

Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

Add/Subtract the following rational expressions and state restrictions on the variables:

1) $\frac{3}{x} + \frac{7}{x} - \frac{11}{x}$

2) $\frac{a+6}{a} - \frac{3a-2}{a}$

3) $\frac{3}{x} + \frac{2}{y}$

4) $\frac{6a}{a} - \frac{3a+2}{a^2}$

5) $\frac{2x-3}{x-4} - \frac{x+7}{x-4} + \frac{x+3}{x-4}$

6) $\frac{x-1}{x+2} - \frac{x+7}{x-3}$

7) $\frac{4}{a-7} + 1$

8) $\frac{5}{x-3} - \frac{8}{3-x}$

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

10) $\frac{x+4}{x^2-121} - \frac{3x-2}{x^2+8x-33}$

11) $\frac{x-1}{x^2+3x-10} + \frac{2x-1}{x^2+8x+15}$

Application #1

Two triangles have the same base length, represented by x . The height of one triangle is $x+1$ and the height of the other triangles is $x+3$. Write and simplify an expression that represents the total area of the two triangles.

Application #2

Rectangle A and Rectangle B each have the same length of $2x+1$. Rectangle A has an area of $6x^2+5x+1$. Rectangle B has an area of $4x^2-4x-3$. Find an expression that represents the ratio of width A to width B.

Homework: Textbook pg 128 #6-8