

# Accelerated Pre-Calculus Honors Summer Assignment 2019

## Welcome!

This packet includes a sampling of problems that students entering Accelerated Pre-Calculus Honors should be able to answer.

Pre-Calculus course is the gateway to any future mathematics course and many science courses. Success will be attained through a positive attitude, hard work, and perseverance, especially when topics seem extremely difficult.

The work will tap into your prior knowledge and review past content, concepts, and skills. Our expectation is that you arrive on the first day of school able to demonstrate mastery of the materials in this packet. In order to achieve this, please allow yourself plenty of time to work on the problems and work each problem to completion.

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  1. Go to [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)
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  5. Type in the Search Engine Bar The topic you would like to complete or click on the link provided
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Khan Academy Summer Work Topics for Pre-Calculus:

- a. Factor Perfect Squares <http://tinyurl.com/zv9y8lb>
- b. Factoring Quadratics ( ) <http://tinyurl.com/pzjz9eu>
- c. Factor Polynomials: Quadratics Advanced <http://tinyurl.com/qxg9ccq>
- d. Find Zeros of Polynomials <http://tinyurl.com/jfoafpn>
- e. End Behavior of Polynomials: Even / Odd Function <http://tinyurl.com/z2v2rlo>
- f. Distance Formula <http://tinyurl.com/pmebbx3>
- g. Special Right Triangles <http://tinyurl.com/mncy46w>
- h. Completing the Square (intermediate) <http://tinyurl.com/nlfrwhzb>
- i. Quadratic Formula: Solving Quadratic Equations <http://tinyurl.com/pmze7xj>
- j. Midpoint Formula <http://tinyurl.com/mdmjc6h>

Below unit test links are listed for important units of Geometry and Algebra 2 from Khan Academy. Again, please make sure you log in using same Gmail address prior to working on these unit exams so that you will secure your work. If you don't do well in any of the below unit tests on Khan Academy, please make sure that you work in deficient areas in that unit before trying the unit exam for a second time.

- k. Functions - unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/yy6fzm38>
- l. Complex Numbers - unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/yxvjv7hw>
- m. Arithmetic with Polynomials - unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/y3r9xx8q>
- n. Polynomials – unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/y33wy3r4>
- o. Radical Relationship – unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/y3wospbe>
- p. Rational Relationships – unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/y2hdbou8>
- q. Exponential growth & decay – unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/y5r5aapn>
- r. Exponentials & logarithms – unit test – Algebra 2 <https://tinyurl.com/y3cgfedw>
- s. Right Triangle Trigonometry – unit test – Geometry <https://tinyurl.com/y6hno7p3>
- t. Circles – unit test – Geometry <https://tinyurl.com/y6ehrw54>

\* If you struggle on any of the problems, please reference the videos for each topic and/or look for hints found on the right hand side of your screen when attempting a problem. Please note you do not have to complete all problems in one sitting. Khan Academy will remember where you left off. **Be sure to log-in every time you do additional work!!**

**Part II – Starts on next page.**

## Solving Absolute Value Equations

<b>Example</b> Solve $ 2x - 3  = 17$ . Check your solutions.	
<b>Case 1</b> $a = b$ $2x - 3 = 17$ $2x - 3 + 3 = 17 + 3$ $2x = 20$ $x = 10$	<b>Case 2</b> $a = -b$ $2x - 3 = -17$ $2x - 3 + 3 = -17 + 3$ $2x = -14$ $x = -7$
<b>CHECK</b> $ 2x - 3  = 17$ $ 2(10) - 3  = 17$ $ 20 - 3  = 17$ $ 17  = 17$ $17 = 17 \checkmark$	<b>CHECK</b> $ 2(-7) - 3  = 17$ $ -14 - 3  = 17$ $ -17  = 17$ $17 = 17 \checkmark$
There are two solutions, 10 and $-7$ .	

1. Solve  $|5x + 9| + 16 = 22$ . Check your solutions.
2. Solve  $5x + 24 = |8 - 3x|$ . Check your solutions.

## Relations and Functions

<b>Example</b> Given the function $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$ , find each value.	
<b>a. <math>f(3)</math></b>	
$f(x) = x^2 + 2x$	Original function
$f(3) = 3^2 + 2(3)$	Substitute.
$= 15$	Simplify.
<b>b. <math>f(5a)</math></b>	
$f(x) = x^2 + 2x$	Original function
$f(5a) = (5a)^2 + 2(5a)$	Substitute.
$= 25a^2 + 10a$	Simplify.

3. Given the function  $f(x) = -3x^2 - 7x + 23$ , find:
  - a.  $f(-4)$
  - b.  $f(n + 5)$

## Linear Equations

**Slope:**

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

**Standard Form:**

$$Ax + By = C \text{ (remember, no fractions or decimals)}$$

**Point-Slope Form:**

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ , where  $(x_1, y_1)$  are the coordinates of a point on the line and  $m$  is the slope of the line.

**Slope-Intercept Form:**

$y = mx + b$ , where  $m$  is the slope and  $b$  is the  $y$ -intercept

**Example 1** Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that has slope  $-2$  and passes through the point  $(3, 7)$ .

Substitute for  $m$ ,  $x$ , and  $y$  in the slope-intercept form.

$$y = mx + b \quad \text{Slope-intercept form}$$

$$7 = (-2)(3) + b \quad (x, y) = (3, 7), m = -2$$

$$7 = -6 + b \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$13 = b \quad \text{Add 6 to both sides.}$$

The  $y$ -intercept is  $13$ . The equation in slope-intercept form is  $y = -2x + 13$ .

**Example 2** Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that has slope  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $x$ -intercept  $5$ .

$$y = mx + b \quad \text{Slope-intercept form}$$

$$0 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(5) + b \quad (x, y) = (5, 0), m = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$0 = \frac{5}{3} + b \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$-\frac{5}{3} = b \quad \text{Subtract } \frac{5}{3} \text{ from both sides.}$$

The  $y$ -intercept is  $-\frac{5}{3}$ . The slope-intercept form is  $y = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{5}{3}$ .

4. Find the slope of the line containing the points  $(-5, 4)$  and  $(6, -9)$ .
5. Determine the slope of the line  $7x - 4y = 12$
6. Find the standard form of a line that contains the point  $(5, -7)$  and has a slope

$$m = -\frac{13}{5}$$

7. Find the slope-intercept form of a line passing through the points  $(-4, 1)$  and  $(5, 2)$

## Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

**Example 1** Write an equation of the line that passes through (8, 2) and is perpendicular to the line whose equation is  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$ .

The slope of the given line is  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . Since the slopes of perpendicular lines are negative reciprocals, the slope of the perpendicular line is 2.

Use the slope and the given point to write the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} y - y_1 &= m(x - x_1) && \text{Point-slope form} \\ y - 2 &= 2(x - 8) && (x_1, y_1) = (8, 2), m = 2 \\ y - 2 &= 2x - 16 && \text{Distributive Prop.} \\ y &= 2x - 14 && \text{Add 2 to each side.} \end{aligned}$$

An equation of the line is  $y = 2x - 14$ .

**Example 2** Write an equation of the line that passes through (-1, 5) and is parallel to the graph of  $y = 3x + 1$ .

The slope of the given line is 3. Since the slopes of parallel lines are equal, the slope of the parallel line is also 3.

Use the slope and the given point to write the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} y - y_1 &= m(x - x_1) && \text{Point-slope form} \\ y - 5 &= 3(x - (-1)) && (x_1, y_1) = (-1, 5), m = 3 \\ y - 5 &= 3x + 3 && \text{Distributive Prop.} \\ y &= 3x + 8 && \text{Add 5 to each side.} \end{aligned}$$

An equation of the line is  $y = 3x + 8$ .

8. Write the slope-intercept form of the equation of a line passing through the point (2,1) and perpendicular to the line  $4x - 2y = 3$ .
9. Write the slope-intercept form of the equation of a line passing through the point (1, -1), parallel to the line passing through the points (4, 1) and (2, -3).

## Simplifying Radicals

**Example 1** Simplify  $\sqrt{180}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{180} &= \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} && \text{Prime factorization of 180} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2} \cdot \sqrt{3^2} \cdot \sqrt{5} && \text{Product Property of Square Roots} \\ &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt{5} && \text{Simplify.} \\ &= 6\sqrt{5} && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2** Simplify  $\sqrt{120a^2 \cdot b^5 \cdot c^4}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{120a^2 \cdot b^5 \cdot c^4} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot a^2 \cdot b^5 \cdot c^4} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{a^2} \cdot \sqrt{b^4 \cdot b} \cdot \sqrt{c^4} \\ &= 2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot |a| \cdot b^2 \cdot \sqrt{b} \cdot c^2 \\ &= 2|a|b^2c^2\sqrt{30b} \end{aligned}$$

10.  $\sqrt{162}$

11.  $\sqrt{150a^2b^2c}$

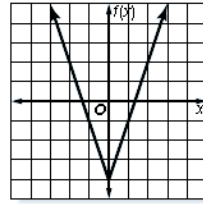
## Special Functions

**Example 1**

Graph  $f(x) = 3|x| - 4$ .

Find several ordered pairs. Graph the points and connect them. You would expect the graph to look similar to its parent function,  $f(x) = |x|$ .

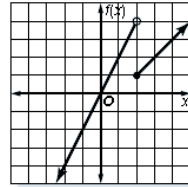
$x$	$3 x  - 4$
0	-4
1	-1
2	2
-1	-1
-2	2



**Example 2**

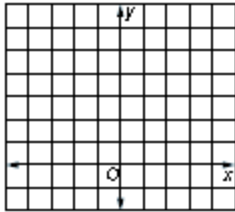
Graph  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < 2 \\ x - 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$ .

First, graph the linear function  $f(x) = 2x$  for  $x < 2$ . Since 2 does not satisfy this inequality, stop with a circle at (2, 4). Next, graph the linear function  $f(x) = x - 1$  for  $x \geq 2$ . Since 2 does satisfy this inequality, begin with a dot at (2, 1).

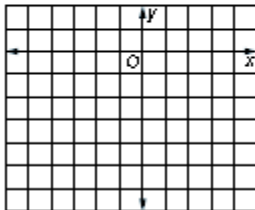


Graph the functions:

12.  $h(x) = |2x + 1|$



13.  $h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{3} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 2x - 6 & \text{if } 0 < x < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$



## Systems of Equations

### Example

Use substitution to solve the system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y &= 9 \\ x + 3y &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

Solve the first equation for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y &= 9 && \text{First equation} \\ -y &= -2x + 9 && \text{Subtract } 2x \text{ from both sides.} \\ y &= 2x - 9 && \text{Multiply both sides by } -1. \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the expression  $2x - 9$  for  $y$  into the second equation and solve for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y &= -6 && \text{Second equation} \\ x + 3(2x - 9) &= -6 && \text{Substitute } 2x - 9 \text{ for } y. \\ x + 6x - 27 &= -6 && \text{Distributive Property} \\ 7x - 27 &= -6 && \text{Simplify.} \\ 7x &= 21 && \text{Add } 27 \text{ to each side.} \\ x &= 3 && \text{Divide each side by } 7. \end{aligned}$$

Now, substitute the value 3 for  $x$  in either original equation and solve for  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y &= 9 && \text{First equation} \\ 2(3) - y &= 9 && \text{Replace } x \text{ with } 3. \\ 6 - y &= 9 && \text{Simplify.} \\ -y &= 3 && \text{Subtract } 6 \text{ from each side.} \\ y &= -3 && \text{Multiply each side by } -1. \end{aligned}$$

The solution of the system is  $(3, -3)$ .

### Example 2

Use the elimination method to solve the system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y &= 4 \\ 5x + 3y &= -25 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply the first equation by 3 and the second equation by 2. Then add the equations to eliminate the  $y$  variable.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 2y = 4 \quad \text{Multiply by 3.} \quad 9x - 6y = 12 \\ 5x + 3y = -25 \quad \text{Multiply by 2.} \quad 10x + 6y = -50 \\ \hline 19x \qquad \qquad = -38 \\ x \qquad \qquad \qquad = -2 \end{array}$$

Replace  $x$  with  $-2$  and solve for  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y &= 4 \\ 3(-2) - 2y &= 4 \\ -6 - 2y &= 4 \\ -2y &= 10 \\ y &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

The solution is  $(-2, -5)$ .

14. Solve the system of equations:  $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 7 \\ 3x + y = 8 \end{cases}$

15. Solve the system of equations:  $\begin{cases} 5x + 2y = -8 \\ 4x + 3y = 2 \end{cases}$

16. Solve the system of equations:  $\begin{cases} 2y = 3x - 7 \\ 4x = 3y + 10 \end{cases}$

## Factoring

### Example 1 Factor each trinomial.

a.  $x^2 + 7x + 10$

In this trinomial,  $b = 7$  and  $c = 10$ .

Factors of 10	Sum of Factors
1, 10	11
2, 5	7

Since  $2 + 5 = 7$  and  $2 \cdot 5 = 10$ , let  $m = 2$  and  $n = 5$ .

$$x^2 + 7x + 10 = (x + 5)(x + 2)$$

### Example 2 Factor

$6ax + 3ay + 2bx + by$  by grouping.

$$\begin{aligned} 6ax + 3ay + 2bx + by &= (6ax + 3ay) + (2bx + by) \\ &= 3a(2x + y) + b(2x + y) \\ &= (3a + b)(2x + y) \end{aligned}$$

Check using the FOIL method.

$$\begin{aligned} (3a + b)(2x + y) &= 3a(2x) + (3a)(y) + (b)(2x) + (b)(y) \\ &= 6ax + 3ay + 2bx + by \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

### Example 1 Factor $2x^2 + 15x + 18$ .

In this example,  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 15$ , and  $c = 18$ . You need to find two numbers whose sum is 15 and whose product is  $2 \cdot 18$  or 36. Make a list of the factors of 36 and look for the pair of factors whose sum is 15.

Factors of 36	Sum of Factors
1, 36	37
2, 18	20
3, 12	15

Use the pattern  $ax^2 + mx + nx + c$ , with  $a = 2$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $n = 12$ , and  $c = 18$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 + 15x + 18 &= 2x^2 + 3x + 12x + 18 \\ &= (2x^2 + 3x) + (12x + 18) \\ &= x(2x + 3) + 6(2x + 3) \\ &= (x + 6)(2x + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $2x^2 + 15x + 18 = (x + 6)(2x + 3)$ .

### Example 2 Factor each polynomial.

a.  $50a^2 - 72$

$$\begin{aligned} 50a^2 - 72 &= 2(25a^2 - 36) && \text{Find the GCF.} \\ &= 2[(5a)^2 - 6^2] && 25a^2 = 5a \cdot 5a \text{ and } 36 = 6 \cdot 6 \\ &= 2(5a + 6)(5a - 6) && \text{Factor the difference of squares.} \end{aligned}$$

b.  $4x^4 + 8x^3 - 4x^2 - 8x$

$$\begin{aligned} 4x^4 + 8x^3 - 4x^2 - 8x & \text{Original polynomial} \\ &= 4x(x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2) && \text{Find the GCF.} \\ &= 4x[(x^3 + 2x^2) - (x + 2)] && \text{Group terms.} \\ &= 4x[x^2(x + 2) - 1(x + 2)] && \text{Find the GCF.} \\ &= 4x[(x^2 - 1)(x + 2)] && \text{Factor by grouping.} \\ &= 4x[(x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)] && \text{Factor the difference of squares.} \end{aligned}$$

17.  $2x^2 - 3x - 2$

18.  $16x^2 - 8x + 1$

19.  $6x^2 + 5x - 6$

20.  $8x^2 - 4x - 24$

21.  $a^2 - 4ab + 4b^2$

22.  $36x^2 - 100y^2$

23.  $72x^2 - 50$

24.  $8x^3 - 128x$



## Solving Equations by Factoring

### Example

Solve each equation by factoring.

a.  $3x^2 = 15x$

$$3x^2 = 15x \quad \text{Original equation}$$

$$3x^2 - 15x = 0 \quad \text{Subtract } 15x \text{ from both sides.}$$

$$3x(x - 5) = 0 \quad \text{Factor the binomial.}$$

$$3x = 0 \text{ or } x - 5 = 0 \quad \text{Zero Product Property}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 5 \quad \text{Solve each equation.}$$

The solution set is  $\{0, 5\}$ .

b.  $4x^2 - 5x = 21$

$$4x^2 - 5x = 21 \quad \text{Original equation}$$

$$4x^2 - 5x - 21 = 0 \quad \text{Subtract 21 from both sides.}$$

$$(4x + 7)(x - 3) = 0 \quad \text{Factor the trinomial.}$$

$$4x + 7 = 0 \quad \text{or } x - 3 = 0 \quad \text{Zero Product Property}$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{4} \text{ or } x = 3 \quad \text{Solve each equation.}$$

The solution set is  $\left\{-\frac{7}{4}, 3\right\}$ .

Solve the equations by factoring:

25.  $6x^2 - 2x = 0$

27.  $6x^2 - 5x - 4 = 0$

26.  $x^2 + x - 30 = 0$

28.  $12x^2 = -18x - 6$

## Simplifying Rational Expressions

### Example 2

Simplify  $\frac{3x - 9}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$ . State the excluded values of  $x$ .

$$\frac{3x - 9}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = \frac{3(x - 3)}{(x - 2)(x - 3)} \quad \text{Factor.}$$

$$= \frac{3(x - 3)^1}{(x - 2)(x - 3)^1} \quad \text{Divide by the GCF, } x - 3.$$

$$= \frac{3}{x - 2} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

Exclude the values for which  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ .

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } x = 3$$

Therefore,  $x \neq 2$  and  $x \neq 3$ .

Simplify the rational expression. State the excluded value.

29.  $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 6x + 8}$

30.  $\frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 + 2x - 8}$

## Multiplying Rational Expressions

**Example 2** Find  $\frac{x^2 - 16}{2x + 8} \cdot \frac{x + 4}{x^2 + 8x + 16}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2 - 16}{2x + 8} \cdot \frac{x + 4}{x^2 + 8x + 16} &= \frac{(x - 4)(x + 4)}{2(x + 4)} \cdot \frac{x + 4}{(x + 4)(x + 4)} && \text{Factor.} \\ &= \frac{(x - 4)\cancel{(x + 4)}^1}{2\cancel{(x + 4)}^1} \cdot \frac{\cancel{x + 4}^1}{(x + 4)\cancel{(x + 4)}^1} && \text{Simplify.} \\ &= \frac{x - 4}{2x + 8} && \text{Multiply.} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply the rational expressions:

31.  $\frac{x^2 - 64}{2x + 16} \cdot \frac{x + 8}{x^2 + 16x + 64}$

32.  $\frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{x^2 + 2x - 8} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 3x - 12}{x^2 + 2x - 8}$

## Multiplying Rational Expressions

**Example 2** Find  $\frac{x^2 + 6x - 27}{x^2 + 11x + 18} \div \frac{x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2 + 6x - 27}{x^2 + 11x + 18} \div \frac{x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2} &= \frac{x^2 + 6x - 27}{x^2 + 11x + 18} \times \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x - 3} \\ &= \frac{(x + 9)(x - 3)}{(x + 9)(x + 2)} \times \frac{(x + 2)(x - 1)}{x - 3} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{(x + 9)}^1 \cancel{(x - 3)}^1}{\cancel{(x + 9)}^1 (x + 2)} \times \frac{(x + 2)\cancel{(x - 1)}}{\cancel{x - 3}^1} \\ &= x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Divide the rational expressions:

33.  $\frac{12c^2d}{5a^2b^2} \div \frac{c^2d^2}{10ab}$

34.  $\frac{x^2 - 9}{2x^2 + 13x - 7} \div \frac{x + 3}{4x^2 - 1}$

## Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

- Step 1 If necessary, find equivalent fractions that have the same denominator.  
Step 2 Add or subtract the numerators.  
Step 3 Combine any like terms in the numerator.  
Step 4 Factor if possible.  
Step 5 Simplify if possible.

**Example** Simplify  $\frac{6}{2x^2 + 2x - 12} - \frac{2}{x^2 - 4}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{6}{2x^2 + 2x - 12} - \frac{2}{x^2 - 4} \\ &= \frac{6}{2(x+3)(x-2)} - \frac{2}{(x-2)(x+2)} && \text{Factor the denominators.} \\ &= \frac{6(x+2)}{2(x+3)(x-2)(x+2)} - \frac{2 \cdot 2(x+3)}{2(x+3)(x-2)(x+2)} && \text{The LCD is } 2(x+3)(x-2)(x+2). \\ &= \frac{6(x+2) - 4(x+3)}{2(x+3)(x-2)(x+2)} && \text{Subtract the numerators.} \\ &= \frac{6x + 12 - 4x - 12}{2(x+3)(x-2)(x+2)} && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= \frac{2x}{2(x+3)(x-2)(x+2)} && \text{Combine like terms.} \\ &= \frac{x}{(x+3)(x-2)(x+2)} && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

35.  $\frac{3x+3}{x^2+2x+1} + \frac{x-1}{x^2-1}$

36.  $\frac{4}{4x^2-4x+1} - \frac{5x}{20x^2-5}$

## Rational Equations

**Example** Solve  $\frac{9}{10} + \frac{2}{x+1} = \frac{2}{5}$ .

$$\frac{9}{10} + \frac{2}{x+1} = \frac{2}{5} \quad \text{Original equation}$$

$$10(x+1)\left(\frac{9}{10} + \frac{2}{x+1}\right) = 10(x+1)\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \quad \text{Multiply each side by } 10(x+1).$$

$$9(x+1) + 2(10) = 4(x+1) \quad \text{Multiply.}$$

$$9x + 9 + 20 = 4x + 4 \quad \text{Distributive Property}$$

$$5x = -25 \quad \text{Subtract } 4x \text{ and } 29 \text{ from each side.}$$

$$x = -5 \quad \text{Divide each side by 5.}$$

**Check**  $\frac{9}{10} + \frac{2}{x+1} = \frac{2}{5}$  Original equation

$$\frac{9}{10} + \frac{2}{-5+1} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{2}{5} \quad x = -5$$

$$\frac{18}{20} - \frac{10}{20} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{2}{5} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

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

Solve each equation:

37.  $\frac{2x+1}{3} - \frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

38.  $\frac{3m+2}{5m} + \frac{2m-1}{2m} = 4$

## Multiplying Monomials

**Example** Simplify  $(-2ab^2)^3(a^2)^4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (-2ab^2)^3(a^2)^4 &= (-2ab^2)^3(a^8) && \text{Power of a Power} \\ &= (-2)^3(a^3)(b^2)^3(a^8) && \text{Power of a Product} \\ &= (-2)^3(a^3)(a^8)(b^2)^3 && \text{Group the coefficients and the variables} \\ &= (-2)^3(a^{11})(b^2)^3 && \text{Product of Powers} \\ &= -8a^{11}b^6 && \text{Power of a Power} \end{aligned}$$

The product is  $-8a^{11}b^6$ .

**Example 2** Simplify  $(-4a^3b)(3a^2b^5)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (-4a^3b)(3a^2b^5) &= (-4)(3)(a^3 \cdot a^2)(b \cdot b^5) \\ &= -12(a^{3+2})(b^{1+5}) \\ &= -12a^5b^6 \end{aligned}$$

The product is  $-12a^5b^6$ .

39.  $(-5xy)(4x^2)(-3y^4)$

40.  $(2x^3y^2z^5)^3(-3xy^2z)^2$

## Dividing Monomials

**Example** Simplify  $\frac{4a^{-3}b^6}{16a^2b^6c^{-5}}$ . Assume that the denominator is not equal to zero.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4a^{-3}b^6}{16a^2b^6c^{-5}} &= \left(\frac{4}{16}\right)\left(\frac{a^{-3}}{a^2}\right)\left(\frac{b^6}{b^6}\right)\left(\frac{1}{c^{-5}}\right) && \text{Group powers with the same base.} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(a^{-3-2})(b^{6-6})(c^5) && \text{Quotient of Powers and Negative Exponent Properties} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}a^{-5}b^0c^5 && \text{Simplify.} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{a^5}\right)(1)c^5 && \text{Negative Exponent and Zero Exponent Properties} \\ &= \frac{c^5}{4a^5} && \text{Simplify.}\end{aligned}$$

The solution is  $\frac{c^5}{4a^5}$ .

41.  $\frac{(3xy)^2z^{-4}}{x^{-1}y^2z^7}$

42.  $\frac{(-2mn^2)^{-3}}{4m^{-6}n^4}$

## Multiplying Polynomials

**Example** Find  $(3x + 2)(2x^2 - 4x + 5)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(3x + 2)(2x^2 - 4x + 5) &= 3x(2x^2 - 4x + 5) + 2(2x^2 - 4x + 5) && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= 6x^3 - 12x^2 + 15x + 4x^2 - 8x + 10 && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= 6x^3 - 8x^2 + 7x + 10 && \text{Combine like terms.}\end{aligned}$$

The product is  $6x^3 - 8x^2 + 7x + 10$ .

Multiply the polynomials:

43.  $(x - 3)(x^2 - 4x + 2)$

44.  $(3x^2 - 2x + 1)(2x^2 - 3x - 4)$

## Synthetic Division

Use synthetic division to find  $(2x^3 - 5x^2 + 5x - 2) \div (x - 1)$ .

<b>Step 1</b>	Write the terms of the dividend so that the degrees of the terms are in descending order. Then write just the coefficients.	$\begin{array}{r} 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 5x - 2 \\ 2 \quad -5 \quad 5 \quad -2 \end{array}$
<b>Step 2</b>	Write the constant $r$ of the divisor $x - r$ to the left. In this case, $r = 1$ . Bring down the first coefficient, 2, as shown.	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \mid 2 \quad -5 \quad 5 \quad -2 \\ \underline{\phantom{1} 2} \\ \phantom{1} 2 \end{array}$
<b>Step 3</b>	Multiply the first coefficient by $r$ , $1 \cdot 2 = 2$ . Write their product under the second coefficient. Then add the product and the second coefficient: $-5 + 2 = -3$ .	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \mid 2 \quad -5 \quad 5 \quad -2 \\ \phantom{1} 2 \\ \underline{\phantom{1} 2 \phantom{0}} \\ \phantom{1} 2 \quad -3 \end{array}$
<b>Step 4</b>	Multiply the sum, $-3$ , by $r$ : $-3 \cdot 1 = -3$ . Write the product under the next coefficient and add: $5 + (-3) = 2$ .	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \mid 2 \quad -5 \quad 5 \quad -2 \\ \phantom{1} 2 \quad -3 \\ \underline{\phantom{1} 2 \quad -3} \\ \phantom{1} 2 \quad -3 \quad 2 \end{array}$
<b>Step 5</b>	Multiply the sum, 2, by $r$ : $2 \cdot 1 = 2$ . Write the product under the next coefficient and add: $-2 + 2 = 0$ . The remainder is 0.	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \mid 2 \quad -5 \quad 5 \quad -2 \\ \phantom{1} 2 \quad -3 \quad 2 \\ \underline{\phantom{1} 2 \quad -3 \quad 2} \\ \phantom{1} 2 \quad -3 \quad 2 \quad 0 \end{array}$

Thus,  $(2x^3 - 5x^2 + 5x - 2) \div (x - 1) = 2x^2 - 3x + 2$ .

**Use synthetic division to divide:**

45.  $(3x^3 - 7x^2 + 9x - 14) \div (x - 2)$

46.  $(x^4 - 4x^3 + x^2 + 7x - 2) \div (x + 3)$

## Identifying Rational Zeros

### Example

List all of the possible rational zeros of each function.

a.  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^2 + 6x - 10$

If  $\frac{p}{q}$  is a rational root, then  $p$  is a factor of  $-10$  and  $q$  is a factor of 3. The possible values for  $p$  are  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5,$  and  $\pm 10$ . The possible values for  $q$  are  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm 3$ . So all of the possible rational zeros are  $\frac{p}{q} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{5}{3},$  and  $\pm \frac{10}{3}$ .

List all of the possible zeros of each function:

47.  $f(x) = 6x^7 - 3x^4 + 12x^3 + 18x^2 - 9x + 21$

48.  $f(x) = x^8 - 6x^5 - 3x^4 + x^3 + 4x^2 - 120$

## Roots and Zeros

### Example

Find all of the zeros of  $f(x) = x^4 - 15x^2 + 38x - 60$ .

Since  $f(x)$  has degree 4, the function has 4 zeros.

$$f(x) = x^4 - 15x^2 + 38x - 60 \quad f(-x) = x^4 - 15x^2 - 38x - 60$$

Since there are 3 sign changes for the coefficients of  $f(x)$ , the function has 3 or 1 positive real zeros. Since there is 1 sign change for the coefficients of  $f(-x)$ , the function has 1 negative real zero. Use synthetic substitution to test some possible zeros.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} \underline{2} & 1 & 0 & -15 & 38 & -60 \\ & & 2 & 4 & -22 & 32 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & -11 & 16 & -28 \\ \underline{3} & 1 & 0 & -15 & 38 & -60 \\ & & 3 & 9 & -18 & 60 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & -6 & 20 & 0 \end{array}$$

So 3 is a zero of the polynomial function. Now try synthetic substitution again to find a zero of the depressed polynomial.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} \underline{-2} & 1 & 3 & -6 & 20 \\ & & -2 & -2 & 16 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & -8 & 36 \\ \underline{-4} & 1 & 3 & -6 & 20 \\ & & -4 & 4 & 8 \\ \hline & 1 & -1 & -2 & 28 \\ \underline{-5} & 1 & 3 & -6 & 20 \\ & & -5 & 10 & -20 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$$

So  $-5$  is another zero. Use the Quadratic Formula on the depressed polynomial  $x^2 - 2x + 4$  to find the other 2 zeros,  $1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$ .

The function has two real zeros at 3 and  $-5$  and two imaginary zeros at  $1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$ .

Find all the zeros of the function:

49.  $f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 34x - 40$

50.  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 + 21x^2 - 75x - 100$