

Adding and subtracting rational expressions

$$1. \frac{x^2+5x}{x+7} - \frac{14}{x+7} = \frac{x^2+5x-14}{x+7} = \frac{(x-2)\cancel{(x+7)}}{\cancel{(x+7)}} = x-2$$

$$2. \frac{3y^2-19y}{y^2-25} + \frac{y^2-9}{y^2-25} = \frac{4y^2-28y}{y^2-25}$$

$$= \frac{4(y^2-7y)}{y^2-25} = \frac{4(y\cancel{(y-5)})}{(\cancel{y-5})(y+5)} = \frac{4y}{y+5}$$

$$3. \frac{8m^2}{10m^3+6m^2} = \frac{6m^2-12m}{10m^3+6m^2} = \frac{2m^2+12m}{10m^2(m+6)} = \frac{\cancel{2}m(m+6)}{\cancel{10}m^2(m+6)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5m}$$

$$4. \frac{v^2-4v}{5v^2+9v-2} - \frac{2v+16}{5v^2+9v-2} = \frac{v^2-6v-16}{5v^2+9v-2}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(v+2)}(v-8)}{\cancel{(5v-1)}(v+2)} = \frac{(v-8)}{5v-1}$$

$$5. \frac{k+5}{k+1} + \frac{8}{k^2-1} = \frac{(k+5)(k-1)+8}{k^2-1} = \frac{k^2+4k-5+8}{(k+1)(k-1)}$$

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

$$= \frac{\cancel{(k+1)}(k+3)}{\cancel{(k+1)}(k-1)} = \frac{(k+3)}{(k-1)}$$

$$6. \frac{22w+11}{8w^2-6w} - \frac{3}{2w} = \frac{\cancel{11}(22w+11) - 3(4w-3)}{8w^2-6w}$$

$$= \frac{22w+11-12w+9}{8w^2-6w} = \frac{10w+20}{8w^2-6w}$$

$$= \frac{5(w+2)}{2w(4w-3)} = \frac{5(w+2)}{w(4w-3)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 7. \quad \frac{x}{2x-5} - \frac{4x+15}{4x^2-25} &= \frac{x(2x+5) - 4x+15}{4x^2-25} \\
 &= \frac{2x^2+5x-4x-15}{4x^2-25} \\
 &= \frac{2x^2+x-15}{(2x-5)(2x+5)} = \frac{(x+3)(2x-5)}{(2x-5)(2x+5)} \\
 &= \frac{(x+3)}{(2x+5)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 8. \quad \frac{8a-18}{3a^2+14a+8} + \frac{7}{3a+2} &= \frac{8a-18+7(a+4)}{(3a+2)(a+4)} \\
 &= \frac{8a-18+7a+28}{(3a+2)(a+4)} = \frac{15a+10}{(3a+2)(a+4)} = \frac{5(3a+2)}{(3a+2)(a+4)} = \frac{5}{a+4}
 \end{aligned}$$