

# RATIONAL FUNCTIONS

SIMPLIFY.

Pull out  
common factors

$$\frac{4x^2 (x+3)^{-2} - 24x (x+3)^{-1+2}}{(x+3)^3}$$

$$\frac{4 \cdot \cancel{x} \cdot \cancel{(x+3)}^2 \cdot [x - 6(x+3)]}{(x+3)^{3+2}}$$

$$\frac{4x [x - 6x - 18]}{(x+3)^5}$$

$$\frac{4x [-5x - 18]}{(x+3)^5} = \boxed{\frac{-4x(5x+18)}{(x+3)^5}}$$

- \* Simplify complicated Rational expressions
- \* Solve rational eqs. & inequalities

$$\frac{x^6 - x^{236}}{x^6(1 - x^{17})}$$

$$\frac{6(2x+5)^3(4x-7x^2)^{-1/4}(4-7x) - (4x-7x^2)^{3/4}(10)(2x+5)^2}{[(2x+5)^3]^2}$$

$$\frac{2(2x+5)^2(4x-7x^2)^{-1/4} [3(2x+5)(4-7x) - 5(4x-7x^2)]}{(2x+5)^{6-2}}$$

$$\frac{2 [3(8x - 14x^2 + 20 - 35x) - 20x + 35x^2]}{(2x+5)^4(4x-7x^2)^{1/4}}$$

$$\frac{2 [24x - 42x^2 + 60 - 105x - 20x + 35x^2]}{(2x+5)^4(4x-7x^2)^{1/4}}$$

$$\frac{2 [-7x^2 - 101x + 60]}{(2x+5)^4(4x-7x^2)^{1/4}}$$

## SOLVING RATIONAL EQUATIONS + INEQUALITIES

$$\frac{2(2x-1)}{(x+1)} \left[ \frac{1}{\cancel{2x-1}} + \frac{1}{\cancel{x+1}} = \frac{3}{2} \right] \quad \text{Excluded values}$$

$$x \neq -1, \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2(x+1) + 2(2x-1) = 3(2x-1)(x+1)$$

$$0 = 6x^2 - 3x - 3$$

$$0 = 3(2x^2 - x - 1)$$

$$0 = 3(2x+1)(x-1)$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}, 1$$



Write the equation of the polynomial given its roots.

b) Roots:  $-5, \frac{1}{2}, 4$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = -5 \quad x = \frac{1}{2} \quad x = 4 \\ x + 5 = 0 \quad 2x = 1 \quad x - 4 = 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad 2x - 1 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x + 5)(2x - 1)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$2x^3 + x^2 - 41x + 20$$