

9.3 Solving Rational Equations

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

$3(x+2) = x \cdot 4$
 $3x + 6 = 4x$
 $-3x \quad -3x$
 $6 = x$

$$\frac{1}{x-4} = \frac{2}{x^2-16}$$

$x^2-16 = 2(x-4)$
 $x^2-16 = 2x-8$
 $x^2-2x-8=0$
 $(x-4)(x+2)=0$
 $x-4=0 \quad x+2=0$
 $x=4 \quad x=-2$

$$\frac{1}{x-3} + \frac{4}{x-3} = \frac{7}{-3}$$

$\frac{5}{x-3} = \frac{7}{-3}$
 $20 = 32x - 96$
 $116 = 32x$
 $3.625 = x$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$

$$\frac{d}{d+2} + \frac{2}{d-2} = \frac{d+6}{(d+2)(d-2)}$$

Common multiples
 If all denominators are the same
 then the numerators are the same
 Find Common denominator

$$\frac{d}{d+2} + \frac{2}{d-2} = \frac{d+6}{(d+2)(d-2)}$$

$\frac{d(d-2)}{(d+2)(d-2)} + \frac{2(d+2)}{(d+2)(d-2)} = \frac{d+6}{(d+2)(d-2)}$
 $d(d-2) + 2(d+2) = d+6$
 $d^2 - 2d + 2d + 4 = d + 6$
 $d^2 - d - 2 = 0$
 $(d+1)(d-2) = 0$
 $d = -1$

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

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