

Key Concepts

- Inverse Variation Word Problems ($y=k/x$)
- Sketching the graph of Rational Functions
- Finding Vertical Asymptotes, Horizontal Asymptotes, Holes, Domain, Range
- Simplifying Rational Expressions
- Multiplying Rational Expressions
- Dividing Rational Expressions
- Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions with...
 - Common Denominators
 - Uncommon Denominators
- Solving Rational Equations
 - ...By Cross Multiplying
 - ...By finding the LCM
 - Checking for Extraneous Solutions

Discussion

1. In your own words, define the following:

- a. Inverse Variation $\rightarrow y=k/x$ $k=\text{constant}$
- b. Rational Expression $\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\text{poly}}{\text{poly}}$
- c. Asymptote \rightarrow Hor V line the graph never touches
- d. Hole \rightarrow when you cancel factor in num+den.
- e. Domain \rightarrow all possible x-values (\neq V.A. or holes)
- f. Range \rightarrow all possible y-values (\neq H.A. or holes)
- g. Extraneous Solution \rightarrow solution that doesn't work in original
- h. LCM \rightarrow least common multiple

2. Describe how you would find a...

- a. Vertical Asymptote \rightarrow factor completely - set each denom factor to 0
- b. Horizontal Asymptote \rightarrow find degree \rightarrow big bottom $\rightarrow y=0$
- c. Hole \rightarrow any denom factors that cancel $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{same} \rightarrow y = \text{coeff. s} \\ \text{big top} \rightarrow \text{slant} \end{array} \right.$

3. Can an x-value give you both a hole and a vertical asymptote?

no

4. Describe the process you would do to divide rational expressions.

multiply by reciprocal of 2nd fraction
 ("keep, change, flip")

Practice

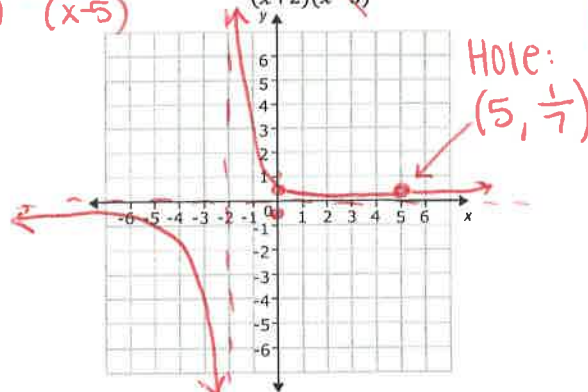
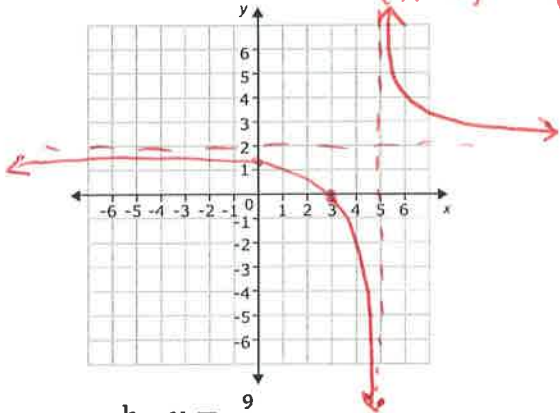
5. The length of a violin string varies inversely as the frequency of its vibrations. A

violin string 14 inches long vibrates at a frequency of 450 cycles per second. Find

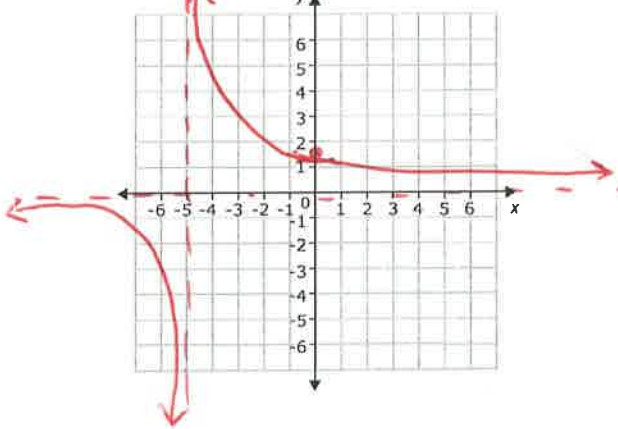
the frequency of a 12-inch violin string. $14 = \frac{k}{450} \rightarrow k = 6300 \rightarrow 12 = \frac{6300}{x} \rightarrow x = 525$ 525
cycles
per
second

6. Sketch a graph of the following:

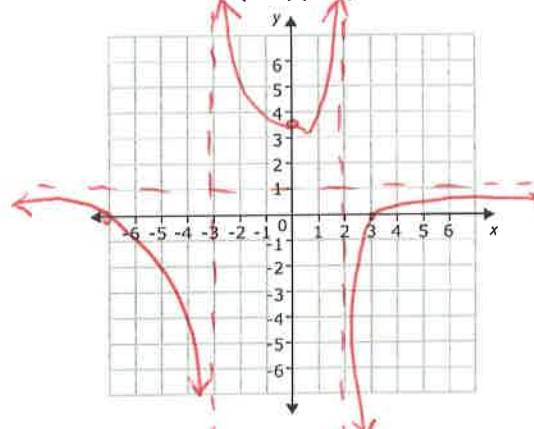
a. $y = \frac{4}{x-5} + 2 \rightarrow \frac{4+2x-10}{x-5} = \frac{2x-6}{x-5} = \frac{2(x-3)}{x-5}$ c. $y = \frac{(x-5)}{(x+2)(x-5)}$



b. $y = \frac{9}{x+5}$



d. $y = \frac{(x+7)(x-3)}{(x-2)(x+3)}$



7. Simplify the following Rational Expressions

a. $\frac{9x^2 + 81x}{x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x} = \frac{9x(x+9)}{x(x^2+8x-9)} = \frac{9x(x+9)}{x(x-1)(x+9)} = \frac{9}{x-1}$

b. $\frac{x^2 + 2x - 80}{2x^3 - 24x^2 + 64x} = \frac{(x-8)(x+10)}{2x(x^2-12x+32)} = \frac{(x-8)(x+10)}{2x(x-4)(x-8)} = \frac{x+10}{2x(x-4)}$

c. $\frac{3r^2 - 39r + 90}{r^2 - 3r - 70} = \frac{3(r^2 - 13r + 30)}{(r-10)(r+7)} = \frac{3(r-10)(r-3)}{(r-10)(r+7)} = \frac{3(r-3)}{r+7}$

$$2x^2 + 9x + 6x + 27$$

$$= (2x+9) + 3(2x+9)$$

$$= (2x+9)(1+3)$$

$$= (2x+9)(4)$$

8. For the following Rational Functions, identify any Holes and Vertical and Horizontal Asymptotes. If none exist, write n/a. Then identify the Domain and the Range.

a. $y = \frac{3x^2 + 21x}{x^2 + 5x - 14} = \frac{3x(x+7)}{(x+7)(x-2)}$

Hole(s)	$(-7, 7/3)$ $\frac{3(-7)}{-7-2} = -2/9$
VA	$x=2$
HA	$y=3$
Domain	$(-\infty, -7) \cup (-7, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
Range	$(-\infty, 7/3) \cup (7/3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

b. $y = \frac{x-3}{2x^2 + 15x + 27} = \frac{(x-3)}{(2x+9)(x+3)}$

Hole(s)	NONE
VA	$x = -9/2, x = -3$
HA	$y = 0$
Domain	$(-\infty, -9/2) \cup (-9/2, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)$
Range	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

c. $y = \frac{x^2 - 9x + 20}{4x^2 - 12x - 40} = \frac{(x-5)(x-4)}{4(x^2 - 3x - 10)} = \frac{(x-5)(x-4)}{4(x-5)(x+2)}$

Hole(s)	$(5, 1/28)$ $\frac{5-4}{4(7)} = 1/28$
VA	$x = -2$
HA	$y = 1/4$
Domain	$(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$
Range	$(-\infty, 1/28) \cup (1/28, 1/4) \cup (1/4, \infty)$

Hole(s)	$(-7, -1/23)$ $-1/23$
VA	$x = 2/3$
HA	$y = 0$
Domain	$(-\infty, -7) \cup (-7, 2/3) \cup (2/3, \infty)$
Range	$(-\infty, -1/23) \cup (-1/23, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

9. Perform the Operations below:

a. $\frac{1}{p-9} \cdot \frac{p^2 + 6p - 27}{p+9} = \frac{(p+9)(p-3)}{(p-9)(p+9)} = \frac{p-3}{p-9}$

b. $\frac{v-7}{v+6} \cdot \frac{10v+60}{v-7} = \frac{(v-7)10(v+6)}{(v+6)(v-7)} = 10$

c. $\frac{16x-56}{8} \div \frac{8x-28}{4} = \frac{8(2x-7)}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{4(2x-7)} = 1$

d. $\frac{a-4}{a^2 - 2a - 8} \div \frac{1}{a-5} = \frac{(a-4)}{(a-4)(a+2)} \cdot \frac{(a-5)}{1} = \frac{a-5}{a+2}$

e. $\frac{2x}{3x+3} - \frac{2}{x+5} = \frac{2x(x+5)}{(3x+3)(x+5)} - \frac{2(3x+3)}{(3x+3)(x+5)} = \frac{2x^2 + 10x - 6x - 6}{(3x+3)(x+5)} = \frac{2x^2 + 4x - 6}{3(x+1)(x+5)}$

f. $\frac{3(x-8)}{x+7} + \frac{4(x+7)}{x-8} = \frac{3x-24+4x+28}{(x+7)(x-8)} = \frac{7x+4}{(x+7)(x-8)}$

g. $\frac{r+6}{3r-6} + \frac{r+1}{3r-6} = \frac{7r+7}{3r-6} = \frac{7(r+1)}{3(r-2)}$

h. $\frac{x+y}{18xy} - \frac{6x+y}{18xy} = \frac{-5x}{18xy} = \frac{-5}{18y}$

10. Solve the following equations:

a) $\frac{1}{5x} = \frac{1}{9x}$ $5x = 9x$ $x=0$ extra!
 $\boxed{\text{NO SOLUTION}}$

b) $\frac{4}{2x-3} = \frac{x}{5}$
 $20 = 2x^2 - 3x$
 $0 = 2x^2 - 3x - 20$
 $0 = (2x+5)(x-4)$

c) $\frac{3}{2x} - \frac{5}{3x} = 2$
 $\frac{9}{6x} - \frac{10}{6x} = 2 \rightarrow \frac{-1}{6x} = 2 \rightarrow 12x = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $\boxed{x = -\frac{1}{24}}$

Challenge: try it

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

e) $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{12}{x+7}$
 $3x+21 = 12x$
 $21 = 9x$
 $\boxed{\frac{7}{3} = x}$

f) $\frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2y}$
 $\frac{4+y}{2y} = \frac{5}{2y}$
 $4+y = 5$
 $\boxed{y = 1}$

g) $\frac{10}{6x+7} = \frac{6}{2x+9}$
 $20x+90 = 36x+42$
 $48 = 16x$
 $\boxed{3 = x}$

h) $\frac{2}{x+2} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{-4}{x(x+2)}$
 $2x-x-2 = -4$
 $x = -2$ extra!
 $\boxed{\text{NO SOLUTION}}$

i) $\frac{3}{x+5} + \frac{-2}{-5+x} = \frac{-4}{x^2-25}$
 $3x+15-2x-10 = -4$
 $x-25 = -4$
 $\boxed{x = 21}$

j) $\frac{10}{2y+8} - \frac{7y+8}{y^2-16} = \frac{-8}{2y-8}$
 $10(y-4) - (7y+8)(y+4) = -8(y+4)$
 $10y-40-14y-16 = -8y-32$
 $-4y-56 = -8y-32$
 $4y = 24$
 $\boxed{y = 6}$