

7.4 Adding & Subtracting Rational Expressions with Unlike Denominators DAY TWO CYU

Use when you get it right all by yourself  
**S** Use when you did it all by yourself, but made a silly mistake  
**H** Use when you could do it alone with a little help from teacher or peer  
**G** Use when you completed the problem in a group  
**X** Use when a question was attempted but wrong (get help)  
**N** Use when a question was not even attempted

CONCEPTS	BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
Stating the LCD		1 - 6	7 - 14
Restricting the domain		1 - 6	7 - 14
Adding or Subtracting Rational Expressions		1 - 6	7 - 14
Multiplying or Dividing Rational Expressions		15, 16	

Perform the indicated operation. State your LCD, restrict your domain, and show all work for full credit. Simplify completely.

1.  $\frac{1}{x+3} - \frac{1}{(x+3)^2}$  LCD:  $(x+3)^2$   
 D:  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$

$$\frac{x+2}{(x+3)(x+3)} \text{ or } \frac{x+2}{(x+3)^2}$$

2.  $\frac{4}{5b} + \frac{1}{b-1}$  LCD:  $5b(b-1)$   
 D:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

$$\frac{9b-4}{5b(b-1)}$$

3.  $\frac{2}{m} + 1$  LCD:  $m$   
 D:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

$$\frac{m+2}{m}$$

4.  $\frac{2x}{x-7} - \frac{x}{x-2}$  LCD:  $(x-7)(x-2)$   
 D:  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, 7) \cup (7, \infty)$

$$\frac{x^2+3x}{(x-7)(x-2)}$$

5.  $\frac{6}{1-2x} - \frac{4}{2x-1}$  LCD:  $-1(2x-1)$   
 D:  $(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$

$$\frac{-10}{2x-1}$$

6.  $\frac{7}{(x+1)(x-1)} + \frac{8}{(x+1)^2}$  LCD:  $(x+1)^2(x-1)$   
 D:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

$$\frac{(15x-1)}{(x+1)^2(x-1)}$$

7.  $\frac{x}{x^2-1} - \frac{2}{x^2-2x+1}$  LCD:  $(x+1)(x-1)^2$   
 D:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

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

8.  $\frac{3a}{2a+6} - \frac{a-1}{a+3}$  LCD:  $2(a+3)$   
 D:  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$

$$\frac{a-2}{(2)(a+3)}$$

$$9. \frac{y-1}{2y+3} + \frac{3}{(2y+3)^2} \quad \text{LCD: } (2y+3)^2$$

$$D: (-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}) \cup (-\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$$

$$\frac{y(2y+1)}{(2y+3)^2}$$

$$10. \frac{5}{2-x} + \frac{x}{2x-4} \quad \text{LCD: } -2(x-2)$$

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

$$\frac{x-10}{2(x-2)}$$

$$11. \frac{-1}{a-2} + \frac{4}{4-2a} \quad \text{LCD: } 2(a-2)$$

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

$$\frac{-3}{a-2}$$

$$12. \frac{15}{x^2+6x+9} + \frac{2}{x+3} \quad \text{LCD: } (x+3)^2$$

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

$$\frac{2x+21}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$13. \frac{13}{x^2-5x+6} - \frac{5}{x-3} \quad \text{LCD: } (x-3)(x-2)$$

$$D: (-\infty, 2) \cup (2, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$\frac{-5x+23}{(x-3)(x-2)}$$

$$14. \frac{70}{m^2-100} + \frac{7}{2(m+10)} \quad \text{LCD: } 2(m+10)(m-10)$$

$$D: (-\infty, -10) \cup (-10, 10) \cup (10, \infty)$$

$$\frac{7}{2(m-10)}$$

Spiral Review

$$15. \frac{15x}{x+8} \cdot \frac{2x+16}{3x}$$

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$$16. \frac{5a+10}{18} \div \frac{a^2-4}{10a}$$

$$\frac{25a}{9(a-2)}$$

CYU Reflection: How far can you go: basic, intermediate, or advanced?

Rate your mastery level!

How confident are you with the skills this CYU covered? Circle the score you would give yourself.

