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Pre-Calculus

7.3 Adding & Subtracting Rational Expressions with Monomial Denominators

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The strategies for adding and subtracting rational numbers can be used to add and subtract rational expressions.

1. Identify the non-permissible values of the variables
2. Write the expression with a common denominator
3. Add or Subtract the Numerators

Example 1: Simplify.

a. $\frac{2x}{7} + \frac{5}{3x}$ ① NPV'S $x \neq 0$
② LCD $21x$

$$= \frac{6x^2}{21x} + \frac{35}{21x}$$

$$= \frac{6x^2 + 35}{21x}$$

b. $\frac{4}{5ab} - \frac{3}{4b^2}$ ① NPV $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$
② LCD $20ab^2$

$$= \frac{16b}{20ab^2} - \frac{15a}{20ab^2}$$

$$= \frac{16b - 15a}{20ab^2}$$

c. $\frac{x+5}{8x} + \frac{x-7}{6x^2}$ NPV'S $x \neq 0$

$$= \frac{3x(x+5) + 4(x-7)}{24x^2}$$

$$= \frac{3x^2 + 15x + 4x - 28}{24x^2}$$

$$= \frac{3x^2 + 19x - 28}{24x^2}$$

d. $\frac{3c-2}{3cd} - \frac{c+8}{5c^2d}$ NPV'S $c \neq 0, d \neq 0$

$$= \frac{5(3c-2) - 3(c+8)}{15c^2d}$$

$$= \frac{15c^2 - 10c - 3c - 24}{15c^2d}$$

$$= \frac{15c^2 - 13c - 24}{15c^2d}$$

$$6a^2 \quad \text{e.} \quad \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{3}{4a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{3a}\right) \quad \text{NPV } a \neq 0$$

$$\text{LCD } 12a^2$$

$$= \frac{30a^2 - 9 + 8a}{12a^2}$$

$$= \frac{30a^2 + 8a - 9}{12a^2}$$

$$\text{f.} \quad \left(\frac{2z+1}{8z^2}\right) + \left(\frac{4z-4}{3z}\right) - \left(\frac{8-z}{6}\right) \quad \text{NPV } z \neq 0$$

$$\text{LCD} \rightarrow 24z^2$$

$$= \frac{6z+3}{24z^2} + \frac{32z^2 - 32z}{24z^2} - \frac{8z^2 - 4z^3}{24z^2}$$

$$= \frac{6z+3 + 32z^2 - 32z - 8z^2 + 4z^3}{24z^2}$$

$$= \frac{4z^3 - 26z + 3}{24z^2}$$

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