

6.2 Adding / Subtracting rational expressions

lcd's

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

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{12}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12}$$

$$\frac{8}{12} + \frac{9}{12} = \frac{8+9}{12} = \frac{17}{12}$$

16, 32, 48

$$\text{LCD } 12 \quad \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4}$$

lcd
48

$$\frac{3}{16} + \frac{5}{12}$$

$$= \frac{9+20}{48}$$

$$= \frac{29}{48}$$

lcd
 $(x+2)(x-3)(x+4)$

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

$$\downarrow$$
$$\frac{5(x+4) + 3(x+2)}{(x+2)(x-3)(x+4)} \quad \text{NO!}$$

$$\frac{5(x+4) + 3(x+2)}{\text{LCD}}$$

$$= \frac{5x+20+3x+6}{\text{LCD}}$$

$$= \frac{8x+26}{\text{LCD}}$$

$$= \frac{2(4x+13)}{(x+2)(x-3)(x+4)}$$

$$4(x-3)^2(x+2)^4$$

$$6(x-3)^8(x-2)^5$$

$$12(x+3)^5(x-7)$$

$$30(x-3)^{12}(x+2)^8(x-1)^5$$

$$\text{LCD} = 60(x-3)^{12}(x+2)^8(x-2)^5(x+3)^5(x-7)(x-1)^5$$

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

$$= \frac{3 - 2(x-2)}{\text{LCD}}$$

$$= \frac{3 - 2x + 4}{\text{LCD}}$$

$$= \frac{-2x + 7}{\text{LCD}}$$

$$= \frac{-2x + 7}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$