

OBJECTIVE 3: Writing Equivalent Rational Expressions

STEPS:

1. Determine what is missing for your denominator to match the new denominator
2. Multiply your numerator by what is missing

TASK 1: Write each rational expression as an equivalent rational expression with the given denominator.

a) $\frac{4b}{9a} = \frac{?}{27a^2b}$

$3 \cdot 3 \cdot a$

$? = 4b$ (missing)

$= 4b \cdot 3ab$

$= \boxed{12ab^2}$

b) $\frac{7x}{2x+5} = \frac{?}{6x+15}$

$3(2x+5)$

$? = 7x$ (missing)

$= 7x(3)$

$= \boxed{21x}$

c) $\frac{3x}{5y} = \frac{?}{35xy^2}$

$5 \cdot 7xyy$

$? = 3x$ (missing)

$= 3x(7xy)$

$= \boxed{21x^2y}$

d) $\frac{9x}{4x+7} = \frac{?}{8x+14}$

$2(4x+7)$

$? = 9x$ (missing)

$= 9x(2)$

$= \boxed{18x}$

TASK 2: Write the rational expression as an equivalent rational expression with the given denominator.

a) $\frac{5}{x^2-4} = \frac{?}{(x+2)(x-2)(x-4)}$

? = 5 (missing)
 $= 5(x-4)$
 or
 $5x-20$

b) $\frac{3}{x^2-2x-15} = \frac{?}{(x-2)(x+3)(x-5)}$

? = 3 (missing)
 $= 3(x-2)$
 or
 $3x-6$

~~$\begin{array}{r} a:c \\ 1:-15 \\ -15 \\ -5 \quad +3 \\ -2 \end{array}$~~

Common Mistakes:

+ or -

means (all or nothing)

Still need help with: