

Algebra 2 Review 006 Honors

Practice Questions and Solutions

Topics include radicals, rational exponents, completing the square, word problems, inequalities, and more.

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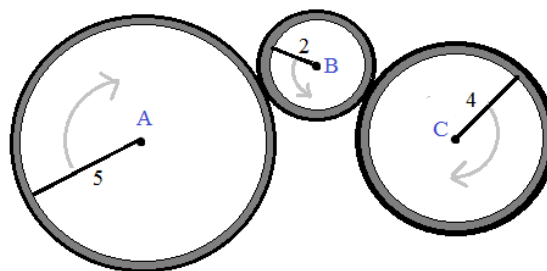
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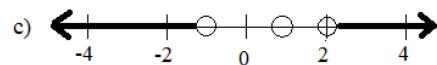
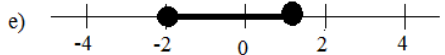
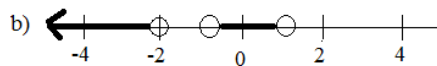
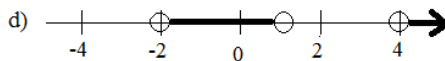
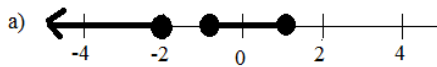
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$$2) \frac{4}{x^2 + 4x + 3} - \frac{1}{x + 3}$$

$$3) \frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 - 4x} \cdot \frac{x^2 + x - 20}{x^2 + 10x + 25}$$

$$4) \frac{\frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - 1}}{\frac{4x^2 + 8x}{5(x - 1)}}$$

$$5) \left(\frac{x^2 + 5x + 4}{x^2 + 2x - 8} \right) \div \left(\frac{3x^2 + x - 2}{x^2 - 4} \right) =$$

$$6) \text{ factor } 16x^3 + 250$$

$$7) \frac{\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}}$$

Solve:

1) $2 + \frac{x}{x+5} = 0$

2) $\frac{11}{3x} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-4}{x^2}$

3) $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x-5} = 1$

Solve:

4) $3x^3 + 15x^2 = 0$

5) $9x^3 + 36x^2 - x = 4$

6) $x^2(x-2) + x(x-2)^2 = 0$

Simplify:

7) $x^{-3/2} - 2x^{-1/2} + x^{1/2}$

8) $64m^2 - n^2 - 4 + 4n$

***Challenge 9) $x^4 - 19x^2 + 9$

Solve by Completing the Square:

10) $x^2 + 4x = 7$

11) $-2x^2 + 9x + 3 = 0$

Solve using the Quadratic Formula:

12) $2x^2 + 8x = -4$

Fill in the blanks:

13) $(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})^2 = x^2 + 8x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

14) $(x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}})^2 + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = x^2 + 14x + 9$

15) $3x^2 - 30x + 68 = 3(x^2 - \underline{\hspace{1cm}}x + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}) + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} + 68 = 3(x - \underline{\hspace{1cm}})^2 + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

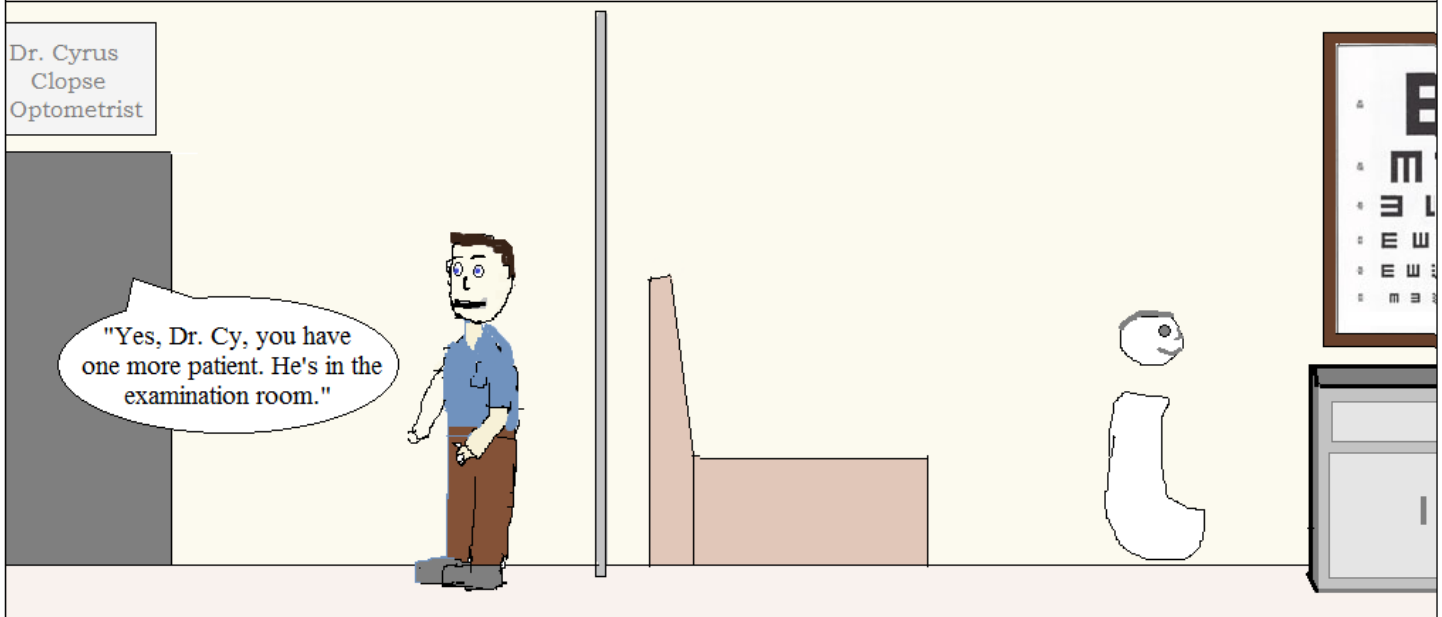
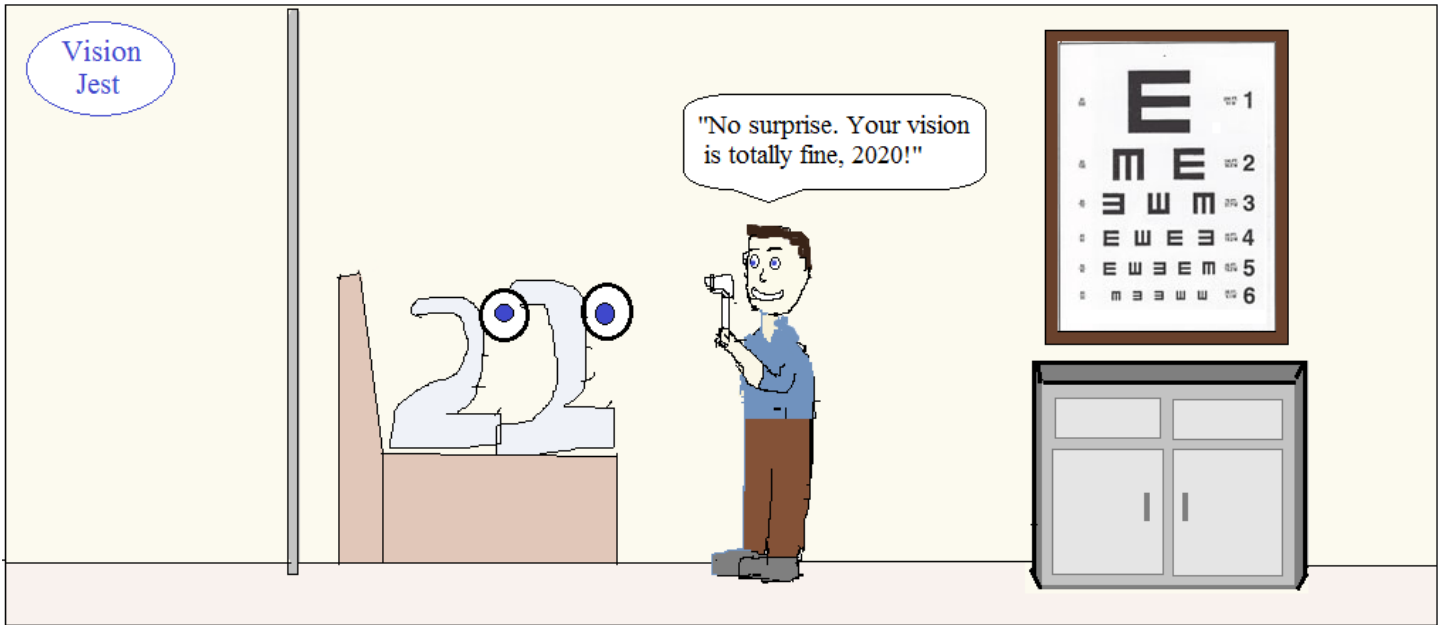
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- 19) Mac wants to fill a fuel tank.
Pump 1 can fill a tank in 5 hours.
Pump 2 can fill a tank in 8 hours.

At 1:00 pm, Mac starts filling a tank with Pump 1.
Later in the afternoon, Pump 2 is available. So, Mac starts using it to fill the fuel tank.
(as he continues to use Pump 1. So, both are filling the tank.)

At 5:00, the fuel tank is full.

What time did Mac begin using Pump 2?



A routine day for the eye (and i) doc...

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SOLUTIONS-→

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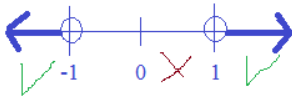
First solve for x: $7 = \frac{14}{x+1}$

$7(x+1) = 14$ $7x = 7$
 $x = 1$

Then, recognize the vertical asymptote:

x cannot equal -1

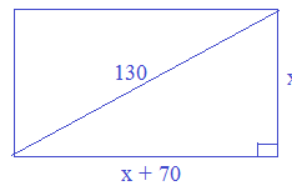
So, the critical values are -1 and 1



$(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Pythagorean Theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Perimeter = $2w + 2l$



Since $x = 50$, the lengths of the rectangle are 120... and, the widths are 50...

Perimeter is 340

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$(x)^2 + (x + 70)^2 = 130^2$

$x^2 + x^2 + 140x + 4900 = 16900$

$2x^2 + 140x - 12,000 = 0$

$x^2 + 70x - 6000 = 0$

$(x + 120)(x - 50) = 0$

$x = -120$ or 50

(length cannot be negative)

$\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{5}}$

$\frac{\sqrt{20} - \sqrt{50}}{2 + \sqrt{10} - \sqrt{10} - 5}$

$\frac{2\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{2}}{-3}$ (-1)

$-\frac{2\sqrt{5} + 5\sqrt{2}}{3}$

3) $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5}} =$

(rationalize the denominator; multiply by the conjugate)

a) $\frac{\sqrt{30}}{3}$

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$x^3 - 11x^2 + 31x - 21 = 0$

since $f(1) = 0$, 1 is a root.. $(x - 1)$ is a factor

1 | 1 -11 31 -21
 | 1 -10 21
 | 1 -10 21 0

$x^2 - 10x + 21$

$(x - 3)(x - 7)$

$(x - 1)(x - 3)(x - 7) = 0$

$x = 1, 3, 7$

the sum is $1 + 3 + 7 = 11$

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denominator cannot be 0, so $x + 1 \neq 0$

numbers under a radical cannot be negative, so $x + 1 \not< 0$

domain is $x > -1$

6) $\frac{3}{4} - x^{-1} = 2x^{-1}$

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$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{2}{x}$$

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

$x = 4$

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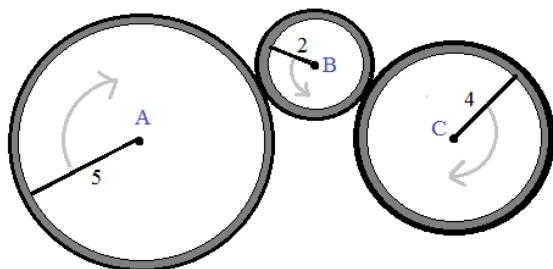
Even: If $f(x) = f(-x)$ $f(-x) = -x^5 - 7x^3 + 8$ NOT equal to $f(x)$

Odd: If $f(-x) = -f(x)$ $-f(x) = -x^5 - 7x^3 - 8$ NOT equal to $-f(x)$

Neither

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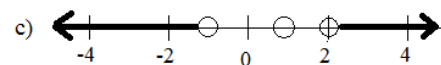
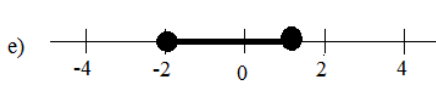
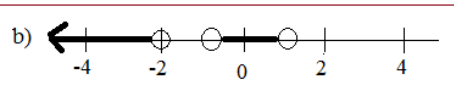
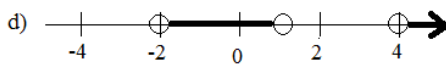
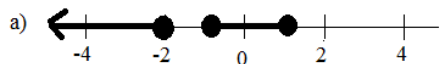


A 10 revolutions: 100 $\uparrow\uparrow$ (linear distance)

B 100 $\uparrow\uparrow$ (25 revolutions)

C 100 $\uparrow\uparrow$ $\Rightarrow \frac{100 \uparrow\uparrow}{8 \uparrow\uparrow} = 12.5$ revolutions

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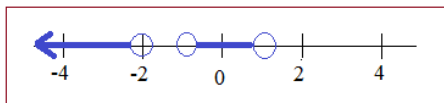


$$2x^2(x+2) - 3(x+2) < 0$$

$$(2x^2 - 3)(x+2) < 0$$

critical values are $-2, -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$

$-2, -1.22, 1.22$ (approx)



Simplify the following:

SOLUTIONS

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

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

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

2) $\frac{4}{x^2+4x+3} - \frac{1}{x+3} =$

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

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

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

3) $\frac{x^2-25}{x^2-4x} \cdot \frac{x^2+x-20}{x^2+10x+25}$

Factor the polynomials: $\frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{x(x-4)} \cdot \frac{(x+5)(x-4)}{(x+5)(x+5)}$

Cancel terms: $\frac{\cancel{(x+5)}(x-5)}{x\cancel{(x-4)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x+5)}\cancel{(x-4)}}{\cancel{(x+5)}\cancel{(x+5)}}$

Combine: $\frac{x-5}{x}$

4) $\frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1} \cdot \frac{4x^2+8x}{5(x-1)}$

note: this is simply a division problem.

Invert and multiply: $\frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1} \cdot \frac{5(x-1)}{4x^2+8x}$

factor: $\frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(x+1)(x-1)} \cdot \frac{5(x-1)}{4x(x+2)}$

cancel: $\frac{\cancel{(x+2)}\cancel{(x+1)}}{\cancel{(x+1)}\cancel{(x-1)}} \cdot \frac{5\cancel{(x-1)}}{4x\cancel{(x+2)}}$

combine: $\frac{5}{4x}$

5) $\left(\frac{x^2+5x+4}{x^2+2x-8}\right) \div \left(\frac{3x^2+x-2}{x^2-4}\right) =$

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

$$\frac{\cancel{(x+1)}\cancel{(x+4)}}{\cancel{(x+4)}(x-2)} \cdot \frac{(x+2)\cancel{(x-2)}}{(3x-2)\cancel{(x+1)}}$$

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

6) factor $16x^3 + 250$

Greatest common factor is 2

$$2 \cdot (8x^3 + 125)$$

"A" = 2x "B" = 5

$$2(2x+5)(4x^2 - 10x + 25)$$

don't forget the 2

7) $\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}$

$$\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}$$

step 1: combine numerator

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{xy}$$

step 2: combine denominator

$$\frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2 y^2}$$

step 3: divide

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{xy} \div \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2 y^2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{xy} \cdot \frac{x^2 y^2}{y^2 - x^2}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{x^2 - y^2}}{\cancel{xy}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{x^2} y^2}{y^2 - \cancel{x^2}}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{1} \cdot \frac{xy}{y^2 - x^2}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - y^2}{1} \cdot \frac{xy}{(x^2 - y^2)(-1)}$$

$$-xy$$

Solve:

1) $2 + \frac{x}{x+5} = 0$ $\frac{2(x+5)}{(x+5)} + \frac{x}{x+5}$ (common denominator)

$\frac{2x+10}{x+5} + \frac{x}{x+5}$ (distribute and add fractions)

$0 = \frac{3x+10}{x+5}$ (collect "like" terms)

$x = -10/3$

3) $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x-5} = 1$

Separate the radicals.
Then, square both sides!

$\sqrt{x} = 1 + \sqrt{x-5}$
 $x = (1 + \sqrt{x-5})(1 + \sqrt{x-5})$
 $x = 1 + \sqrt{x-5} + \sqrt{x-5} + x - 5$

Collect "like" terms and isolate the radical

$4 = 2\sqrt{x-5}$

Square both sides again

$16 = 4(x-5)$
 $4 = x-5$
 $x = 9$

Check answer

$\sqrt{(9)} - \sqrt{(9)-5} = 1$
 $3 - 2 = 1$ ✓

9 is the solution

Solve:

4) $3x^3 + 15x^2 = 0$

$3x^2(x+5) = 0$

$x = -5, 0$

5) $9x^3 + 36x^2 - x = 4$

$9x^3 + 36x^2 - x - 4 = 0$ (factor by grouping)

$9x^2(x+4) + (-1)(x+4) = 0$

$(9x^2 - 1)(x+4) = 0$

$(3x+1)(3x-1)(x+4) = 0$

$x = -4, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}$

6) $x^2(x-2) + x(x-2)^2 = 0$

GCF $x(x-2) \cdot [x + (x-2)] = 0$

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

$x = 0, 1, 2$

SOLUTIONS

2) $\frac{11}{3x} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-4}{x^2}$ combine terms on left side of equation

$\frac{11}{3x} - \frac{x}{3x} = \frac{-4}{x^2}$

$\frac{11-x}{3x} = \frac{-4}{x^2}$ cross multiply

$-12x = -x^3 + 11x^2$

$x^3 - 11x^2 - 12x = 0$ factor/solve

$x(x-12)(x+1) = 0$

$x = 0, 12, -1$ check solutions!!

0: extraneous (because undefined) ✗

12: $\frac{11}{36} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-4}{144}$

$-\frac{1}{36} = \frac{-1}{36}$ ✓

-1: $\frac{11}{-3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-4}{1}$ ✓

Simplify:

7) $x^{-3/2} - 2x^{-1/2} + x^{1/2}$ (factor out the lowest exponent)

$x^{-3/2} (1 - 2x + x^2)$ (factor the quadratic)

$x^{-3/2} (x-1)(x-1)$

$x^{-3/2} (x-1)^2$

8) $64m^2 - n^2 - 4 + 4n$

$64m^2 - (n^2 + 4 - 4n)$

$64m^2 - (n-2)(n-2)$

$64m^2 - (n-2)^2$

difference of squares

$(8m + (n-2))(8m - (n-2))$

$(8m + n - 2)(8m - n + 2)$

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$x^4 + 6x^2 + 9 - 25x^2$

$(x^2 + 3)(x^2 + 3) - 25x^2$

$(x^2 + 3)^2 - 25x^2$

difference of squares

$(x^2 + 3 + 5x)(x^2 + 3 - 5x)$

Solve by Completing the Square:

10) $x^2 + 4x = 7$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 = 7 + 4$$

add $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ to both sides

$$(x+2)(x+2) = 11$$

$$\sqrt{(x+2)^2} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$(x+2) = \pm \sqrt{11}$$

$$x = -2 \pm \sqrt{11}$$

11) $-2x^2 + 9x + 3 = 0$

$$-2\left(x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x\right) = -3$$

$$-2\left(x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x + \frac{81}{16}\right) = -3 + \frac{81}{16}(-2)$$

$$-2\left(x + \frac{9}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{-105}{8}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{9}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{105}{16}$$

$$x + \frac{9}{4} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{105}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{9}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{105}}{4}$$

Solve using the Quadratic Formula:

12) $2x^2 + 8x = -4$

$$2x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$$

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 8$$

$$c = 4$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{(8)^2 - 4(2)(4)}}{2(2)}$$

$$x = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{32}}{4}$$

$$x = -2 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

Fill in the blanks:

13) $(x + \underline{4})^2 = x^2 + 8x + \underline{16}$

14) $(x + \underline{7})^2 + \underline{(-40)} = x^2 + 14x + 9$

15) $3x^2 - 30x + 68 = 3(x^2 - \underline{10}x + \underline{25}) + \underline{-75} + 68 = 3(x - \underline{5})^2 + \underline{-7}$

SOLUTIONS

- 16) If Jim can paint a fence in 6 hours, and Tim can paint a fence in 4 hours. How long will it take them to paint a fence *working together*?

$$-1: \frac{11}{-3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{-4}{1} \quad \checkmark$$

amount of fence = (rate)(time)

Working together:

therefore, $\text{rate} = \frac{\text{fence}}{\text{time}}$

Jim's rate: $\text{rate}_J = \frac{1 \text{ fence}}{6 \text{ hours}}$

Tim's rate: $\text{rate}_T = \frac{1 \text{ fence}}{4 \text{ hours}}$

Jim's amount + Tim's amount = 1 fence

$$\text{rate}_J(t) + \text{rate}_T(t) = 1 \text{ fence}$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ fence}}{6 \text{ hours}}(t) + \frac{1 \text{ fence}}{4 \text{ hours}}(t) = 1 \text{ fence}$$

Solve (multiply by 24 hours; divide by fence)

$$4t + 6t = 24 \text{ hours}$$

$$t = 12/5 \text{ hours (2 hours, 24 minutes)}$$

Check:

Jim: $(1/6)(12/5) = 2/5$

Tim: $(1/4)(12/5) = 3/5$

total: $5/5 \checkmark$

- 17) A girl can wash the windows in 45 minutes. Working with her brother, they can wash the windows in 20 minutes.

$$1 = \frac{1}{45}t + \frac{1}{x}t$$

Working by himself, how fast can the brother wash the windows?

let $t = 20 \text{ minutes}$

$$1 = \frac{20}{45} + \frac{20}{x}$$

$$\frac{25}{45} = \frac{20}{x} \quad \boxed{x = 36}$$

- 18) At 9:00 am, Danny goes out for his daily jog. He runs due north at 7 miles per hour. Then, turns around and runs due south at a pace of 8 miles per hour. If he returns to his starting spot at 9:50 am, how far did he run?

distance = (rate)(time)

$$\frac{7 \text{ miles}}{60 \text{ min.}}(t) = \frac{8 \text{ miles}}{60 \text{ min.}}(50 \text{ min} - t)$$

(units cancel)

North: distance = $(\frac{7 \text{ miles}}{60 \text{ minutes}})(\text{time})$

$$d_N = \frac{7 \text{ miles}}{60 \text{ min.}}(t)$$

$$\frac{7}{60}t = \frac{400 \text{ min}}{60} - \frac{8}{60}t$$

(multiply by 60; then, collect 'like' terms)

South: distance = $(\frac{8 \text{ miles}}{60 \text{ minutes}})(\text{time})$

$$d_S = \frac{8 \text{ miles}}{60 \text{ min.}}(50 \text{ min.} - t)$$

$$15t = 400 \text{ minutes}$$

$$t = 26 \frac{2}{3} \text{ minutes}$$

therefore, Danny runs $26 \frac{2}{3}$ minutes North and runs $23 \frac{1}{3}$ minutes South...

Since the distance north is the same as the distance south, we set the equations equal to each other...

$$\begin{aligned} \text{distance north} &= (26 \frac{2}{3})(7/60) = 3.11 \text{ miles} \\ \text{distance south} &= (23 \frac{1}{3})(8/60) = 3.11 \text{ miles} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{total: 6.22 miles}}$$

- 19) Mac wants to fill a fuel tank. Pump 1 can fill a tank in 5 hours. Pump 2 can fill a tank in 8 hours.

$$\frac{1 \text{ tank}}{5 \text{ hours}}(4 \text{ hours}) + \frac{1 \text{ tank}}{8 \text{ hours}}(t) = 1 \text{ tank}$$

At 1:00 pm, Mac starts filling a tank with Pump 1. Later in the afternoon, Pump 2 is available. So, Mac starts using it to fill the fuel tank. (as he continues to use Pump 1. So, both are filling the tank.)

$$\frac{4}{5}(\text{tank}) + \frac{1}{8}(\text{time}) = 1 \text{ tank}$$

At 5:00, the fuel tank is full.

$$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{8}t = 1$$

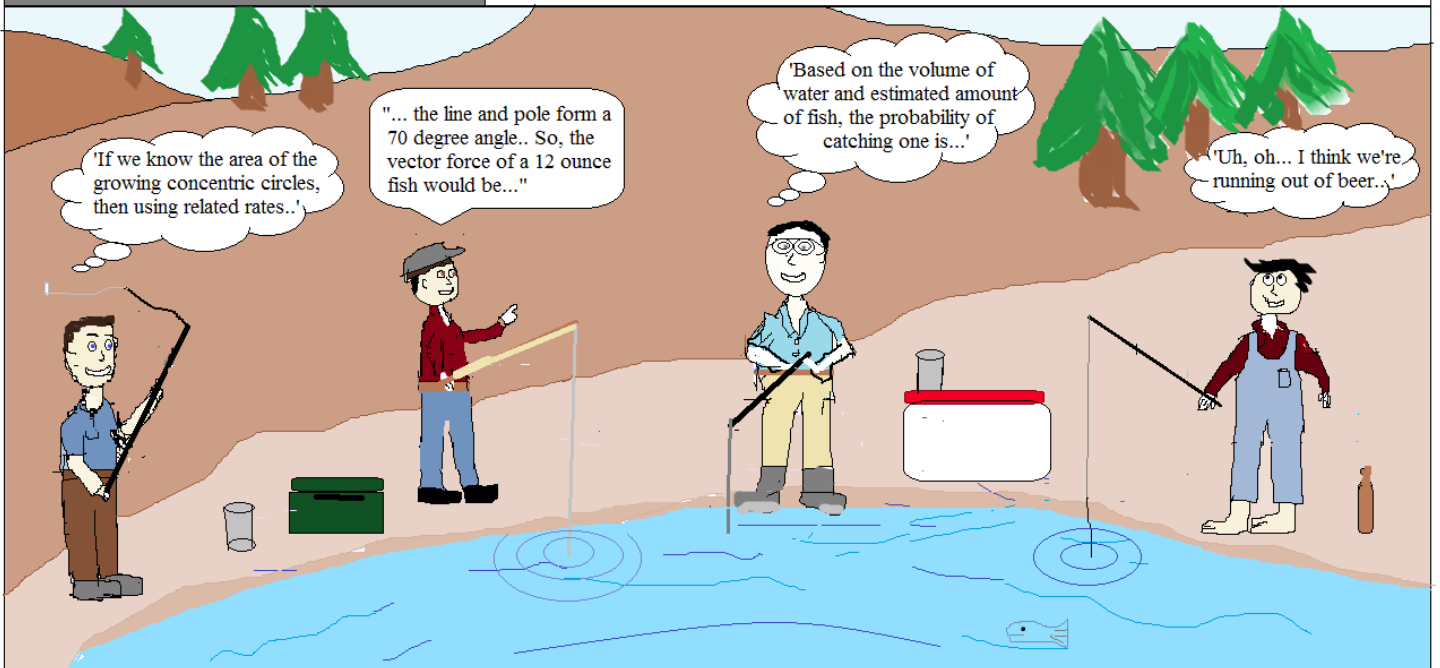
What time did Mac begin using Pump 2?

$$\frac{5t}{40} = \frac{8}{40} \quad t = 1.6 \text{ hours (1 hr. 36 min)}$$

$$\boxed{3:24 \text{ PM, Pump 2 began...}}$$



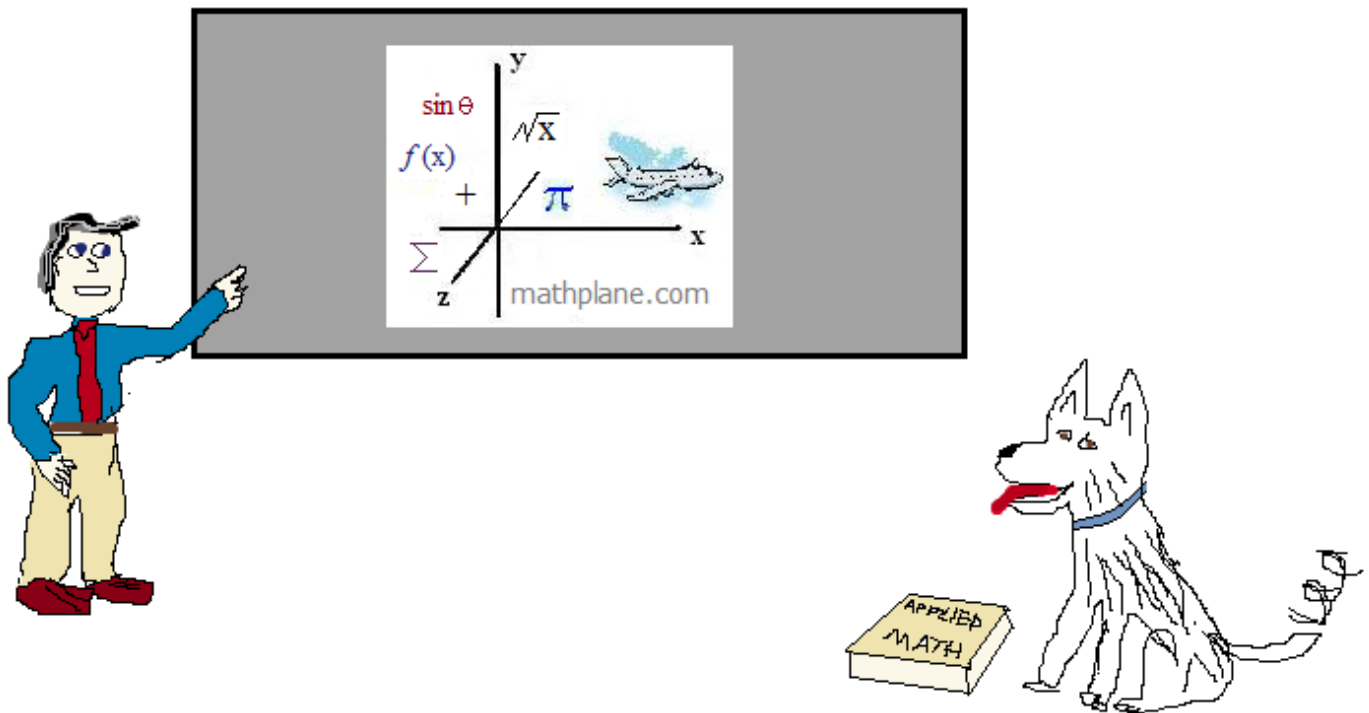
Bubba and 3 mathematicians ponder at the pond...



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