

Wednesday - Week 3 - Finish Chapter 6 - Fractions Factoring & Equations

1. simplifying compound fractions
2. multiplying fractions by simplifying first
3. solve linear equations
4. applications of #3
5. limits & applications

HW #5 Simplify into a single fraction

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

only flip factors, not terms!

$$= \frac{x+1}{x-1} \cdot \left[\frac{x-1}{3-(x-1)} \right]$$

$$\frac{A \cdot B}{\left(\frac{1}{C}\right) \cdot D} = \frac{C}{1} \cdot \frac{A \cdot B}{D} = \frac{ABC}{D}$$

$\frac{1}{C}$ is a factor

$$\frac{A \cdot B}{\frac{1}{C} + D} \neq \frac{C}{1} \cdot \frac{A \cdot B}{D}$$

$\frac{1}{C}$ is a term

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

$$= \frac{x+1}{4-x}$$

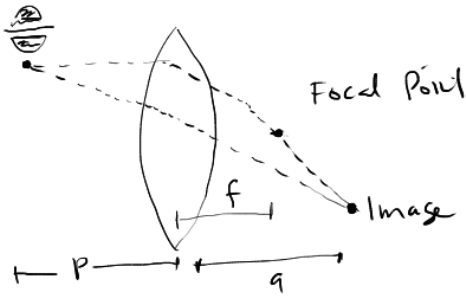
Ex Multiplying Fractions by Simplifying 1st

$$\frac{4x^2 - 36}{x^3 - 25x} \cdot \frac{7x - 35}{3x^2 + 9x} = \frac{4(x^2 - 9)}{x(x^2 - 25)} \cdot \frac{7(x-5)}{3x(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{4(x-3)(x+3)}{x(x-5)(x+5)} \cdot \frac{7(x-5)}{3x(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{4(x-3) \cdot 7}{x(x+5) \cdot 3x} = \frac{28(x-3)}{3x^2(x+5)}$$

Solve equations involving fractions



$$f = \frac{pq}{p+q}$$

Suppose you want to find q .
Solve for q :

1. get q 's all on the level.

$$\frac{f}{1} = \frac{pq}{p+q} \Rightarrow f(p+q) = 1 \cdot pq$$

2. distribute & collect terms involving q on same side

$$fp + fq = pq$$

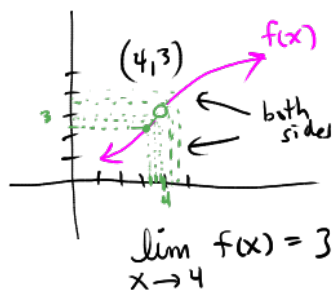
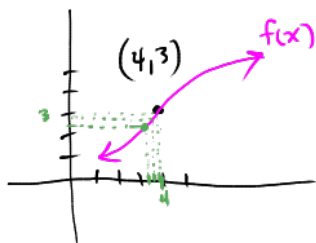
$$fq = pq - fp$$

$$fq = q(p-f)$$

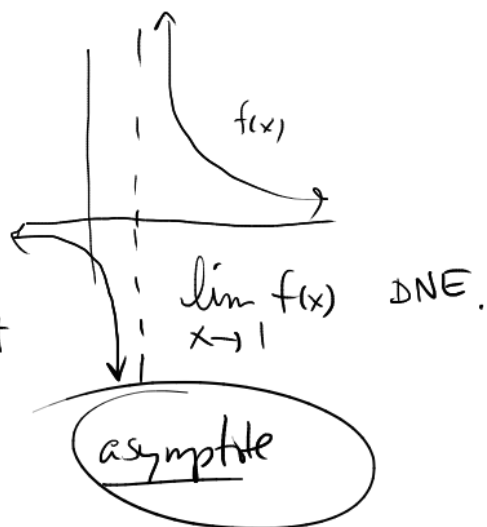
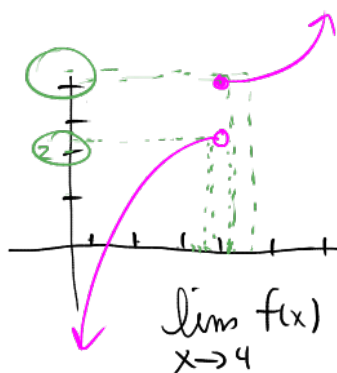
$$\boxed{\frac{fp}{p-f} = q}$$

undo what's done to q

Limits: Ch. 23,



" as x approaches 4, the corresponding $f(x)$ approaches 3.



How to find limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

• 1st try to plug in a . If you get a real number, you've found the limit.

• Otherwise massage $f(x)$ with algebra.

• $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3x^2 - 1 = 3(1)^2 - 1 = 2$ ✓

• $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x-1} - 1}{x-2}$, try $x=2$. $\frac{\sqrt{2-1} - 1}{2-2} = \frac{\sqrt{1} - 1}{2-2} = \frac{0}{0}$
not real #

Rationalize: $(\sqrt{x-1})(\sqrt{x-1}) = x-1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x-1} - 1}{x-2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x-1} + 1}{\sqrt{x-1} + 1} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-1-1}{(x-2)(\sqrt{x-1} + 1)}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x-1} - 1}{x-2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\cancel{x-2}}{\cancel{x-2}(\sqrt{x-1} + 1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1} + 1} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$