

9-5 Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions;
Complex Fractions

std. 3.0

ex. 1
$$\frac{2x \cdot 3}{2x \cdot x^2 y^3} - \frac{5}{2x^3 y} = \frac{3(2x) - 5(y^2)}{2x^3 y^3} = \frac{6x - 5y^2}{2x^3 y^3}$$

ex. 2
$$\frac{-2}{x-5} + \frac{10}{x^2-5x} = \frac{-2x+10}{x(x-5)} = \frac{-2\cancel{(x-5)}}{x\cancel{(x-5)}}$$

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

$$= \frac{3x^2+6x - (3x^2-3x-6)}{(x+2)^2(x+1)}$$

ex. 4
$$\frac{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{xn} - \frac{2}{n^2}} \cdot \frac{x^2 n^2}{x^2 n^2} = \frac{9x+6}{(x+2)^2(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{n^2 - x^2}{n^2 - xn - 2x^2} = \frac{(n+x)(n-x)}{(n+x)(n-2x)}$$

ex. 5

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x^2 - 7x + 10} + \frac{1}{3x - 6}}{\frac{3}{x - 5}}$$

$$= \frac{\left[\frac{1}{(x-5)(x-2)} + \frac{1}{3(x-2)} \right] 3(x-2)(x-5)}{\left[\frac{3}{x-5} \right] \cdot 3(x-2)(x-5)}$$

$$= \frac{3 + x - 5}{9(x-2)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{x-2}}{9(\cancel{x-2})} = \frac{1}{9}$$