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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is a rational expression?

Hint: Think about the definition involving fractions.

- A) A fraction with integers in the numerator and denominator
- B) A fraction with polynomials in the numerator and denominator
- C) A polynomial with no fractions
- D) A fraction with variables only

Which of the following are necessary steps to add rational expressions? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the process of combining fractions.

- A) Find a common denominator
- B) Multiply the numerators
- C) Simplify the result
- D) Subtract the denominators

Explain why finding a common denominator is essential when adding rational expressions.

Hint: Think about how fractions work.

List the steps involved in simplifying a rational expression.

Hint: Consider the process of reducing fractions.

1. Step 1

2. Step 2

3. Step 3

What is the least common denominator (LCD) of the expressions $\frac{1}{x}$ and $\frac{1}{x+2}$?

Hint: Think about the denominators involved.

- A) $(x + 2)$
- B) $(x(x+2))$
- C) $(x^2 + 2)$
- D) $(x^2 + 2x)$

Part 2: comprehension and Application

When adding $\frac{3}{x-1}$ and $\frac{2}{x+1}$, what is the least common denominator?

Hint: Consider the denominators of both fractions.

- A) $(x^2 - 1)$
- B) $(x^2 + 1)$
- C) $(x - 1)$
- D) $(x + 1)$

Which of the following are equivalent to the expression $\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 - 1}$? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about simplification and identity.

- A) 1
- B) $(x + 1)$
- C) $\frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$
- D) 0

Solve the addition of $\frac{1}{x-3}$ and $\frac{2}{x+3}$ and simplify your answer.

Hint: Remember to find a common denominator first.

Given $\frac{4}{x^2-4}$ and $\frac{5}{x+2}$, what steps are necessary to add these expressions? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the process of finding a common denominator.

- A) Factor (x^2-4) into $(x-2)(x+2)$
- B) Use $(x+2)$ as the common denominator
- C) Multiply $\frac{5}{x+2}$ by $\frac{x-2}{x-2}$
- D) Simplify the resulting expression

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which expression is equivalent to the sum of $\frac{1}{x}$ and $\frac{1}{x+1}$ after simplification?

Hint: Think about how to combine the fractions.

- A) $\frac{2x+1}{x(x+1)}$
- B) $\frac{x+1}{x}$
- C) $\frac{x}{x+1}$
- D) $\frac{1}{x(x+1)}$

Identify the errors in the following addition: $\frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{3}{x-1} = \frac{5}{x^2-1}$. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the steps taken in the addition process.

- A) Incorrect common denominator
- B) Incorrect addition of numerators
- C) Incorrect simplification

- D) Incorrect factorization

Analyze the expression $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 1}$ and determine if it can be simplified further. Explain your reasoning.

Hint: Consider the factors of the numerator and denominator.

After simplifying $\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 - 4}$, which of the following is the correct simplified form?

Hint: Think about the factors of both the numerator and denominator.

- A) $\frac{x+1}{x-2}$
- B) $\frac{x-1}{x+2}$
- C) $\frac{x+1}{x+2}$
- D) $\frac{x-1}{x-2}$

Create a real-world scenario where adding rational expressions would be necessary, and solve the problem using the appropriate mathematical steps.

Hint: Think about situations involving rates or proportions.