

## Rational Inequalities

Find the critical values, make and shade a number line, and write the interval.

$$\frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{x-5} \leq 0$$

$$\text{Interval Answer } (-\infty, -1] \cup [2, 5]$$

$$\frac{x^2+1}{x^2-x-2} > 0$$

$$\text{Interval Answer } (-\infty, -1] \cup [2, \infty)$$

$$\frac{x+6}{x+1} > 2$$

$$\text{Interval Answer } (-1, 4]$$

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

$$\text{Interval Answer } (-\infty, -3) \cup (1, 5]$$

## Solving Rational Functions:

Find the value for the variable in each function below.

Answer:

$$\frac{2b-3}{7} - \frac{b}{2} = \frac{b+3}{14}$$

$$-\frac{9}{4} = b$$

$$\frac{5k}{k+2} + \frac{2}{k} = 5$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = k$$

$$\frac{4}{k^2-8k+12} = \frac{k}{k-2} + \frac{1}{k-6}$$

$$k = 6 \text{ or } -1$$

Since "k" cannot equal "6" the solution is "-1"

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

$$x = 3 \text{ or } x = -1$$

Since "x" cannot equal 3, the only solution is

$$x = -1$$

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## Simplify Each Expression

$$\frac{5}{3x} - \frac{3}{2x^2 - 24x + 72}$$

Answers:

$$\frac{10x^2 - 129x + 360}{6x(x-6)^2}$$

$$\frac{2x}{3} + \frac{4x}{2x^3 - 14x^2 + 12x}$$

$$\frac{2x^3 - 14x^2 + 12x + 6}{3(x-6)(x+5)}$$

$$\frac{5}{3x+15} + \frac{6x}{x+6}$$

$$\frac{95x+30+18x^2}{3(x+6)(x+5)}$$

$$\frac{a+2}{4a^3 - 18a^2 + 8a} - \frac{4a}{3a}$$

$$\frac{-29a+6-16a^3+72a^2}{6a(a-4)(2a-1)}$$

## Rational Function Inverse

$$f(x) = \frac{x+5}{x-5}$$

Answers:

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{5x+5}{x-1}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2x+7}{x}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{7}{x+2}$$

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

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

$$f(x) = \frac{x+7}{x}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{7}{x-1}$$

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$$\frac{x^2+1}{x^2-x-2} > 0$$

1) ✓  
2) ✓  
3) Top = 0  $\cancel{x^2+1=0}$

$x^2+1 = 0$   
 $x^2 = -1$   
 $x = \pm\sqrt{-1}$  (Imaginary)

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

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

$x-2 = 0 \Rightarrow x=2$   
 $x+1 = 0 \Rightarrow x=-1$

Number Line:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

Test Points:  $x = -2, -1, 0, 2, 3$

$\frac{x^2+1}{(x-2)(x+1)} > 0$   
 $\frac{(-4)(-1)}{(-4)(-1)} > 0$   
 $\frac{5}{4} > 0$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{x+3}}{x-1} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2}{(x+3)(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2(x-1) - 1(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2x-2 - x-3}{(x+3)(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{(x-5)}{(x+3)(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{x-5}{x+3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$$

$$\frac{x-1}{x+3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\frac{x-5}{(x+3)(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{-9}{(-1)(-5)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{5}{(3)(-1)} \leq 0$$

$$-\frac{9}{5} \leq 0$$

$$-\frac{5}{3} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{1}{(1)(5)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{4}{k^2 - 8k + 12} = \frac{k}{k-2} + \frac{1}{k-6}$$

$k \neq 6$   
 $k \neq 2$

$$\frac{4}{(k-2)(k-6)} = \frac{k(k-6) + (k-2)}{(k-2)(k-6)}$$

$$\frac{4}{(k-2)(k-6)} = \frac{k^2 - 5k - 2}{(k-2)(k-6)}$$

$$\cancel{4(k-2)(k-6)} = \cancel{(k^2 - 5k - 2)(k-2)(k-6)}$$

$$4 = k^2 - 5k - 2$$

$$0 = k^2 - 5k - 6$$

$$0 = (k-6)(k+1)$$

$\boxed{k \neq 6}$     $\boxed{k = -1}$

$$\frac{5}{(3x+15)} + \frac{6x}{(x+6)}$$

$$\left[ \frac{5(x+6) + 6x(3x+15)}{(3x+15)(x+6)} \right]$$

$$\frac{5x + 30 + 18x^2 + 90x}{(3x+15)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{18x^2 + 95x + 30}{(3x+15)(x+6)}$$

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

$$\frac{10(x^2 - 12x + 36) - 9x}{(3x)(2)(x-6)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{10x^2 - 120x + 360 - 9x}{(3x)(2)(x-6)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{10x^2 - 129x + 360}{6x(x-6)(x+6)}$$

$x = 6$

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$$f(x) = \frac{-2x+7}{x}$$

$$y = -\frac{2x+7}{x}$$

$$\frac{x}{1} = -\frac{2y+7}{y}$$

$$xy = -2y + 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +2y \\ \hline xy + 2y = 7 \end{array}$$

$$y \frac{(x+2)}{x+2} = \frac{7}{x+2}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{7}{x+2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{-3y - 1}{y + 5} \\xy + 5x &= -3y - 1 \\xy + 3y &= -5x - 1 \\y(x+3) &= -5x - 1 \\y &= \frac{-5x-1}{x+3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{5x+1}{-x-3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x - \frac{2}{x-3} &= \frac{x-1}{3-x} \\x \frac{(x-2)(x-1)}{(x-2)(3-x)} + \frac{2}{(x-3)(3-x)} &= \frac{(3-x)}{(x-3)(3-x)} \\x = \frac{x^2-4x+3 + 6-2x}{(x-3)(3-x)} &= \frac{(x-3)(3-x)}{(x-3)(3-x)} \\x = \frac{x^2-6x+9}{(x-3)(3-x)} &= \frac{(x-3)}{(3-x)} \\x(3-x) &= x-3 \\-3x - x^2 &= -3x - 3 \\-3x &\cancel{-x^2} \\0 &= x^2 - 2x - 3 \\0 &= (x-3)(x+1) \\x \neq 3 &\quad x = -1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4}{k^2+8k+12} &= \frac{k}{k-2} + \frac{1}{k-6} \quad k \neq 2, 6 \\ \frac{4}{(k-2)(k+6)} &= \frac{k(k-6) + (1)(k-2)}{(k-2)(k+6)} \\ \frac{4}{(k-2)(k+6)} &= \frac{k^2-5k-2}{(k-2)(k+6)} \quad k-2 \neq 0, k+6 \neq 0 \\ 4(k-2)(k+6) &= (k^2-5k-2)(k-2)(k+6) \\ 4 &= k^2-5k-2 \\ 0 &= k^2-5k-6 \\ 0 &= (k-6)(k+1) \\ k-6 &= 0 \quad k+1 = 0 \\ k &\neq 6 \quad k = -1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{x+3} &\leq \frac{1}{x-1} \\ \frac{2(x-1)}{(x+3)(x-1)} - \frac{1(x+3)}{(x-1)(x+3)} &\leq 0 \\ \frac{2(x-1) - (x+3)}{(x+3)(x-1)} &\leq 0 \\ \frac{2x-2-x-3}{(x+3)(x-1)} &\leq 0 \\ \frac{x-5}{(x+3)(x-1)} &\leq 0 \quad x = 5 \text{ (TP)} \\ \frac{x-5}{(x+3)(x-1)} &= 0 \quad x = -3 \text{ (RP)} \quad x = 1 \text{ (RP)} \\ (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 1) \cup (1, 5) \cup (5, \infty) &\\ \frac{-9}{5} &\leq 0 \quad \frac{-5}{3} \leq 0 \quad \frac{-3}{5} \leq 0 \quad \frac{1}{45} \leq 0 \\ (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 1] &\end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{-2x+7}{x}$$

$$x = \frac{-2y+7}{y}$$

$$xy = -2y + 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +2y \\ \hline xy + 2y \end{array}$$

$$xy + 2y = 7$$

$$y \frac{(x+2)}{(x+2)} = \frac{7}{(x+2)}$$

$$y = \frac{7}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{5}{3x} - \frac{3}{2x^2 - 24x + 72} \rightarrow \frac{10x^2 - 129x + 360}{6x(x-6)^2}$$

$$\frac{2x}{3} + \frac{4x}{2x^3 - 14x^2 + 12x} \rightarrow \frac{2x^3 - 14x^2 + 12x + 6}{3(x-6)(x-1)}$$

$$\frac{5}{3x+15} + \frac{6x}{x+6} \rightarrow \frac{95x + 30 + 18x^2}{3(x+6)(x+5)}$$

$$\frac{a+2}{4a^3 - 18a^2 + 8a} - \frac{4a}{3a} \rightarrow \frac{-29a + 6 - 16a^3 + 72a^2}{6a(a-4)(2a-1)}$$

$$\frac{5}{8x} - \frac{3}{2x^2 - 24x + 72}$$

$$2(x^2 - 12x + 36)$$

$$2(x-6)(x-6)$$

$$\frac{5}{3x} - \frac{3}{2(x-6)(x-6)}$$

$$\frac{10(x^2 - 12x + 36) - 3(3x)}{5(2)(x-6)(x-6)} = \frac{9x}{3x(2)(x-6)(x-6)}$$

$$\frac{10x^2 - 120x + 360 - 9x}{6x(x-6)(x-6)}$$

$$10x^2 - 120x + 360 - 9x$$

$$6x(x-6)(x-6)$$

$$10x^2 - 129x + 360$$

$$6x(x-6)(x-6)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x=0 \\ x=6 \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} 10 - 129 + 360 \\ \downarrow 60 - 414 \\ 10 - 69 \end{array} \right.$$

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

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

$$xy + 5x = -3y - 1$$

$$xy + 3y = -5x - 1$$

$$y(x+3) = -5x - 1$$

$$y = \frac{-5x-1}{x+3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{5x+1}{-x-3}$$

$$\frac{x+6}{x+1} > 2$$

$$\frac{x+6}{x+1} - \frac{2}{1} > 0$$

$$\frac{x+6 - 2(x+1)}{x+1} > 0$$

$$\frac{x+6 - 2x - 2}{x+1} > 0$$

$$\frac{-x + 4}{x+1} > 0$$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{TP} \\ (-1, 4) \end{array}$

$$\frac{-x+4=0}{x=-4}$$

$$\frac{x+1=0}{x=-1}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{TP} \\ \text{TP} \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \leftarrow & -2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & \rightarrow \\ \text{TP} & \text{TP} & \text{TP} & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\frac{0}{5} > 0$$

open circle

$$\frac{-(2)+4}{-2+1} > 0$$

$$\frac{-2+4}{-1} > 0$$

$$\frac{2+4}{-1} > 0$$

$$\frac{4}{-1} > 0$$

$$\text{False}$$

$$\frac{-(6)+4}{-6+1} > 0$$

$$\frac{-6+4}{-5} > 0$$

$$\frac{-2}{5} > 0$$

$$\text{No}$$

$$\text{No}$$

$$\frac{5k(k+2)}{(k+2)(k)} + \frac{2(k+2)}{(k+2)(k)} = \frac{5}{1}$$

$$\frac{5k^2+2k+4}{(k+2)(k)} = \frac{5}{1}$$

$$5k^2+2k+4 = 5(k+2)(k)$$

$$5k^2+2k+4 = 5(k^2+2k)$$

$$\cancel{5k^2} + 2k + 4 = \cancel{5k^2} + 10k$$

$$2k + 4 = 10k$$

$$4 = 8k$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{8} = k$$

$$\frac{5k}{k+2} = \frac{5}{1} - \frac{2}{k}$$

$$y = \frac{x+5}{x-5}$$

$$x = \frac{y+5}{y-5}$$

$$x(y-5) = y+5$$

$$xy - 5x = y+5 + 5x$$

$$-y \quad \leftarrow -y$$

$$xy - y = 5x + 5$$

$$y(x-1) = \frac{5x+5}{x-1}$$

$$y = \frac{5x+5}{x-1} = \frac{5(x+1)}{(x-1)}$$

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

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

$$x(y+5) = -3y - 1$$

$$xy + 5x = -3y - 1$$

$$xy + 3y = -5x - 1$$

$$y \left( \frac{x+3}{x+3} \right) = -\frac{5x+1}{x+3}$$

$$y = -\frac{5x+1}{x+3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{5x+1}{-x-3}$$

$$\frac{5(x+6)}{3x+15} + \frac{6x(3x+15)}{x+6(3x+15)}$$

$$\frac{5(x+6) + 6x(3x+15)}{(3x+15)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{5x+30 + 18x^2 + 90x}{(3x+15)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{18x^2 + 95x + 30}{3(x+5)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{x^2+1}{x^2-x-2} > 0$$

$$x^2+1 = 0 \quad x^2-x-2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -1 \quad (x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-1} \quad x=2 \quad x=-1$$

imaginarily

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{x^2 - 6x + 9}{(3-x)(x-3)}$$

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

$$x-3 = x(3-x)$$

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

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

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

$$x \neq 3 \quad x = -1$$

$$\frac{5}{3x} - \frac{3}{2x^2 - 24x + 72}$$

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

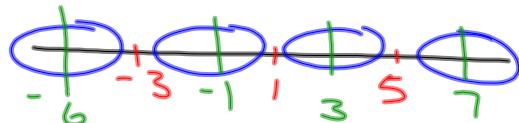
$$\frac{2x-2 - x^2 - 2}{(x-1)(x+3)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{x-5}{(x-1)(x+3)} \leq 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} x-5=0 \\ (x-1)(x+3)=0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (-\infty, -3) \cup (-1, 5] \\ \text{TP} \quad \text{TP} \quad \text{TP} \quad \text{TP} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} -\frac{9}{5} \leq 0 \quad -\frac{5}{3} \leq 0 \quad -\frac{2}{3} \leq 0 \quad \frac{1}{4} \leq 0 \\ \text{TP} \quad \text{TP} \quad \text{TP} \quad \text{TP} \end{array}$$

$$(-\infty, -3) \cup (1, 5]$$



$$\frac{4}{k^2-8k+12} = \frac{k}{k-2} + \frac{1}{k-6}$$

$$\frac{4}{(k-2)(k-6)} = \frac{k(k-6) + 1(k-2)}{(k-2)(k-6)}$$

$$\frac{4}{(k-2)(k-6)} = \frac{k^2 - 6k + k - 2}{(k-2)(k-6)}$$

$$\frac{4}{(k-2)(k-6)} = \frac{(k^2 - 5k - 2)}{(k-2)(k-6)}$$

$$\cancel{4(k-2)(k-6)} = \cancel{(k-2)(k-6)} \cancel{(k^2 - 5k - 2)}$$

$$4 = k^2 - 5k - 2$$

$$-4 \quad -4$$

$$0 = k^2 - 5k - 6$$

$$0 = (k-6)(k+1)$$

$$(k \neq 6) \quad k = -1$$

answer  $k = -$

$$\begin{array}{l} k \neq 6 \\ k \neq -1 \end{array}$$

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$$\frac{5}{3x} - \frac{3}{2x^2 - 24x + 72}$$

$$\frac{5}{3x} - \frac{3}{2(x^2 - 12x + 36)}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 5(2)(x-6)(x+6) &- 9x \\ 10(x-6)(x+6) &- 9x \\ 10(x^2 - 12x + 36) &- 9x \\ 10x^2 - 120x + 360 &- 9x \\ \underline{10x^2 - 129x + 360} & \\ \hline (3x)(2)(x-6)(x+6) & \\ 6x(x-6)^2 & \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{10x^2 - 129x + 360}{4x(x-6)^2}$$

$$\frac{5}{3x+15} + \frac{6x}{x+6}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{5(x+6)} + \cancel{6x}(3x+15)}{(3x+15)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{5x+30 + 18x^2 + 90x}{(3x+15)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{18x^2 + 95x + 30}{(3x+15)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{3(x+5)(x+6)}{3(x+5)(x+6)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= -\frac{1}{4} \quad \textcircled{1} \\ k &= \frac{1}{2} \quad \textcircled{2} \\ \cancel{k+2} \text{ or } k &= -1 \quad \checkmark \\ x &= -1 \quad \textcircled{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2b-3}{7} - \frac{b}{2} &= \frac{b+3}{14} \\ \frac{2(2b-3) - b(7)}{14} &= \frac{b+3}{14} \\ \frac{4b-6 - 7b}{14} &= \frac{b+3}{14} \\ \frac{-3b-6}{14} &= \frac{b+3}{14} \\ \cancel{14}(-3b-6) &= \cancel{14}(b+3) \\ -3b-6 &= b+3 \\ +3b \quad +3b & \\ -6 &= 4b+3 \\ -3 &= \cancel{4b} \\ -9 &= 4b \\ -\frac{9}{4} &= b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{k^2-8k+12} &= \frac{(k-6)}{(k-2)(k-6)} + \frac{1}{k-6} \frac{(k-2)}{(k-2)} \\ \frac{4}{(k-2)(k-6)} &= \frac{k^2-6k+k-2}{(k-2)(k-6)} \\ \frac{4}{(k-2)(k-6)} &= \frac{k^2-5k-2}{(k-2)(k-6)} \\ 4(k-2)(k-6) &= (k-2)(k-6)(k^2-5k-2) \\ 4 &= k^2-5k-2 \\ -4 & \\ 0 &= k^2-5k-6 \\ 0 &= (k-6)(k+1) \\ k-6=0 & \quad k+1=0 \\ k=6 & \quad k=-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a+2}{4a^3-18a^2+8a} - \frac{4a}{3a} & \\ \frac{a+2}{4a^3-18a^2+8a} - \frac{4a}{3a} & \\ 2a(2a^2-9a+4) & \\ \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(a+2)}{2a(2a^2-9a+4)} - \frac{\cancel{4}(2a)}{\cancel{3}(2a)(2a^2-9a+4)} & \\ \frac{3a+6}{2a(2a^2-9a+4)} - \frac{8a(2a^2-9a+4)}{6a(2a^2-9a+4)} & \\ \frac{3a+6 - 16a^3 + 72a^2 - 36a}{6a(2a^2-9a+4)} & \\ \boxed{\frac{-16a^3 + 72a^2 - 33a + 6}{6a(2a^2-9a+4)}} & \\ \text{answer} & \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\frac{2(x-1)}{(x+3)(x-1)(x-2)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2(x-1) - 1(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2x-2-x-3}{(x+3)(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{(x-5)}{(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 1) \cup (1, 5) \cup (5, \infty)} \leq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} TP \\ \text{---} \\ -4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} TP \\ \text{---} \\ -3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} TP \\ \text{---} \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} TP \\ \text{---} \\ 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} TP \\ \text{---} \\ 5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} TP \\ \text{---} \\ 6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{-9}{(1)(-5)} \leq 0 \quad \text{True} \\ \frac{-5}{-3} \leq 0 \quad \text{False} \\ \frac{-3}{5} \leq 0 \quad \text{True} \\ \frac{1}{45} \leq 0 \quad \text{False} \end{array}$$