

Integrated Math 3. 10.3 Solving Rational Equations
10.3 Homework Day 2

Name: _____

Solve each rational equation. State restrictions before you solve to help identify extraneous solutions.

1. $7 + \frac{6}{y} = 5$ $y \neq 0$

$$\frac{6}{y} = -2$$

$$-2y = 6$$

$$\boxed{y = -3}$$

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

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

$$x^2 - 4 = 5$$

$$x^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+3) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 3, -3}$$

3. $\frac{2x-1}{x+1} = \frac{2x-2}{x}$ $x \neq -1, 0$

$$(2x-2)(x+1) = x(2x-1)$$

$$2x^2 - 2 = 2x^2 - x$$

$$-2 = -x$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

4. $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} = 2$ $x \neq 0$

$$x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) = (2)x^2$$

$$x + 1 = 2x^2$$

$$2x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$(2x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 1, -1/2}$$

5. $\frac{5}{y+3} - 2 = \frac{7}{y+3}$ $y \neq -3$

$$y+3 \left(\frac{5}{y+3} - 2 \right) = \left(\frac{7}{y+3} \right) y+3$$

$$5 - 2(y+3) = 7$$

$$5 - 2y - 6 = 7$$

$$-2y - 1 = 7$$

$$-2y = 8$$

$$\boxed{y = -4}$$

6. $\frac{9}{x-3} = \frac{27}{x^2-3x} + \frac{6}{x}$ $x \neq 0, x \neq 3$

$$x(x-3) \left(\frac{9}{x-3} \right) = \left(\frac{27}{x(x-3)} + \frac{6}{x} \right) x(x-3)$$

$$9x = 27 + 6(x-3)$$

$$9x = 27 + 6x - 18$$

$$9x = 6x + 9$$

$$3x = 9$$

$$x = 3$$

no solution

7. $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x-3} = 4$ $x \neq 0, x \neq 3$

$$x(x-3) \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x-3} \right) = 4x(x-3)$$

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

$$x-3 - 2x = 4x^2 - 12x$$

$$-x-3 = 4x^2 - 12x$$

$$0 = 4x^2 - 11x - 3$$

$$(4x+1)(x-3) = 0$$

8. $\frac{5x}{x-2} - 7 = \frac{10}{x-2}$ $x \neq 2$

$$x-2 \left(\frac{5x}{x-2} - 7 \right) = \frac{10}{x-2} (x-2)$$

$$5x - 7(x-2) = 10$$

$$5x - 7x + 14 = 10$$

$$-2x = -4$$

$$x = 2$$

no solution

9. $\frac{4x}{x+4} + \frac{3}{x-1} = \frac{15}{x^2+3x-4}$ $x \neq -4, 1$

$$(x+4)(x-1) \left(\frac{4x}{x+4} + \frac{3}{x-1} \right) = \frac{15}{(x+4)(x-1)}$$

$$4x(x-1) + 3(x+4) = 15$$

$$4x^2 - 4x + 3x + 12 = 15$$

$$4x^2 - x - 3 = 0$$

$$(4x+3)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = -3/4}$$