NOTES: Section 11.5 Adding and Subtracting with Like Denominators.

Goals: #1 - I can add and subtract rational expressions with like denominators.

Homework: Section 11.5 Worksheet







Warm Up:

1. Find the product of the rational expression and simplify.

a.
$$\frac{4x}{3x^2} \cdot \frac{6x^3}{2x}$$

b.
$$\frac{x-1}{2x+2} \cdot \frac{4}{3x-3}$$

2. Find the quotient of the rational expression and simplify.

a.
$$\frac{3(2x+1)}{2x-8} \div \frac{8x+4}{3(x-4)}$$

b.
$$\frac{5x^2 + 14x - 3}{5x^2 - x} \div (4x + 12)$$

Exploration #1: Work with a partner and add the following fractions.

1.
$$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{5}$$

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

3.
$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$$

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As with ______, to _____ or ______rational expressions with _____ denominators, _____

their _____ and keep the common _____.

Example #1: Add the rational expression and simplify.

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

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

You practice: Add the rational expression and simplify.

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

$$2. \ \frac{a^2 - 2}{a^2 - 25} + \frac{4a - 3}{a^2 - 25}$$

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Example #2: Subtract the rational expression and simplify.

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

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

You practice: Subtract the rational expression and simplify.

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

$$2. \ \frac{1-x}{2x^2-7x+5} - \frac{3-3x}{2x^2-7x+5}$$