

1. We do some work with  ~~$x^3 + x^2 = 2x$~~ :

a. (5 pts) Factor out the greatest common factor of  $3x^3 + 15x^2 + 18x$ .

$$= 3x(x^2 + 5x + 6)$$

b. (5 pts) Factor  $3x^3 + 15x^2 + 18x$  the rest of the way.

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

c. (5 pts) What is the domain of  $\frac{x+11}{3x^3 + 15x^2 + 18x}$ ?

$$\{x \mid x \neq -3 \ \& \ x \neq -2 \ \& \ x \neq 0\}$$

2. (5 pts) Divide and simplify  $\frac{x^2 - 6x + 9}{x^2 - x - 6} \div \frac{x^2 - 9}{4}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}\cancel{(x-3)}}{\cancel{(x-3)}(x+2)} \cdot \frac{4}{\cancel{(x-3)}(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{(x+2)(x+3)}$$

3. (10 pts) Subtract  $\frac{x+1}{x^2-6x+8} - \frac{3}{x^2-16}$

LCD =  $(x-2)(x-4)(x+4)$

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

$$= \left( \frac{x+1}{(x-4)(x-2)} \right) \left( \frac{x+4}{x+4} \right) - \left( \frac{3}{(x-4)(x+4)} \right) \left( \frac{x-2}{x-2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x^2+5x+4 - (3x-6)}{\text{LCD}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x^2+2x+10}{(x-2)(x-4)(x+4)}}$$

4. (5 pts) Simplify the complex fraction  $\frac{\frac{5}{x+2} - \frac{4}{x+2}}{\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x+2}}$

METHOD 1

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{x+2}}{\frac{2x+4+3x}{x(x+2)}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{x+2} \right) \left( \frac{x(x+2)}{5x+4} \right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x}{5x+4}}$$

METHOD 2

$$\left( \frac{5}{x+2} - \frac{4}{x+2} \right) \times (x+2)$$

$$\frac{\left( \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x+2} \right) \times (x+2)}{}$$

$$= \frac{1x}{2x+4+3x}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x}{5x+4}}$$

5. (10 pts) Divide  $3x^5 - x^3 + 4x^2 - 12x - 8$  by  $x^2 + 2$ . When you're done, report your answer in two ways:

a.  $Quotient + \frac{Remainder}{Divisor}$

b.  $Divisor \cdot Quotient + Remainder$

Recall, the second way is important for understanding why and how the Remainder Theorem works, which you will see a lot in MAT 121.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x^3 - 7x + 4 \quad r \quad 2x - 16 \\
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 x^2 + 2 \overline{) 3x^5 + 0x^4 - x^3 + 4x^2 - 12x - 8} \\
 \underline{-(3x^5 \phantom{+ 0x^4} + 6x^3)} \phantom{- 8} \\
 -7x^3 + 4x^2 - 12x - 8 \\
 \underline{-(-7x^3 \phantom{+ 0x^2} - 14x)} \phantom{- 8} \\
 4x^2 + 2x - 8 \\
 \underline{-(4x^2 \phantom{+ 2x} + 8)} \\
 -2x - 16
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x^5 - x^3 + 4x^2 - 12x - 8}{x^2 + 2} = 3x^3 - 7x + 4 + \frac{2x - 16}{x^2 + 2}$$

$$3x^5 - x^3 + 4x^2 - 12x - 8 = (x^2 + 2)(3x^3 - 7x + 4) + 2x - 16$$

6. (10 pts) A boat moves 64 miles upstream in the same amount of time it moves 88 miles downstream. If the rate of the current is 3 miles per hour, find the rate of the boat in still water.

|   | UP    | DOWN  |
|---|-------|-------|
| D | 64    | 88    |
| r | $r-3$ | $r+3$ |
| t | t     | t     |

$$\frac{64}{r-3} = \frac{88}{r+3}$$

$r =$  speed of boat in still water (in mph)

$$64(r+3) = 88(r-3)$$

$$64r + 192 = 88r - 264$$

$$-24r = -456$$

$$r = \frac{456}{24} = 19 \text{ mph}$$

7. (5 pts) Use synthetic division to divide  $\frac{x^2 + 3x - 40}{x + 8} = x - 5$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} -8 & 1 & 3 & -40 \\ & & -8 & 40 \\ \hline & 1 & -5 & 0 = P(-8) \end{array}$$

8. (5 pts) If  $P(x) = x^2 + 3x - 40$ , use synthetic division to find  $P(-8)$ .

$$P(-8) = 0, \text{ by previous work}$$

9. (10 pts) Solve  $\frac{x^2 - 23}{2x^2 - 5x - 3} + \frac{2}{x - 3} = -\frac{1}{2x + 1}$

$$\frac{x^2 - 23}{(2x + 1)(x - 3)} + \left(\frac{2}{x - 3}\right)\left(\frac{2x + 1}{2x + 1}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2x + 1}\right)\left(\frac{x - 3}{x - 3}\right)$$

$$x^2 - 23 + 4x + 2 = -x + 3$$

$$x^2 + 4x - 21 = -x + 3$$

$$+ x - 3 = + x - 3$$

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$$x^2 + 5x - 24 = 0$$

$$(x + 8)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x \in \{-8, 3\}$$

$$3 \notin D$$

$$x \in \{-8\}$$

10. (5 pts) If voltage is constant, the current is inversely proportional to the resistance. Given that the current is 40 amperes when the the resistance is 270 Ohms, what is the current when the resistance is 150 Ohms?

$$I = \frac{k}{R}$$

I = current (amps)

R = resistance (ohms)

$$40 = \frac{k}{270}$$

$$k = (40)(270) = 10800 = k$$

When  $R = 150$

$$I = \frac{10800}{150} = 72 \text{ amps}$$

$$I = \frac{10800}{R}$$

11. (5 pts) Suppose  $F$  varies jointly with  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , and inversely with the square of  $r$ . Write the variation equation for this situation. (Use  $k$  for the constant of variation.)

$$F = \frac{k m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

12. (5 pts) A painter can finish painting a house in 5 hours. His assistant takes 8 hours to finish the same job. How long would it take for them to complete the job if they were working together?

$$\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{1}{8}x = 1$$

$$\frac{8x + 5x}{40} = 1$$

$$13x = 40$$

$$x = \frac{40}{13} \text{ hrs}$$

$$\approx 3.076923077 \text{ hrs.}$$

13. Simplify:

a. (5 pts)  $2^{-3} + 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{9+8}{72} = \frac{17}{72}$

b. (5 pts)  $\frac{1.2 \times 10^{22}}{3 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{1.2}{3} \times 10^{25} = .4 \times 10^{25} = 4 \times 10^{24}$