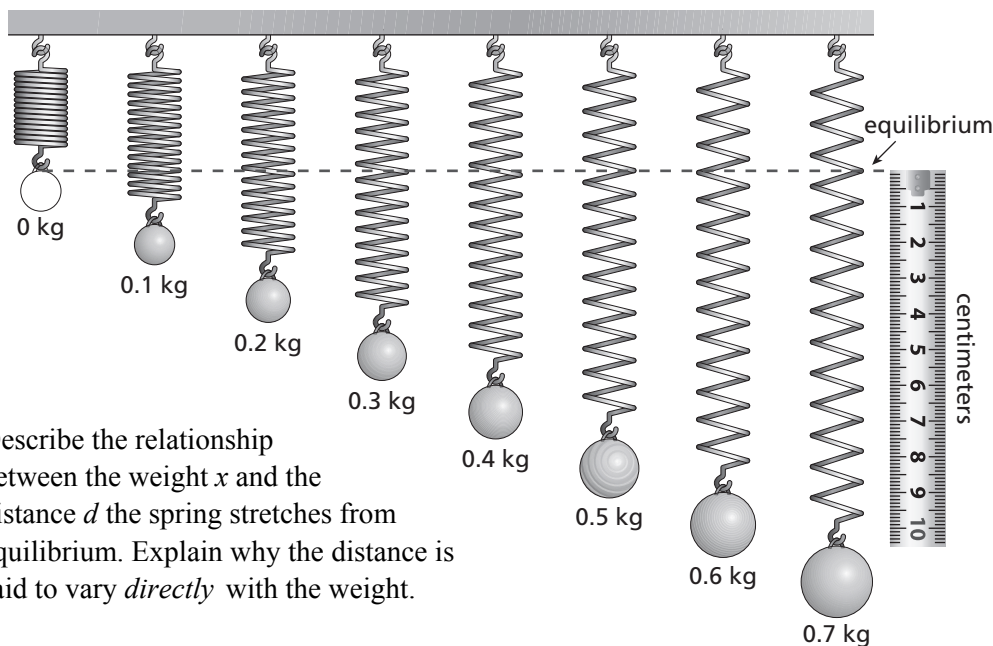
For use with Exploration 7.1

**Essential Question** How can you recognize when two quantities vary directly or inversely?

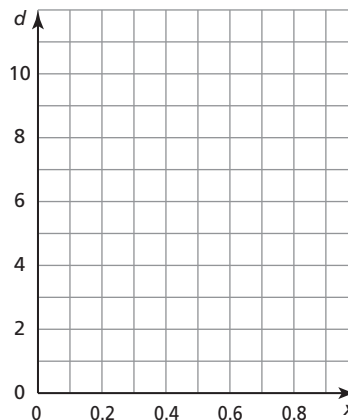
**1 EXPLORATION:** Recognizing Direct Variation

Go to *BigIdeasMath.com* for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. You hang different weights from the same spring.



- a. Describe the relationship between the weight  $x$  and the distance  $d$  the spring stretches from equilibrium. Explain why the distance is said to vary *directly* with the weight.
  
- b. Estimate the values of  $d$  from the figure. Then draw a scatter plot of the data. What are the characteristics of the graph?
  
- c. Write an equation that represents  $d$  as a function of  $x$ .
  
- d. In physics, the relationship between  $d$  and  $x$  is described by *Hooke's Law*. How would you describe Hooke's Law?

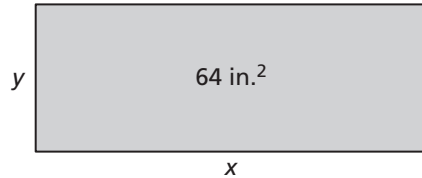


**7.1 Inverse Variation (continued)**

**2 EXPLORATION: Recognizing Inverse Variation**

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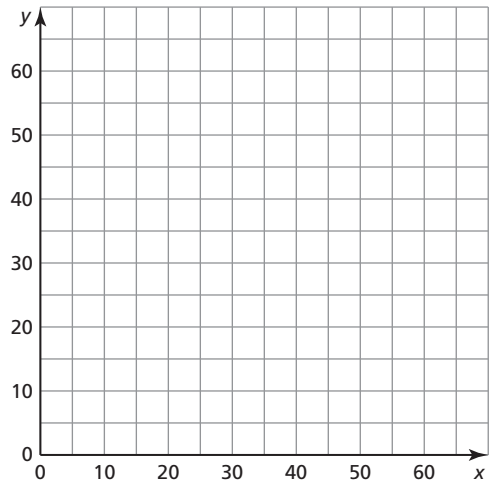
**Work with a partner.** The table shows the length  $x$  (in inches) and the width  $y$  (in inches) of a rectangle. The area of each rectangle is 64 square inches.



$x$	$y$
1	
2	
4	
8	
16	
32	
64	

- a. Complete the table.
- b. Describe the relationship between  $x$  and  $y$ . Explain why  $y$  is said to vary *inversely* with  $x$ .

- c. Draw a scatter plot of the data. What are the characteristics of the graph?
- d. Write an equation that represents  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .



**Communicate Your Answer**

- 3. How can you recognize when two quantities vary directly or inversely?
- 4. Does the flapping rate of the wings of a bird vary directly or inversely with the length of its wings? Explain your reasoning.

**7.1****Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 7.1

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

inverse variation

constant of variation

**Core Concepts****Inverse Variation**

Two variables  $x$  and  $y$  show **inverse variation** when they are related as follows:

$$y = \frac{a}{x}, a \neq 0$$

The constant  $a$  is the **constant of variation**, and  $y$  is said to *vary inversely* with  $x$ .

**Notes:**

**7.1** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**Extra Practice**

In Exercises 1–9, tell whether  $x$  and  $y$  show *direct variation*, *inverse variation*, or *neither*.

1.  $3xy = 1$

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

3.  $x + 11 = y$

4.  $x + y = -2$

5.  $\frac{4}{5}x = y$

6.  $x - 8y = 1$

7.  $\frac{x}{7} = y$

8.  $6xy = 0$

9.  $\frac{y}{9x} = 1$

In Exercises 10–12, tell whether  $x$  and  $y$  show *direct variation*, *inverse variation*, or *neither*.

10.

<b>x</b>	2	4	6	8	10
<b>y</b>	4	16	36	64	100

11.

<b>x</b>	1	5	8	20	50
<b>y</b>	5	1	0.625	0.25	0.1

12.

<b>x</b>	2	5	8.4	12	15
<b>y</b>	0.5	1.25	2.1	3	3.75

**7.1** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

In Exercises 13–16, the variables  $x$  and  $y$  vary inversely. Use the given values to write an equation relating  $x$  and  $y$ . Then find  $y$  when  $x = 5$ .

13.  $x = 2, y = 2$

14.  $x = 6, y = 3$

15.  $x = 20, y = \frac{7}{20}$

16.  $x = \frac{10}{9}, y = \frac{3}{2}$

17. When temperature is held constant, the volume  $V$  of a gas is inversely proportional to the pressure  $P$  of the gas on its container. A pressure of 32 pounds per square inch results in a volume of 20 cubic feet. What is the pressure if the volume becomes 10 cubic feet?
18. The time  $t$  (in days) that it takes to harvest a field varies inversely with the number  $n$  of farm workers. A farmer can harvest his crop in 20 days with 7 farm workers. How long will it take to harvest the crop if he hires 10 farm workers?

# 7.2

## Graphing Rational Functions

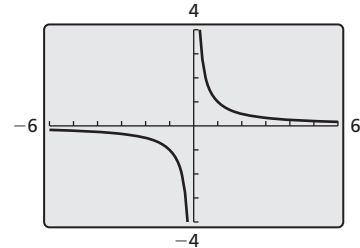
For use with Exploration 7.2

**Essential Question** What are some of the characteristics of the graph of a rational function?

The parent function for rational functions with a linear numerator and a linear denominator is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{Parent function}$$

The graph of this function, shown at the right, is a *hyperbola*.



**1 EXPLORATION:** Identifying Graphs of Rational Functions

**Work with a partner.** Each function is a transformation of the graph of the parent function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Match the function with its graph. Explain your reasoning. Then describe the transformation.

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

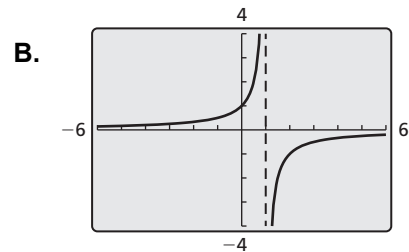
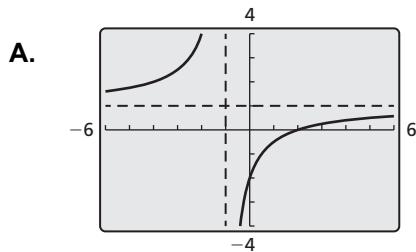
b.  $g(x) = \frac{-1}{x - 1}$

c.  $g(x) = \frac{x + 1}{x - 1}$

d.  $g(x) = \frac{x - 2}{x + 1}$

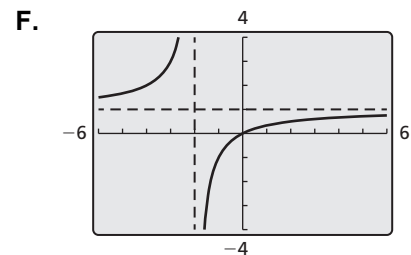
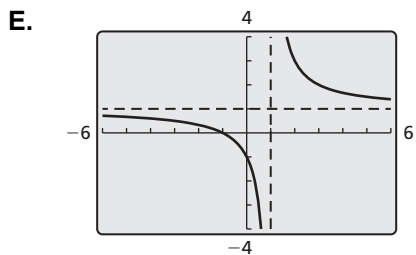
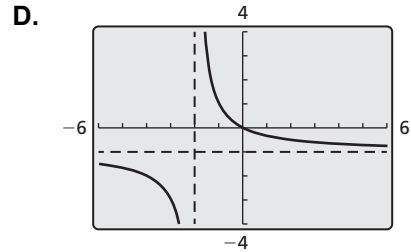
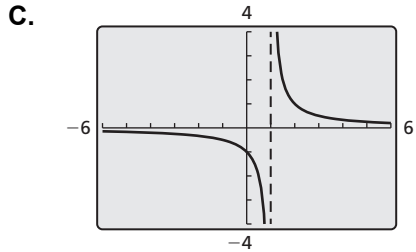
e.  $g(x) = \frac{x}{x + 2}$

f.  $g(x) = \frac{-x}{x + 2}$



**7.2** Graphing Rational Functions (continued)

**1** **EXPLORATION:** Identifying Graphs of Rational Functions (continued)



**Communicate Your Answer**

2. What are some of the characteristics of the graph of a rational function?
  
3. Determine the intercepts, asymptotes, domain, and range of the rational function

$$g(x) = \frac{x - a}{x - b}$$



**7.2****Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 7.2

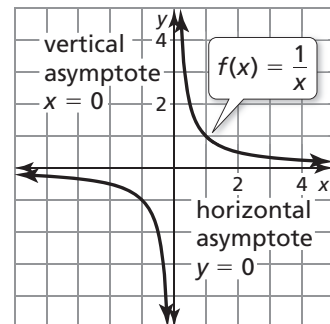
In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

rational function

**Core Concepts****Parent Function for Simple Rational Functions**

The graph of the parent function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is a *hyperbola*, which consists of two symmetrical parts called branches. The domain and range are all nonzero real numbers.

Any function of the form  $g(x) = \frac{a}{x}$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) has the same asymptotes, domain, and range as the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

**Notes:**

**7.2** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

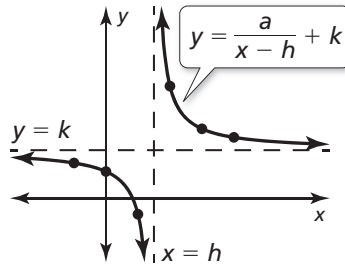
**Graphing Translations of Simple Rational Functions**

To graph a rational function of the form  $y = \frac{a}{x - h} + k$ , follow these steps:

**Step 1** Draw the asymptotes  $x = h$  and  $y = k$ .

**Step 2** Plot points to the left and to the right of the vertical asymptote.

**Step 3** Draw the two branches of the hyperbola so that they pass through the plotted points and approach the asymptotes.



**Notes:**

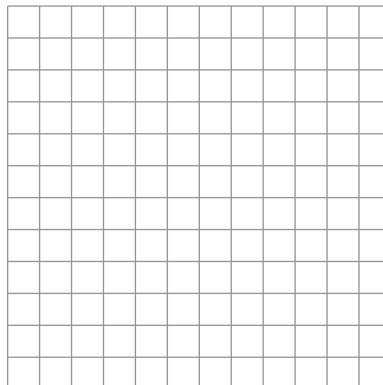
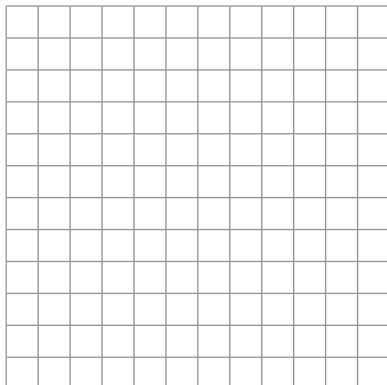
**Extra Practice**

In Exercises 1 and 2, graph the function. Compare the graph with the graph of

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

1.  $g(x) = \frac{0.25}{x}$

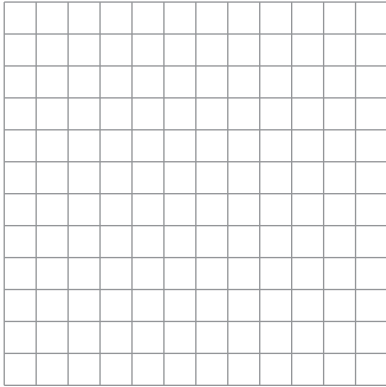
2.  $h(x) = \frac{-2}{x}$



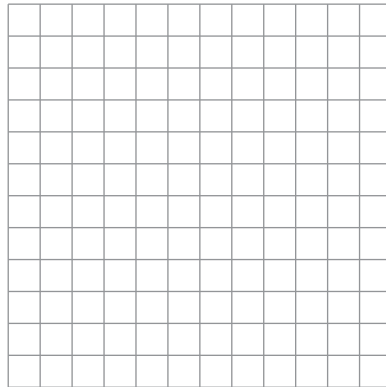
**7.2** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

In Exercises 3 and 4, graph the function. State the domain and range.

3.  $k(x) = \frac{1}{x - 3} + 5$



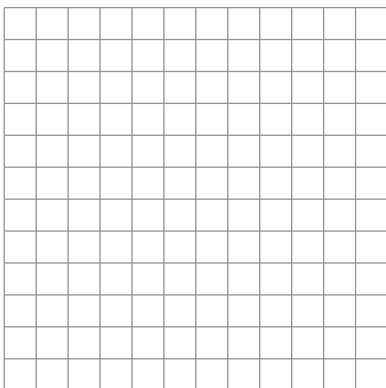
4.  $m(x) = \frac{-3}{x} - 4$



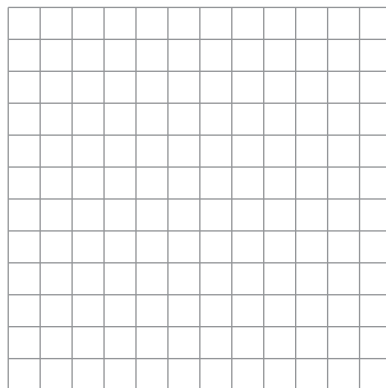
In Exercises 5 and 6, rewrite the function in the form  $g(x) = \frac{a}{x - h} + k$ . Graph the function. Describe the graph of  $g$  as a transformation of the graph of

$f(x) = \frac{a}{x}$ .

5.  $g(x) = \frac{x + 2}{x - 5}$



6.  $g(x) = \frac{2x + 8}{3x - 12}$



**7.3****Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions**

For use with Exploration 7.3

**Essential Question** How can you determine the excluded values in a product or quotient of two rational expressions?

**1 EXPLORATION: Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions**

**Work with a partner.** Find the product or quotient of the two rational expressions. Then match the product or quotient with its excluded values. Explain your reasoning.

**Product or Quotient****Excluded Values**

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

A. -1, 0, and 2

b.  $\frac{1}{x-1} \cdot \frac{-1}{x-1} =$

B. -2 and 1

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

C. -2, 0, and 1

d.  $\frac{x+2}{x-1} \cdot \frac{-x}{x+2} =$

D. -1 and 2

e.  $\frac{x}{x+2} \div \frac{x+1}{x+2} =$

E. -1, 0, and 1

f.  $\frac{x}{x-2} \div \frac{x+1}{x} =$

F. -1 and 1

g.  $\frac{x}{x+2} \div \frac{x}{x-1} =$

G. -2 and -1

h.  $\frac{x+2}{x} \div \frac{x+1}{x-1} =$

H. 1

**7.3** Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions (continued)**2** **EXPLORATION:** Writing a Product or Quotient

**Work with a partner.** Write a product or quotient of rational expressions that has the given excluded values. Justify your answer.

a.  $-1$

b.  $-1$  and  $3$

c.  $-1$ ,  $0$ , and  $3$

**Communicate Your Answer**

- How can you determine the excluded values in a product or quotient of two rational expressions?
- Is it possible for the product or quotient of two rational expressions to have *no* excluded values? Explain your reasoning. If it is possible, give an example.

**7.3****Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 7.3

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

rational expression

simplified form of a rational expression

**Core Concepts****Simplifying Rational Expressions**Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be expressions with  $b \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$ .

**Property**  $\frac{a\cancel{c}}{b\cancel{c}} = \frac{a}{b}$  Divide out common factor  $c$ .

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**Examples**  $\frac{15}{65} = \frac{3 \cdot \cancel{5}}{13 \cdot \cancel{5}} = \frac{3}{13}$  Divide out common factor 5.

$\frac{4\cancel{(x+3)}}{(x+3)\cancel{(x+3)}} = \frac{4}{x+3}$  Divide out common factor  $x + 3$ .

**Notes:**

**7.3** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**Multiplying Rational Expressions**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  be expressions with  $b \neq 0$  and  $d \neq 0$ .

**Property**  $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$  Simplify  $\frac{ac}{bd}$  if possible.

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**Example**

$$\frac{5x^2}{2xy^2} \cdot \frac{6xy^3}{10y} = \frac{30x^3y^3}{20xy^3} = \frac{\cancel{10} \cdot 3 \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot x^2 \cdot \cancel{y^3}}{\cancel{10} \cdot 2 \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{y^3}} = \frac{3x^2}{2}, x \neq 0, y \neq 0$$

**Notes:****Dividing Rational Expressions**

Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  be expressions with  $b \neq 0$ ,  $c \neq 0$ , and  $d \neq 0$ .

**Property**  $\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$  Simplify  $\frac{ad}{bc}$  if possible.

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**Example**  $\frac{7}{x+1} \div \frac{x+2}{2x-3} = \frac{7}{x+1} \cdot \frac{2x-3}{x+2} = \frac{7(2x-3)}{(x+1)(x+2)}, x \neq \frac{3}{2}$

**Notes:**

**7.3** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**Extra Practice**

In Exercises 1–4, simplify the expression, if possible.

1.  $\frac{2x^3 - 8x^2}{6x^2}$

2.  $\frac{5xy^3 - 2x^2y^2}{x^2y^2}$

3.  $\frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{x^2 - 2x + 1}$

4.  $\frac{x^3 + 3x^2}{x^2 - 5x - 24}$

In Exercises 5–10, find the product or the quotient.

5.  $\frac{3xy}{xy^2} \cdot \frac{y}{2x}$

6.  $\frac{x + y}{7xy} \div \frac{4x}{y}$

7.  $\frac{x(x + 1)}{x - 2} \div \frac{(x + 1)(x - 6)}{(x - 6)(x - 9)}$

8.  $\frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 - 1} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 2x - 63}{x^2 + 4x - 21}$

9.  $\frac{x^2 - 2x}{x + 7} \cdot \frac{x^3 + 8}{x^3 - 4x}$

10.  $\frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{x^2 - 3x - 40} \div \frac{x^2 + 8x - 9}{x^2 + x - 72}$



**7.4****Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions**

For use with Exploration 7.4

**Essential Question** How can you determine the domain of the sum or difference of two rational expressions?

**1 EXPLORATION: Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions**

**Work with a partner.** Find the sum or difference of the two rational expressions. Then match the sum or difference with its domain. Explain your reasoning.

**Sum or Difference****Domain**

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

A. all real numbers except  $-2$ 

b.  $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x} =$

B. all real numbers except  $-1$  and  $1$ 

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

C. all real numbers except  $1$ 

d.  $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{-1}{x+1} =$

D. all real numbers except  $0$ 

e.  $\frac{x}{x+2} - \frac{x+1}{2+x} =$

E. all real numbers except  $-2$  and  $1$ 

f.  $\frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{x+1}{x} =$

F. all real numbers except  $0$  and  $1$ 

g.  $\frac{x}{x+2} - \frac{x}{x-1} =$

G. all real numbers except  $2$ 

h.  $\frac{x+2}{x} - \frac{x+1}{x} =$

H. all real numbers except  $0$  and  $2$

**7.4 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions (continued)****2 EXPLORATION: Writing a Sum or Difference**

**Work with a partner.** Write a sum or difference of rational expressions that has the given domain. Justify your answer.

- a. all real numbers except  $-1$
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. all real numbers except  $-1$  and  $3$
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. all real numbers except  $-1$ ,  $0$ , and  $3$

**Communicate Your Answer**

3. How can you determine the domain of the sum or difference of two rational expressions?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Your friend found a sum as follows. Describe and correct the error(s).

$$\frac{x}{x+4} + \frac{3}{x-4} = \frac{x+3}{2x}$$

**7.4****Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 7.4

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

complex fraction

**Core Concepts****Adding or Subtracting with Like Denominators**Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be expressions with  $c \neq 0$ .**Addition**

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a + b}{c}$$

**Subtraction**

$$\frac{a}{c} - \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a - b}{c}$$

**Notes:****Adding or Subtracting with Unlike Denominators**Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  be expressions with  $c \neq 0$  and  $d \neq 0$ .**Addition**

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{d} = \frac{ad}{cd} + \frac{bc}{cd} = \frac{ad + bc}{cd}$$

**Subtraction**

$$\frac{a}{c} - \frac{b}{d} = \frac{ad}{cd} - \frac{bc}{cd} = \frac{ad - bc}{cd}$$

**Notes:**

**7.4** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**Simplifying Complex Fractions**

**Method 1** If necessary, simplify the numerator and denominator by writing each as a single fraction. Then divide by multiplying the numerator by the reciprocal of the denominator.

**Method 2** Multiply the numerator and the denominator by the LCD of *every* fraction in the numerator and denominator. Then simplify.

**Notes:**

**Extra Practice**

In Exercises 1–4, find the sum or difference.

1.  $\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{5}{x-1}$

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

3.  $\frac{6x}{x+4} + \frac{24}{x+4}$

4.  $\frac{2x^2}{x-7} - \frac{14x}{x-7}$

**7.4** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

In Exercises 5–7, find the least common multiple of the expressions.

5.  $9x^3, 3x^2 - 21x$

6.  $x + 5, 2x^2 + 11x + 5$

7.  $x^2 + 5x + 6, x^2 - 3x - 18$

In Exercises 8–11, find the sum or the difference.

8.  $\frac{3}{2x} + \frac{11}{5x}$

9.  $\frac{15}{x-2} + \frac{3}{x+8}$

10.  $\frac{3x}{2x+1} + \frac{10}{2x^2-5x-3}$

11.  $\frac{x}{x-7} - \frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{8x}{x^2-6x-7}$

In Exercises 12 and 13, simplify the complex fraction.

12.  $\frac{\frac{x}{10} - 3}{5 + \frac{1}{x}}$

13.  $\frac{\frac{12}{x^2 - 7x - 44}}{\frac{2}{x-11} + \frac{1}{x+4}}$

# 7.5

## Solving Rational Equations

For use with Exploration 7.5

**Essential Question** How can you solve a rational equation?

### 1 EXPLORATION: Solving Rational Equations

**Work with a partner.** Match each equation with the graph of its related system of equations. Explain your reasoning. Then use the graph to solve the equation.

a.  $\frac{2}{x-1} = 1$

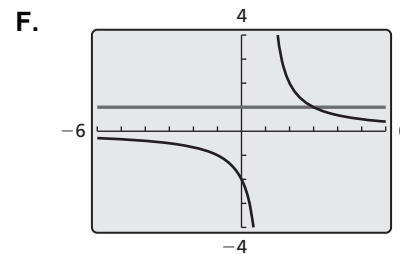
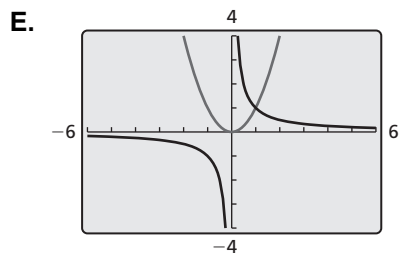
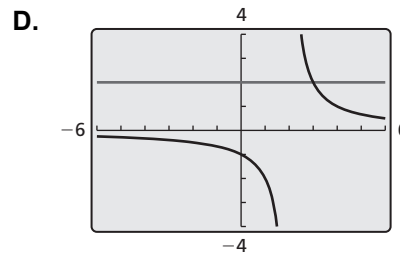
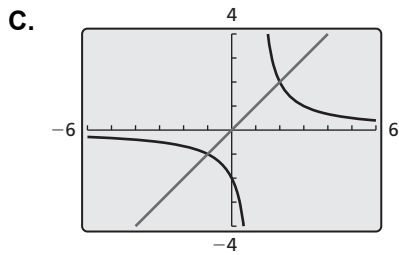
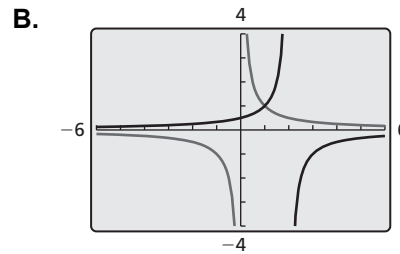
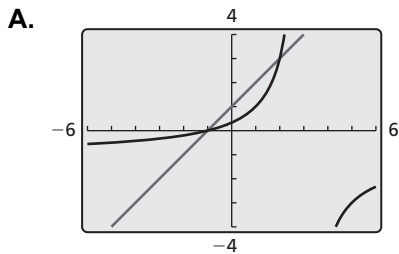
b.  $\frac{2}{x-2} = 2$

c.  $\frac{-x-1}{x-3} = x+1$

d.  $\frac{2}{x-1} = x$

e.  $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{-1}{x-2}$

f.  $\frac{1}{x} = x^2$



**7.5 Solving Rational Equations (continued)****2 EXPLORATION:** Solving Rational Equations

Go to *BigIdeasMath.com* for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

**Work with a partner.** Look back at the equations in Explorations 1(d) and 1(e). Suppose you want a more accurate way to solve the equations than using a graphical approach.

- a. Show how you could use a *numerical approach* by creating a table. For instance, you might use a spreadsheet to solve the equations.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Show how you could use an *analytical approach*. For instance, you might use the method you used to solve proportions.

**Communicate Your Answer**

3. How can you solve a rational equation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Use the method in either Exploration 1 or 2 to solve each equation.

a.  $\frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$

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

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

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**7.5**

## **Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 7.5

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

cross multiplying

**Notes:**



**7.5** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)**Extra Practice**

In Exercises 1–4, solve the equation by cross multiplying. Check your solution(s).

1.  $\frac{2}{x+8} = \frac{5}{2x-7}$

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

3.  $\frac{x+1}{x-3} = \frac{x+2}{x-6}$

4.  $\frac{-2}{x-3} = \frac{x+9}{x+21}$

In Exercises 5–12, solve the equation by using the LCD. Check your solution(s).

5.  $\frac{4}{7} - \frac{1}{x} = 6$

6.  $\frac{3}{x+1} + \frac{4}{x+2} = \frac{15}{x+2}$

7.  $\frac{12}{x+4} - \frac{7}{x} = \frac{22}{x^2+4x}$

8.  $3 - \frac{18}{x-1} = -\frac{12}{x}$

**7.5** Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

9. 
$$\frac{2}{x-5} + \frac{3}{x} = \frac{10}{x^2 - 5x}$$

10. 
$$\frac{x+6}{x-4} - \frac{30}{x^2 - 5x + 4} = \frac{3}{x-1}$$

11. 
$$\frac{x}{x-5} + \frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{11}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$$

12. 
$$\frac{x-2}{x-4} - \frac{2}{x-1} = \frac{12}{x^2 - 5x + 4}$$

In Exercises 13 and 14, determine whether the inverse of  $f$  is a function. Then find the inverse.

13. 
$$f(x) = \frac{8}{x-3}$$

14. 
$$f(x) = \frac{12}{x} + 9$$

15. You can complete the yard work at your friend's home in 5 hours. Working together, you and your friend can complete the yard work in 3 hours. How long would it take your friend to complete the yard work when working alone?

Let  $t$  be the time (in hours) your friend would take to complete the yard work when working alone.

	Work Rate	Time	Work Done
<b>You</b>	$\frac{1 \text{ yard}}{5 \text{ hours}}$	3 hours	
<b>Friend</b>		3 hours	