

# Chapter Summary

## WHAT did you learn?

Solve proportions. (11.1)

Use equations to solve percent problems. (11.2)

Use direct and inverse variation. (11.3)

Simplify rational expressions. (11.4)

Find geometric probability. (11.4)

Multiply and divide rational expressions. (11.5)

Add and subtract rational expressions. (11.6)

Divide polynomials. (11.7)

Solve rational equations. (11.8)

Graph rational functions. (11.8)

## WHY did you learn it?

Estimate the number of clay figures in an archaeological dig. (p. 645)

Compare responses to a survey. (p. 654)

Relate the banking angle of a bicycle to its turning radius. (p. 658)

Use rational expressions to model real-life situations. (p. 668)

Determine the probability of a meteor strike. (p. 668)

Analyze service industry sales. (p. 674)

Calculate the time it takes to make a trip. (p. 678)

Provide alternate forms of rational expression models. (p. 688)

Study changes in batting averages. (p. 691)

Provide a visual representation of a fundraising problem. (p. 695)

## How does Chapter 11 fit into the BIGGER PICTURE of algebra?

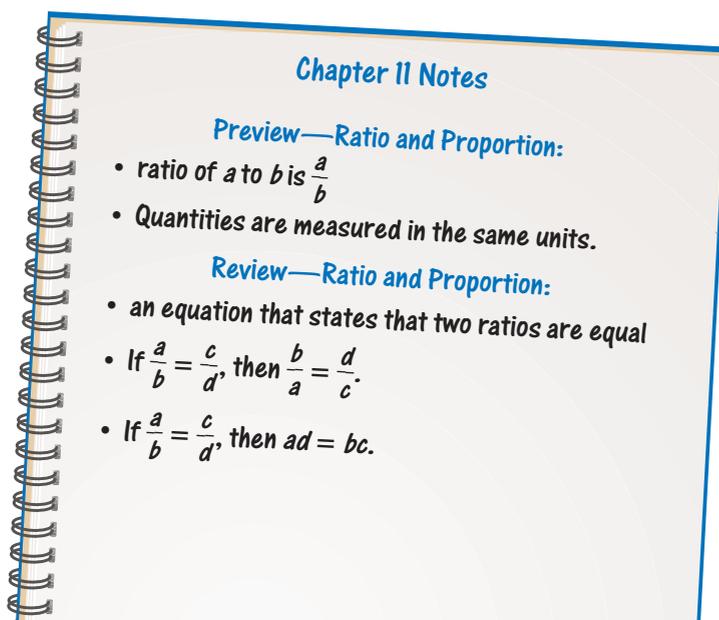
In this chapter you studied rational expressions—fractions whose numerators and denominators are polynomials. Rational expressions occur frequently in real life as proportions, percents, probabilities, and direct and inverse variations. Understanding these will enable you to model and solve a variety of real-life problems.

Techniques used in these problems include simplifying, multiplying, dividing, adding, and subtracting rational expressions. Real-life problems can also be modeled with rational equations and represented by graphing rational functions.

### STUDY STRATEGY

#### How did you use your notes to see what you learned?

The notes you made, using the **Study Strategy** on page 642, may include the ideas shown.



## VOCABULARY

- proportion, p. 643
- extremes of a proportion, p. 643
- means of a proportion, p. 643
- solving a proportion, p. 643
- extraneous solution, p. 644
- base number of a percent equation, p. 649
- inverse variation, p. 656
- constant of variation, p. 656
- rational number, p. 664
- rational expression, p. 664
- simplified rational expression, p. 664
- geometric probability, p. 666
- least common denominator, p. 677
- polynomial long division, p. 685
- rational equation, p. 690
- rational function, p. 692
- hyperbola, p. 692
- center of a hyperbola, p. 692
- asymptote, p. 692

*Examples on  
pp. 643–645*

## 11.1

### RATIO AND PROPORTION

**EXAMPLE** Solve the proportion  $\frac{12}{7} = \frac{5}{x}$ .

$$\frac{12}{7} = \frac{5}{x}$$

Write original proportion.

$$12 \cdot x = 7 \cdot 5$$

Use cross product property.

$$x = \frac{35}{12}$$

Divide each side by 12.

Solve the proportion. Check for extraneous solutions.

1.  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{4}{7}$

2.  $\frac{7}{10} = \frac{9+x}{x}$

3.  $\frac{x^2 - 16}{x + 4} = \frac{x - 4}{3}$

4.  $\frac{5}{x+6} = \frac{x-6}{x}$

## 11.2

### PERCENTS

*Examples on  
pp. 649–652*

#### EXAMPLES

\$20 is 40% of what amount of money?

$a$  is  $p$  percent of  $b$

$$20 = 0.4b$$

$$\frac{20}{0.4} = b$$

$$50 = b$$

▶ \$20 is 40% of \$50.

\$75 is what percent of \$60?

$a$  is  $p$  percent of  $b$

$$75 = p(60)$$

$$\frac{75}{60} = p$$

$$1.25 = p, \text{ or } p = 125\%$$

▶ \$75 is 125% of \$60.

Solve the percent problem.

5. How much is 80% of \$95?

6. 24 inches is 250% of what length?

7. \$90 is 75% of what amount of money?

8. 35 feet is what percent of 175 feet?

**EXAMPLES** When  $x$  is 5,  $y$  is 25. Write an equation that relates  $x$  and  $y$  in each case.

**$x$  and  $y$  vary directly:**

$$\frac{y}{x} = k$$

$$\frac{25}{5} = k$$

$$5 = k$$

An equation that relates  $x$  and  $y$  is

$$\frac{y}{x} = 5, \text{ or } y = 5x.$$

**$x$  and  $y$  vary inversely:**

$$xy = k$$

$$(5)(25) = k$$

$$125 = k$$

An equation that relates  $x$  and  $y$  is

$$xy = 125, \text{ or } y = \frac{125}{x}.$$

When  $x$  is 17,  $y$  is 51. Find an equation that relates  $x$  and  $y$  in each case.

9.  $x$  and  $y$  vary directly

10.  $x$  and  $y$  vary inversely

**EXAMPLE** To simplify a rational expression, look for common factors.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x^2 + 3x - 2}{2x^2 + 5x + 2} &= \frac{(2x - 1)\cancel{(x + 2)}}{(2x + 1)\cancel{(x + 2)}} \\ &= \frac{2x - 1}{2x + 1} \end{aligned}$$

**Factor numerator and denominator.  
Divide out common factor  $(x + 2)$ .**

**Simplified form**

Simplify the expression.

11.  $\frac{3x}{9x^2 + 3}$

12.  $\frac{6x^2}{12x^4 + 18x^2}$

13.  $\frac{7x^3 - 21x}{-14x^2}$

14.  $\frac{5x^2 + 21x + 4}{25x + 100}$

**EXAMPLE** To divide rational expressions, multiply by the reciprocal.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6x^2 + x - 1}{2x + 1} \div (9x - 3) &= \frac{6x^2 + x - 1}{2x + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{9x - 3} \\ &= \frac{(2x + 1)\cancel{(3x - 1)}}{(2x + 1) \cdot 3\cancel{(3x - 1)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Multiply by reciprocal.**

**Multiply numerators and denominators.  
Factor and divide out common factors.**

**Simplified form**

Simplify the expression.

15.  $\frac{12x^2}{5x^3} \cdot \frac{25x^4}{3x}$

16.  $\frac{9x^3}{x^3 - x^2} \div \frac{x - 8}{x^2 - 9x + 8}$

17.  $\frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 + 7x + 12} \div \frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 + 5x + 6}$

## ADDING AND SUBTRACTING RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS

Examples on  
pp. 676–678

**EXAMPLE** Simplify  $\frac{x}{x-5} - \frac{2}{x+2}$ . The LCD is  $(x-5)(x+2)$ .

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

Rewrite fractions using LCD.

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

Simplify numerators.

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

Subtract fractions and simplify.

Simplify the expression.

$$18. \frac{6x}{x+4} - \frac{5x-4}{x+4} \quad 19. \frac{2x+1}{8x} - \frac{x}{12x} \quad 20. \frac{x+3}{3x-1} + \frac{4}{x-3} \quad 21. \frac{-5x-10}{x^2-4} + \frac{4x}{x-2}$$

## DIVIDING POLYNOMIALS

Examples on  
pp. 684–686

**EXAMPLES** There are two cases to look for when you divide polynomials.

**CASE 1: Monomial divisor**

To divide a polynomial by a monomial, divide each term by the monomial.

**CASE 2: Binomial divisor**

To divide a polynomial by a binomial, factor out common factors if possible. If not, use long division.

Divide.

$$22. \text{ Divide } 3x^2 - x - 1 \text{ by } x - 2. \quad 23. \text{ Divide } 6x^2 - 36x + 5 \text{ by } 6x. \\ 24. \text{ Divide } 4x^2 + 6x - 5 \text{ by } 2x - 1. \quad 25. \text{ Divide } 5x^2 + 13x - 6 \text{ by } 5x - 2.$$

## RATIONAL EQUATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

Examples on  
pp. 690–693

**EXAMPLE** Solve the equation  $\frac{2x}{9} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{3}$ . The LCD is  $9x$ .

$$9x \cdot \frac{2x}{9} - 9x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 9x \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

Multiply each side by  $9x$ .

$$2x^2 - 9 = 3x$$

Simplify.

$$2x^2 - 3x - 9 = 0$$

Write in standard form.

$$(2x+3)(x-3) = 0$$

Factor left side.

When you set each factor equal to 0, you find that the solutions are  $-\frac{3}{2}$  and 3.

Solve the equation.

$$26. \frac{1}{4} - \frac{6}{x} = \frac{3}{x} \quad 27. \frac{x+2}{2} = \frac{4}{x} \quad 28. \frac{6}{x+4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{2x+1}{3x+12}$$

Solve the proportion. Check for extraneous solutions.

1.  $\frac{6}{x} = \frac{17}{5}$

2.  $\frac{x}{4} = \frac{x+8}{x}$

3.  $\frac{x}{-3} = \frac{7}{x-10}$

4.  $\frac{x^2-64}{x+8} = \frac{x-8}{2}$

Solve the percent problem.

5. What is 34% of 100 liters?

6. What is 86% of \$350?

7. 24 yards is 12% of what distance?

8. 36 T-shirts is what percent of 900 T-shirts?

Make a table of values for  $x = 1, 2, 3,$  and  $4.$  Use the table to sketch a graph.

Decide whether  $x$  and  $y$  vary *directly* or *inversely*.

9.  $y = 4x$

10.  $y = \frac{50}{x}$

11.  $y = \frac{9}{2}x$

12.  $y = \frac{15}{2x}$

Simplify the expression.

13.  $\frac{56x^6}{4x^4}$

14.  $\frac{5x^2-15x}{15x^4}$

15.  $\frac{x^2-x-6}{x^2-4}$

16.  $\frac{6x^2}{8x} \cdot \frac{-4x^3}{2x^2}$

17.  $\frac{x+3}{x^3-x^2-6x} \div \frac{x^2-9}{x^2+x-12}$

18.  $\frac{x^3+x^2}{x^2-16} \cdot \frac{x+4}{3x^4+x^3-2x^2}$

19.  $\frac{3x^2+6x}{4x} \div \frac{15}{8x^2}$

20.  $\frac{12x-4}{x-1} + \frac{4x}{x-1}$

21.  $\frac{5}{2x^2} + \frac{4}{3x}$

22.  $\frac{8}{5x} - \frac{4}{x^2}$

23.  $\frac{4}{x+3} + \frac{3x}{x-2}$

24.  $\frac{5x+1}{x-3} - \frac{2x}{x-1}$

Divide.

25. Divide  $4x^3 - 15x^2 - 6x$  by  $3x.$

26. Divide  $81x^2 - 25$  by  $9x - 5.$

27. Divide  $2x^2 + 11x + 12$  by  $x + 4.$

28. Divide  $5x^2 + 4x - 7$  by  $x + 2.$

Solve the equation.

29.  $\frac{3}{4x-9} = \frac{x}{3}$

30.  $\frac{5}{9} + \frac{2}{9x} = \frac{3}{x}$

31.  $\frac{5}{x+3} - \frac{3}{x-2} = \frac{5}{3x-6}$

Sketch a graph of the function.

32.  $y = \frac{1}{x-4} + 3$

33.  $y = 5 - \frac{2}{x}$

34.  $y = \frac{x-5}{x+2}$

35. **BAGEL SHOP** You invest \$30,000 to start a bagel shop. You can produce bagels for \$1.20 per dozen. How many dozen must you produce before your average cost per dozen (including your initial investment of \$30,000) drops to \$1.80?

36. **CARNIVAL GAME** At a carnival game, a dart is thrown at the board shown at the right. Assume it is equally likely to land anywhere on the board. Write a model that gives the probability that the dart will land in the small rectangle. Evaluate the model when  $x = 5.$

