

$$1a. \frac{v^2 - 36}{5v + 30} = \frac{(v - 6)(v + 6)}{5(v + 6)} = \frac{v - 6}{5}$$

$$1b. \frac{8x^2 - 10x - 3}{8x^2 - 6x - 9} = \frac{(4x + 1)(2x - 3)}{(4x + 3)(2x - 3)} = \frac{4x + 1}{4x + 3}$$

$$2a. \frac{u^3 v^2}{15u^2 v^4} \div \frac{12u^4 v^2}{5v^{11}} = \frac{u^3 v^2}{15u^2 v^4} \cdot \frac{5v^{11}}{12u^4 v^2} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{v^7}{12u^3} = \frac{v^7}{36u^3}$$

$$2b. \frac{z^2 - 1}{6z} \cdot \frac{2}{1 - z} = \frac{(z - 1)(z + 1)}{6z} \cdot \frac{2}{-(z - 1)} = \frac{z + 1}{3z} \cdot \frac{1}{-1} = -\frac{z + 1}{3z}$$

$$3a. \frac{x - 3}{(x - 3)(x + 2)} - \frac{x + 2}{(x - 3)(x + 2)} = \frac{x - 3 - (x + 2)}{(x - 3)(x + 2)} = -\frac{5}{(x - 3)(x + 2)}$$

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

$$4. \frac{4 - \frac{1}{p}}{9 + \frac{5}{p}} = \frac{4 - \frac{1}{p}}{9 + \frac{5}{p}} \cdot \frac{p}{p} = \frac{4p - 1}{9p + 5}$$

$$5a. 2x(x + 1) \cdot \left(2 - \frac{5}{2x}\right) = 2x(x + 1) \cdot \left(\frac{2x}{x + 1}\right) \Rightarrow 4x(x + 1) - 5(x + 1) = 4x^2 \Rightarrow 4x^2 - x - 5 = 4x^2 \Rightarrow x = -5$$

$$5b. 2x(x + 3) + 4(x - 3) = -24 \Rightarrow 2x^2 + 10x + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (x + 3)(x + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3, -2 \Rightarrow x = -2 \Rightarrow \text{Solution set is } \{-2\}.$$

$$6. I = \frac{nE}{R + nr} \Rightarrow I(R + nr) = nE \Rightarrow IR + Inr = nE \Rightarrow In \cdot r = nE - IR \Rightarrow r = \frac{nE - IR}{nI}$$

7.

	Rate	Time	Distance
Riding	12	$\frac{d}{12}$	d
Walking	3	$\frac{d}{3}$	d

He rides to the pub $36/60$ hr. faster, so $\frac{d}{12} + \frac{36}{60} = \frac{d}{3}$ is our equation (all time quantities should be in hours).

This gives: $60 \left(\frac{d}{12} + \frac{36}{60} \right) = \frac{d}{3} \cdot 60 \Rightarrow 5d + 36 = 20d \Rightarrow 15d = 36 \Rightarrow d = 36/15 = 2.4$ miles.

8.

	Rate of Work	Time Worked	Fraction of Job Done
Inlet	$\frac{1}{10}$	t	$\frac{t}{10}$
Outlet	$-\frac{1}{13}$	t	$-\frac{t}{13}$

Let t be the time it would take to fill the vat with inlet and outlet both open. We get $\frac{t}{10} - \frac{t}{13} = 1 \Rightarrow 13t - 10t = 130 \Rightarrow 3t = 130 \Rightarrow t = 43\frac{1}{3}$ hours.

9a. The second equation gives $y = 3 - 2x$, which we substitute into the first equation to get $3x - 2(3 - 2x) = 7 \Rightarrow 3x - 6 + 4x = 7 \Rightarrow 7x = 13 \Rightarrow x = 13/7$. Putting this into either equation in the system yields $y = -5/7$. Solution is $(\frac{13}{7}, -\frac{5}{7})$.

9b. The second equation gives $y = 5x$, which we substitute into the first equation to get $\frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{5}(5x) = 9 \Rightarrow 5x - 4(5x) = 180 \Rightarrow -15x = 180 \Rightarrow x = -12$. Putting this into either equation in the system yields $y = -60$. Solution is $(-12, -60)$.

10. $81^{-3/4} = \frac{1}{81^{3/4}} = \frac{1}{(81^{1/4})^3} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt[4]{81})^3} = \frac{1}{3^3} = \frac{1}{27}$.

11a. $r^{-8/9} \cdot r^{19/9} = r^{-8/9+19/9} = r^{11/9}$

11b. $\frac{m^{3/4}n^{-1/4}}{(m^2n)^{1/2}} = \frac{m^{3/4}n^{-1/4}}{(m^2)^{1/2} \cdot n^{1/2}} = \frac{m^{3/4}n^{-1/4}}{m \cdot n^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{m^{-3/4} \cdot m \cdot n^{1/2} \cdot n^{1/4}} = \frac{1}{m^{1/4}n^{3/4}}$