

Adding/Subtracting Rational Expressions Practice

Simplify each expression.

$$1) \frac{a+3b}{20ab^2} - \frac{4b}{20ab^2} = \frac{a+3b-4b}{20ab^2} = \frac{a-b}{20ab^2}$$

$$2) \frac{5x-5y}{25y^4} + \frac{5y}{25y^4} = \frac{5x-5y+5y}{25y^4} = \frac{5x}{25y^4} = \frac{x}{5y^4}$$

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

$$4) \frac{4y}{2x} + \frac{4x}{3x^2} = \frac{12xy}{6x^2} + \frac{8x}{6x^2} = \frac{12xy+8x}{6x^2} = \frac{4x(3y+2)}{6x^2} = \frac{2(3y+2)}{3x}$$

$$5) \frac{6}{2} + \frac{5n}{4m^2} = \frac{12m^2}{4m^2} + \frac{5n}{4m^2} = \frac{12m^2+5n}{4m^2}$$

$$6) \frac{4x}{2x} - \frac{2y}{6} = \frac{12x}{6x} - \frac{2xy}{6x} = \frac{12x-2xy}{6x} = \frac{2x(6-y)}{6x} = \frac{6-y}{3}$$

$$7) \frac{(m-3)^{(m-5)}}{3m+5} + \frac{6(3m+5)}{m-5} = \frac{m^2-8m+15}{(3m+5)(m-5)} + \frac{18m+30}{(3m+5)(m-5)} = \frac{m^2+10m+45}{(3m+5)(m-5)}$$

$$8) \frac{3x^{(2x+3)}}{4x^2} - \frac{x+6(4x^2)}{2x+3} = \frac{6x^2+9x}{4x^2(2x+3)} - \frac{4x^3+24x^2}{4x^2(2x+3)} = \frac{6x^2+9x-4x^3-24x^2}{4x^2(2x+3)} = \frac{-4x^3-18x^2+9x}{4x^2(2x+3)} = \frac{-4x^2-18x+9}{4x(2x+3)}$$

$$9) \frac{3(x-3)}{5x^2} + \frac{x+4}{x-3} (5x^2)$$

$$\frac{3x-9}{5x^2(x-3)} + \frac{5x^3+20x^2}{5x^2(x-3)}$$

$$\frac{5x^3+20x^2+3x-9}{5x^2(x-3)}$$

$$10) \frac{4n(n-5)}{3n-2} - \frac{3n(3n-2)}{n-5}$$

$$\frac{4n^2-20n}{(3n-2)(n-5)} - \frac{9n^2-6n}{(3n-2)(n-5)}$$

$$\frac{4n^2-20n-9n^2+6n}{(3n-2)(n-5)}$$

$$\frac{-5n^2-14n}{(3n-2)(n-5)}$$

$$11) \frac{4n(n+3)}{2n} + \frac{n-2}{n+3} (2n)$$

$$\frac{4n^2+12n}{2n(n+3)} + \frac{2n^2-4n}{2n(n+3)}$$

$$\frac{4n^2+12n+2n^2-4n}{2n(n+3)}$$

$$\frac{6n^2+8n}{2n(n+3)} = \frac{2n(3n+4)}{2n(n+3)} = \frac{3n+4}{n+3}$$

$$13) \frac{5(5k+3)}{2k} - \frac{6k(2k)}{5k+3}$$

$$\frac{25k+15}{2k(5k+3)} - \frac{12k^2}{2k(5k+3)}$$

$$\frac{-12k^2+25k+15}{2k(5k+3)}$$

$$12) \frac{(r-2)(r+3)}{r+1} - \frac{2r(r+1)}{r+3}$$

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

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

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

$$14) \frac{2(k^2)}{2k+3} + \frac{6(2k+3)}{k-2}$$

$$\frac{2k-4}{(2k+3)(k-2)} + \frac{12k+18}{(2k+3)(k-2)}$$

$$\frac{14k+14}{(2k+3)(k-2)} = \frac{14(k+1)}{(2k+3)(k-2)}$$

$$15) \frac{2(2)}{3b-12} + \frac{4(3b-12)}{2}$$

$$3(b-4) \cdot 2$$

$$\frac{4}{6(b-4)} + \frac{12b-48}{6(b-4)}$$

$$\frac{12b-44}{6(b-4)} = \frac{4(3b-11)}{6(b-4)}$$

$$16) \frac{6n(n-6)}{5n} - \frac{3n(n-6)}{n-6}$$

$$\frac{6n^2-36n}{5n(n-6)} - \frac{3n^2-18n}{5n(n-6)}$$

$$\frac{6n^2-36n-3n^2+18n}{5n(n-6)}$$

$$\frac{3n^2-18n}{5n(n-6)} = \frac{3n(n-6)}{5n(n-6)} = \frac{3}{5}$$