

4.1: Simplifying Rational Expressions

- 1) The length of a rectangular prism is 9 more than the width. The volume is $x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x$. What is the simplified expression for the height of the prism?
- 2) Write a rational expression that has 4 and -3 as excluded values.
- 3) A square has a side length of $x + 4$ and a rectangle with height $2x+8$ has the same area as the square. What is the length of the rectangle?

Simplify each and state the excluded values.

4)
$$\frac{k+3}{k^2+8k+15}$$

5)
$$\frac{x^2+2x+1}{x+1}$$

6)
$$\frac{n-2}{n^2-7n+10}$$

7)
$$\frac{20n^2+12n}{12n}$$

8) $\frac{6b^2 - 14b}{4b^2 + 6b}$

9) $\frac{b^2 + b - 12}{b^2 - 9b + 18}$

10) $\frac{9m - 27}{m^2 - 11m + 24}$

11) $\frac{n^2 + 6n + 9}{n^2 + 9n + 18}$

12) $\frac{21p^2 + 35p}{21p^2 - 28p}$

13) $\frac{r^2 - 6r + 9}{r^2 - 10r + 21}$

14) $\frac{n^2 - 36}{n^2 - n - 42}$

15) $\frac{k^2 + 14k + 48}{k^2 - 4k - 60}$

16) $\frac{18x^3 + 30x^2 + 12x}{42x^3 + 90x^2 + 12x}$

17) $\frac{2x + 16}{5x^3 + 39x^2 - 8x}$

Perform the following operations

18) $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{5}$

19) $\frac{11}{5} \div 2$

20) $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{3}$

21) $\frac{8}{12} - \frac{3}{8}$

SPIRAL REVIEW

22) Describe the end behavior both formally and informally for the following polynomials and then state the possible number of turning points:

a) $f(x) = -x^4 + 4x^2 - 2$

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23) Graph the function $f(x) = -x^4 - x^2 + 2$ and state the following:

a) Zeros:

b) Relative Minimums:

c) Relative Maximums:

d) y - intercept:

e) Domain:

f) Range:

