

C11 - 6.0 - Rational Simplify NPV's/Restrictions

NPV's/Non-Permissible Values/Restrictions

Simplify: $\frac{2}{4} = \frac{2 \div 2}{4 \div 2} = \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1 \cancel{2}}{\cancel{2} \times 2} = \frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{6x^2}{2x} = \frac{6 \times x \times x}{2 \times x} = 3x$

$\frac{2x+4}{2(x+2)} = \frac{x+2}{x+2} = 1$

$\frac{x^2+5x+6}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{(x+2)(x+3)}{(x+2)(x+3)} = 1$

$\frac{x+3}{x^2-9} = \frac{x+3}{(x+3)(x-3)} = \frac{1}{x-3}$

$\frac{1}{2-x} = \frac{1}{-1(x-2)} = -\frac{1}{x-2}$ (GCF = -1)
 $\frac{2-x}{-(-2+x)} = \frac{2-x}{-(x-2)} = -\frac{2-x}{x-2}$ (OR) $\frac{2-x}{-(x-2)}$ Rearrange order of terms

$\frac{x-4}{4-x} = \frac{x-4}{-(4-x)} = -\frac{x-4}{x-4} = -1$
 $\frac{1}{x(4-x)} = \frac{1}{-x(x-4)}$

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

$\frac{x^2-5x+6}{(x-2)(x-3)} = \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(x-2)(x-3)} = 1$

Cannot Simplify $\frac{x+2}{x^2+4}$

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

Restrictions: Set Denominator $\neq 0$ and solve

Non-Permissible Value (NPV's)

$\frac{8}{0} = \text{und}$

$\frac{1}{x}$

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

$\frac{x}{2}$

$\frac{3}{x^2+5x+6}$

$x^2+5x+6 \neq 0$
 $(x+3)(x+2) \neq 0$

Can't Divide by Zero

$x \neq 0$

$x+3 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -3$

No Restrictions

$x+3 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -3$

$x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

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

$2x^2+x-1 \neq 0$
 $(2x-1)(x+1) \neq 0$

$\frac{5}{x^2-4}$

$x^2-4 \neq 0$
 $(x+2)(x-2) \neq 0$

$2x-1 \neq 0$
 $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$

$x+1 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -1$

$x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

$x-2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq 2$

$\frac{2}{x^2-2x}$

$x^2-2x \neq 0$
 $x(x-2) \neq 0$
 $x \neq 0$
 $x-2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq 2$

$\frac{1}{x^3+1}$

$x^3+1 \neq 0$
 $x^3 \neq -1$
 $\sqrt[3]{x^3} \neq \sqrt[3]{-1}$
 $x \neq -1$

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

$x^2+1 \neq 0$
 $x^2 \neq -1$
 $\sqrt{x^2} \neq \sqrt{-1}$

No Restrictions

If the method you were using to find something does not work it means what you were looking for does not exist!

Can odd root a negative

Can't even root a negative

$\frac{1}{5s^2t}$

$s^2 \neq 0$
 $s = 0$
 $t \neq 0$

$\frac{1}{x+2y}$

$x+2y \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2y$

$x \neq -2y$
 $y \neq -\frac{x}{2}$

C11 - 6.0 - Rational Common Mistakes

Expand and Simplify

Every single question you ever do*!

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Distribute} \\ \text{Multiply} \\ 2(x+3) \\ 2x+6 \end{array}$$

Check Answer $x = 3^*$

$2(x+3)$	$2x+6$	Pick an Arbitrary x value.
$2((3)+3)$	$2(3)+6$	Substitute into question and answer.
12	12	Must be equal!

$$\frac{4+3}{4} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\frac{4+3}{4} \neq \frac{1+3}{1} = 4$$

Can do	Can't do
$\frac{(a)(b)(c)}{(a)(b)} = c$	$\frac{(a)+(b)}{(a)(b)} \neq \frac{1+b}{b}$

Four plus three is seven. Divided by four is seven fourths or one and three quarters. Not anything else. Assume brackets around the top of the fraction rendering bedmas optional*.

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

let $x = 4$

$$\frac{4+3}{4} \div 4 = \frac{4}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 1 + \frac{3}{4}$$

Divide top and botom by 4

$$1 + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{4 \times 1 + 3}{4 \times 1} = \frac{4+3}{4}$$

Add Fractions

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

You could divide the top and the bottom by four or x . But then you would have to add fractions and get back to where you started.

$$\frac{x+3}{x} \neq 1+3$$

$$\frac{x}{x} + \frac{3}{x} \div x = 1 + \frac{3}{x}$$

$$1 + \frac{3}{x} = \frac{x \times 1 + 3}{x \times 1} = \frac{x+3}{x}$$

$\frac{x+3}{x}$	Separate Fractions
$\frac{x}{x} + \frac{3}{x}$	
$1 + \frac{3}{x}$	

Add Fractions

$$\frac{x+3}{x}$$

You cannot randomly cross things off from the top and the bottom without thinking through fraction factoring and exponent theory.

$\frac{ax+x}{ax+x}$	Separate
$\frac{ax}{x} + \frac{x}{x}$	
$\frac{x}{x} + \frac{x}{x}$	
$\frac{x}{x} + \frac{x}{x}$	
$\frac{1}{a+1}$	

You can divide the top and bottom by x .

$$\frac{ax+x}{ax+x} = \frac{ax}{x} + \frac{x}{x} = \frac{x}{x} + \frac{x}{x} = \frac{1}{a+1}$$

You can separate fractions with a monomial divisor (denominator) because if you were to reverse the process and add fractions you would be back where you started.

$\frac{ax+x}{x(a+1)}$	Factor
$\frac{x}{x(a+1)}$	

Visually it is nice to factor out an x . Then cancel from the top and the bottom.

$\frac{ax^2+x}{ax^2+x}$	Cancel
$\frac{x^3+1}{x^3+1}$	

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You can cancel from the top and the bottom using exponent rules and factor theory.

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

$\frac{ax^2+x}{ax^2+x}$	Separate
$\frac{x^3}{x^3} + \frac{x}{x^3}$	
$\frac{a}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$	
$\frac{ax+1}{x^2}$	

Don't simplify too far you may have to re add fractions again.

Can't do
$\frac{x+3}{x+1} \neq \frac{1}{1} \frac{x+3}{x+1} \neq \frac{3}{1} = \frac{1+3}{1+1} = \frac{4}{2}$
let $x = 4$
$\frac{x+3}{x+1} = \frac{4+3}{4+1} = \frac{7}{5}$

You cannot cancel a binomial (ie. $x+1$) denominator unless the top is factored and one factor is identical to the denominator. See Simplification.

C11 - 6.0 - Rat $\times \div$ Comp

Simplify/Cross-Cancel (Not Cross-Multiply)

$$\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{4}{9} = \frac{3 \times 4}{8 \times 9} = \frac{\cancel{3} \times \cancel{2} \times 2}{2 \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times 3 \times 3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{4}{9} = \frac{\cancel{3} \times \cancel{4} \times 1}{\cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times 3 \times 3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Multiply & Divide :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Multiply Tops
Multiply Bottoms

$$\frac{a}{2} \div \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3a}{2}$$

Flip and multiply

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} \div c = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{1}{c} = \frac{a}{bc}$$

$$\frac{1}{x+2} \times (x+2) = 1$$

Restrictions
 $x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

$$\frac{1}{(x+2)(x+3)} \times (x+3) = \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$
 $x+3 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -3$

$$\frac{x+2}{x+3} \times \frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{2}{x+3}$$

$$\frac{2}{x+1} \times (x+1)(x+2) = 2(x+2)$$

Think what cancels and what are you left with

$$\frac{x+1}{x^2-5x+6} \times \frac{x-2}{x^2+5x+4} = \frac{1}{(x-3)(x+4)}$$

Factor

$x \neq 2, -1, 3, -4$

$$\frac{x-4}{x+5} \div \frac{x-4}{x-3} = \frac{x-3}{x+5}$$

Flip and multiply

$x \neq 3, -5, 4$

$$\frac{x-7}{x+4} \div \frac{x^2-2x-15}{x^2-x-20} = \frac{x-7}{x+4} \times \frac{(x-5)(x+4)}{(x-5)(x+3)} = \frac{x-7}{x+3}$$

$x \neq -4, -3, 5$

Complex Fractions : Multiply the top and bottom by the LCD

$$\frac{3 + \frac{2}{x}}{5 - \frac{1}{x}} \times \frac{x}{x} = \frac{3x+2}{5x-1}$$

LCD = x

$$\frac{3 + \frac{2}{x+1}}{5 - \frac{1}{x}} \times \frac{x(x+1)}{x(x+1)} = \frac{3x(x+1)+2x}{5x(x+1)-(x+1)}$$

LCD = x(x+1)

$$\frac{3x^2+5x}{5x^2+4x-1} \times \frac{x}{x} = \frac{3x^2+5x}{x(3x+5)}$$

$5 - \frac{1}{x} \neq 0$
 $x \neq \frac{1}{5}$

$$\frac{1 - \frac{2}{x+1}}{1 + \frac{1}{x-2}} \times \frac{(x+1)(x-2)}{(x+1)(x-2)} = \frac{(x+1)(x-2)-2(x+2)}{(x+1)(x-2)+1(x+1)}$$

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

$$\frac{x^2-3x-6}{x^2-3x-6} \times \frac{1}{1} = \frac{x^2-3x-6}{(x+1)(x-1)}$$

$1 + \frac{1}{x-2} \neq 0$
 $\frac{1}{x-2} \neq -1$
 $1 \neq -1(x-2)$
 $1 \neq -x+2$
 $x \neq 1$

OR

$$\frac{3 + \frac{2}{x}}{1 - \frac{2}{x}} = \frac{3x+2}{1x-2} = \frac{3x+2}{x} \times \frac{x}{1x-2} = \frac{3x+2}{1x-2}$$

Or Add Fractions, Top & Bottom, Flip and Multiply

$$\frac{1}{x} \div y = \frac{1}{x} \times \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{xy}$$

$x, y \neq 0$

$$\frac{1}{x} \div \frac{2}{y} \times \frac{3}{z} = \frac{1}{x} \times \frac{y}{2} \times \frac{3}{z} = \frac{3y}{2xz}$$

$x, y, z \neq 0$

$$\frac{1}{x-2} - 3 = \frac{1-3(x-2)}{x-2} = \frac{2+4(x-2)}{x-2} = \frac{7-3x}{4x-6}$$

LCD = x-2

C11 - 6.0 - Rational LCD Add/Subtract Notes

$$\frac{\square}{a} + \frac{\square}{b} = \frac{\square}{c}$$

$$LCD = abc$$

Find LCD :

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\square}{a} + \frac{\square}{b} = \frac{\square}{2} + \frac{\square}{6} = \frac{\square}{2} + \frac{\square}{2 \times 3} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{ab} = \frac{\square}{a} + \frac{\square}{bc}$$

$$LCD = 6 = (2 \times 3) \quad LCD = ab \quad LCD = 6 \quad LCD = (2 \times 3) \quad LCD = ab \quad LCD = abc$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{a} = \frac{\square}{x} + \frac{\square}{x^2} + \frac{\square}{x^3} \quad \frac{\square}{ab} + \frac{\square}{cd} = \frac{\square}{2} + \frac{\square}{2+1} = \frac{\square}{a} + \frac{\square}{a+1}$$

$$LCD = a^2 \quad LCD = x^3 \quad LCD = abcd \quad LCD = (2 \times (2+1)) \quad LCD = a(a+1)$$

$$\frac{\square}{1+1} + \frac{\square}{2+4} \quad \frac{\square}{a+1} + \frac{\square}{a+2} \quad \frac{\square}{a} + 5 = \frac{\square}{a+1} \quad \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{a+1} = \frac{1}{a+2}$$

$$LCD = (1+1)(2+4) \quad LCD = (a+1)(a+2) \quad LCD = a(a+1) \quad LCD = a(a+1)(a+2)$$

Adding & Subtracting :

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3 \times 1}{3 \times 2} + \frac{1 \times 2}{1 \times 2} = \frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

LCD = 6

Do to top
Do to bottom
Add/subtract

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x+1}{2} \quad LCD = 2$$

$$\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3 \times x}{3 \times 2} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3x-1}{6}$$

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

Distribute The negative

$$\frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{2-x} = \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{-(x-2)} = \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{(x-2)} = 0$$

Factoring out a negative

$$\frac{x}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$$

Restrictions
 $x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

$$\frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{x+3}{x+3} \times \frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{x+3+1}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{x+4}{(x+2)(x+3)}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{(x+2)} = \frac{x+2}{x+2} \times \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{(x+2)} \times \frac{x}{x} = \frac{x+2+3x}{x(x+2)} = \frac{4x+2}{x(x+2)}$$

LCD = x(x+2)

$$\frac{x+2}{x^2+5x+6} + \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{x+2}{(x+2)(x+3)} + \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{2}{x+3}$$

Simplify 1st

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

Simplify at end

C11 - 6.0 - Rational LCD Equations Notes

Solve for x.

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Get an LCD then Multiply by the LCD

$$\frac{2 \times x}{2 \times 2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{2x}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{2x}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}\right) \times LCD$$

$$2x + 1 = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \\ -1 \end{array}$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{2}{2}$$

$$x = 1$$

OR

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Multiply by the LCD = 4

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

$$\frac{4x}{2} + \frac{4}{4} = \frac{12}{4}$$

$$\frac{2x}{1} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{3}{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -1 \\ -1 \end{array}$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{2}{2}$$

$$x = 1$$

OR

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}\right) \times LCD: 4$$

$$2x + 1 = 3$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$x = 1$$

Instead of actually multiplying by the LCD we are going to multiply and simplify at the same time.

Or Add Fractions/Cross Multiply

$$\left(\frac{2}{x+2} + 3 = \frac{11}{x+2}\right) \times LCD = (x+2)$$

$$2 + 3(x+2) = 11$$

$$2 + 3x + 6 = 11$$

$$3x = 3$$

$$x = 1$$

$x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

$$\frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{4}{x-3}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{4}{x-3}\right) \times LCD = (x+2)(x-3)$$

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

$$2x - 6 = 4x + 8$$

$$-14 = 2x$$

$$x = -7$$

$x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

$x-3 \neq 0$
 $x \neq 3$

OR

$$\frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{4}{x-3}$$

Cross Multiply

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

$$2x - 6 = 4x + 8$$

$$-14 = 2x$$

$$x = -7$$

$$\frac{15}{x^2+5x+6} - \frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{1}{x+2}$$

Factor

$$\left(\frac{15}{(x+2)(x+3)} - \frac{2}{x+2} = \frac{1}{x+2}\right) \times LCD = (x+2)(x+3)$$

$$15 - 2(x+3) = 1(x+3)$$

$$15 - 2x - 6 = x + 3$$

$$6 = 3x$$

$$x = 2$$

$x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

$x+3 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -3$

$$\frac{1}{x+1} + 2 = \frac{3}{x+2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{x+1} + 2 = \frac{3}{x+2}\right) \times LCD = (x+1)(x+2)$$

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

$$x+2 + 2x^2 + 6x + 4 = 3x + 3$$

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

Quadratic Formula: $No\ Solution$ $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

$x+1 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -1$

$x+2 \neq 0$
 $x \neq -2$

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

$$\left(x - \frac{1}{x} = 1\right) \times x$$

$$x^2 - 1 = x$$

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

...

$$x = 1.618, -0.618$$

...

$$\frac{4}{x^2} - \frac{3}{x} = 1$$

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

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

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

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

$$x = 1, -4$$

C11 - 6.0 - Rational Together/Resistance WPs Notes

Two hoses together fill a pool in 2 hours. If only hose A is used, the pool fills in 3 hours. How long would it take to fill the pool if only hose B were used?

	Amount	Time	Rate
Hose A	1 pool	3 hours	$\frac{1 \text{ pool}}{3 \text{ hours}}$
Hose B	1 pool	x hours	$\frac{1 \text{ pool}}{x \text{ hours}}$
Together	1 pool	2 hours	$\frac{1 \text{ pool}}{2 \text{ hours}}$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

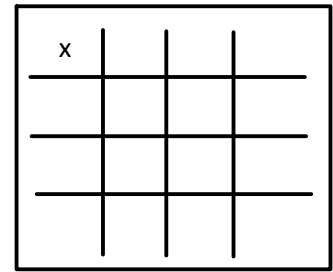
$$\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}\right) \times 6x$$

$$2x + 6 = 3x$$

$$-2x \quad -2x$$

$$6 = x$$

Add Rates Together to equal the rates together



let $x =$ Hose B time

$$v = \frac{d}{t} \quad r = \frac{a}{t}$$

It will take Hose $\frac{2}{1+2} + 3 = 4 = \frac{11}{1+2}$ b 6 hours.

It takes Jerry 9 hours longer than George to clean a pool and together it takes 20 hours. How long does it take George by himself.

	Amount	Time	Rate
Jerry	1 pool	$t + 9$	$\frac{1}{t + 9}$
George	1 pool	t	$\frac{1}{t}$
Together	1 pool	20	$\frac{1}{20}$

$$\frac{1}{t+9} + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{t+9} + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1}{20}\right) \times 20t(t+9)$$

$$20t + 20(t+9) = t(t+9)$$

...

$$t^2 - 31t - 180 = 0$$

$$(t - 36)(t + 5) = 0$$

It would take George 36 hours to clean the pool.

$$t = 36 \quad t = -5$$

let $t =$ time (hours)

$$r_t = 1.2 \quad r_2 = r_1 + 1$$

$$\frac{1}{r_t} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{1.2} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_1 + 1}$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{6} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_1 + 1}\right) \times 6r_1(r_1 + 1)$$

$$5r_1(r_1 + 1) = 6(r_1 + 1) + 6r_1$$

$$5r_1^2 + 5r_1 = 6r_1 + 6 + 6r_1$$

$$5r_1^2 - 7r_1 - 6 = 0$$

...

$$(5r_1 + 3)(r_1 - 2) = 0$$

$$5r_1 + 3 = 0 \quad r_1 - 2 = 0$$

$$r_1 = -\frac{3}{5} \quad r_1 = 2$$

Can't have a negative resistance

C11 - 6.0 - Rational Area/Reciprocals WPs Notes

$$A = x^2 - 9 \quad l = x + 3$$

$$w = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1}$$

$$w = \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1}$$

$$w = \frac{(x - 3)(x + 1)}{x + 1}$$

$$w = x - 3$$

$$A = lw$$

$$x^2 - 9 = l(x - 3)$$

$$l = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

$$l = \frac{(x + 3)(x - 3)}{x - 3}$$

$$l = x + 3$$

$$A = lw$$

$$x^2 - 9 = l \left(\frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1} \right)$$

$$\dots$$

$$l = \frac{x^2 - 9}{\frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1}}$$

$$l = (x^2 - 9) \div \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1}$$

$$l = (x^2 - 9) \times \frac{x + 1}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$$

$$l = (x + 3)(x - 3) \times \frac{x + 1}{(x + 1)(x - 3)}$$

$$l = x + 3$$

Find two consecutive integers where the sum of their reciprocals is $\frac{5}{6}$.

Let "x" = 1st # $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{5}{6}$

Let x + 1 = 2nd # $\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{5}{6} \right) \times 6x(x+1)$

$$6(x+1) + 6x = 5x(x+1)$$

$$6x + 6 + 6x = 5x^2 + 5x$$

$$5x^2 - 7x - 6 = 0$$

$$(5x^2 - 10x) + (3x - 6) = 0$$

$$5x(x - 2) + 3(x - 2) = 0$$

$$(5x + 3)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{6}{6}$$

~~$x = -\frac{3}{5}$~~ $x = 2$

Reject $x \neq 0$
 $x \neq -1$

Two numbers sum to 12 and the sum of their reciprocals is $\frac{3}{8}$.

let a = 1st # $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{3}{8}$

let b = 1st # $\left(\frac{1}{12 - b} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{3}{8} \right) \times 8b(12 - b)$

$$a + b = 12$$

$$a = 12 - b \quad 8b + 8(12 - b) = 3b(12 - b)$$

$$a = 12 - 4 \quad 3b^2 - 36b + 96 = 0$$

$$a = 8 \quad b^2 - 12b + 32 = 0$$

$$a = 12 - 8 \quad (b - 4)(b - 8) = 0$$

$$a = 4 \quad b = 4, 8$$

1st # = 4 $4 + 8 = 12$

2nd # = 8 $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$

The difference of a number and twice its reciprocal is -1. #'s = 1, -2

let x = # $x - 2 \times \frac{1}{x} = -1$

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

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

$$x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

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

$$x = -2 \quad x = 1$$

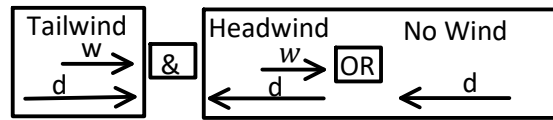
$$-2 - 2 \times \frac{1}{-2} = -1$$

$$2 + 1 = -1$$

$$1 - 2 \times \frac{1}{1} = -1$$

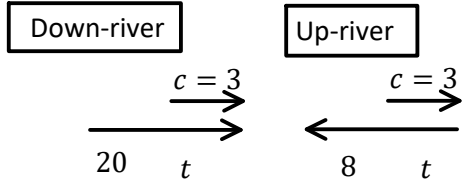
$$1 - 2 = -1$$

C11 - 6.0 - Rational Distance WPs



Mary paddles down river 20km with a current of 3km/h. It takes her the same time to paddle up river 8km. What is the speed of the boat?

Let v_b = velocity of boat in still water
 t = time



	Speed	Distance	Time
Down	$v_b + 3$	20	t
Up	$v_b - 3$	8	t

$$v = \frac{d}{t} \Rightarrow v_b + 3 = \frac{20}{t}$$

$$v = \frac{d}{t} \Rightarrow (v_b) - 3 = \frac{8}{t}$$

$$v_b = \left(\frac{20}{t} - 3\right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{20}{t} - 3\right) - 3 = \frac{8}{t}$$

$$\left(\frac{20}{t} - 6 = \frac{8}{t}\right) \times t$$

$$20 - 6t = 8$$

$$\frac{-6t}{-6} = \frac{-12}{-6}$$

$$t = 2hr$$

$$v_b = \frac{20}{2} - 3 = 7 \frac{km}{hr}$$

Mike travels 10 km/hr faster and completes 120 km two hours faster than Sue. How fast are they travelling?

let v = Sue's speed
 let t = Sue's time

$$v = \frac{d}{t} \Rightarrow v = \left(\frac{120}{t}\right)$$

$$v = \frac{120}{6}$$

$$v = 20 \frac{km}{hr}$$

$$20 + 10 = \frac{120}{6 - 2}$$

$$(v) + 10 = \frac{120}{t - 2}$$

$$\left(\frac{120}{t}\right) + 10 = \frac{120}{t - 2}$$

$$120(t - 2) + 10t(t - 2) = 120t$$

$$10t^2 - 20t - 240 = 0$$

$$t^2 - 2t - 24 = 0$$

$$t = 6$$

$$t = -4$$

Dirk travels there and back 140 km each way. If he travels ten km per hour slower there, what is the average speed there if he travelled for 2 hours and 45 minutes?

let $v \left(\frac{km}{hr}\right)$ = speed
 let T (hours) = time there
 let t (hours) = time back

There 140 km $v - 10$ T
 Back 140 km v t

$$t + T = 2.75$$

$$T = 2.75 - t$$

$$T = 2.75 - 1.3$$

$$T = 1.45 h$$

$$v - 10 = \frac{140}{T}$$

$$\left(\frac{140}{t} - 10 = \frac{140}{2.75 - t}\right) \times t(2.75 - t)$$

$$140(2.75 - t) - 10t(2.75 - t) = 140t$$

$$10t^2 - 307.5t + 385 = 0$$

$$t = 1.3$$

$$t = 29.4$$

$$v = \frac{140}{1.3}$$

$$v = 107.7 \frac{km}{h}$$

$$\frac{45}{60} = 0.75$$