

# Intermediate Algebra Exam 2 Forms A, B Dr. Rapalje

INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA EXAM 2 A\*

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$$x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

$$x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

In 1-6, factor completely:

1.  $x^2 + x - 42$

2.  $8x^3 - 27y^6$

3.  $x^3 - 2x^2 - 16x + 32$

4.  $x^3 - 49x$

5.  $x^4 - 8x^2 - 9$

6.  $(x-3y)^2 - 5(x-3y) + 6$

In 7-9, solve for X:

7.  $3x^2 + 14x - 5 = 0$

8.  $x^3 = x^2 + 12x$

9.  $y = \frac{a - bx}{c}$

In 10-13, perform the indicated operations (add, subtract, multiply, or divide.) REDUCE ALL FRACTIONS COMPLETELY!

10.  $\frac{xy - 3y + 3x - 9}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$

11.  $\frac{x^2 - x - 12}{2x^2 - 32} \times \frac{x^2 + 8x + 16}{3x^2 + 21x + 36}$

$$12. \frac{6}{X^2 - 2X} - \frac{8}{X^2 - 4}$$

$$13. \frac{X}{X^2 - 10X + 25} + \frac{5}{X^2 - 6X + 5}$$

14. Solve the equation for X:

$$\frac{X+2}{X^2 - X - 6} - \frac{1}{X^2 - 5X + 6} = \frac{X}{X^2 - 4}$$

15. Y varies directly as the square of X and inversely as Z.  
If Y=18 when X=4 and Z=2, find Y when X=2 and Z=15.

16. Divide:

a) 
$$\frac{9X^4 + 3X^2 - 4}{3X^2}$$

b) 
$$\frac{X^3 - 6X^2 + 10X - 4}{X - 4}$$

In 17-20, simplify the complex fractions:

17. 
$$\frac{\frac{1}{X} - \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{9}{X^2} - 1}$$

18. 
$$\frac{\frac{X - 1}{X^2 - 4}}{1 + \frac{1}{X - 2}}$$

19. 
$$\frac{2X^{-1} - (2Y)^{-1}}{2XY^{-1}}$$

20. 
$$(X^{-1} + Y^{-1})^{-1}$$

## EXAM 2A\* Solutions

$$1. x^2 + x - 42 = (x+7)(x-6)$$

$$2. 8x^3 - 27y^6 = (2x-3y^2)(4x^2 + 6xy^2 + 9y^4)$$

$$3. x^3 - 2x^2 - 16x + 32$$

$$= x^2(x-2) - 16(x-2)$$

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

$$4. x^3 - 49x = x(x^2 - 49) = x(x-7)(x+7)$$

$$5. x^4 - 8x^2 - 9 = (x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 1)$$

$$= (x-3)(x+3)(x^2 + 1)$$

$$6. (x-3y)^2 - 5(x-3y) + 6 = [(x-3y)-2][(x-3y)-3] = (x-3y-2)(x-3y-3)$$

$$7. 3x^2 + 14x - 5 = 0 \quad (3x-1)(x+5) = 0$$

$$3x = 1 \quad x = -5 \\ x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$8. x^3 = x^2 + 12x \\ x^3 - x^2 - 12x = 0 \\ x(x^2 - x - 12) = 0 \\ x(x-4)(x+3) = 0 \\ x=0 \quad x=4 \quad x=-3$$

$$9. y = \frac{a-8x}{c} \\ yc = a - 8x \\ \frac{8x}{c} = \frac{a-yc}{c} \\ x = \frac{a-yc}{8}$$

$$10. \frac{xy - 3y + 3x - 9}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$$

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

$$11. \frac{(x-4)(x+3)}{2(x^2-16)} \times \frac{(x+4)(x+4)}{3(x^2+7x+12)} \\ = \frac{(x-4)(x+3)}{2(x-4)(x+4)} \times \frac{(x+4)(x+4)}{3(x+3)(x+4)}$$

$$12. \frac{6}{x(x-2)} - \frac{8}{(x-2)(x+2)} \quad \text{LCD} = x(x-2)(x+2) \\ = \frac{6(x+2)}{x(x-2)(x+2)} - \frac{8x}{(x-2)(x+2)(x)} \\ = \frac{6x+12 - 8x}{x(x-2)(x+2)} \\ = \frac{-2x+12}{x(x-2)(x+2)}$$

$$13. \frac{x}{(x-5)^2} + \frac{5}{(x-1)(x-5)} \quad x^2 - 4 - x - 2 = x^2 - 3x \\ \frac{x(x-1)}{(x-5)^2(x-1)} + \frac{5(x-5)}{(x-1)(x-5)(x-5)} \quad x^2 - x - 6 = x^2 - 3x \\ = \frac{x^2 - x + 5x - 25}{(x-5)^2(x-1)} = \frac{x^2 + 4x - 25}{(x-5)^2(x-1)}$$

Denom  $\neq 0$ .  
No Solution

$$15. y = \frac{kx^2}{z^2}$$

$$18 = \frac{k \cdot 16}{2^2}$$

$$36 = 16k$$

$$k = \frac{36}{16} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$y = \frac{\frac{9}{4}x^2}{2} = \frac{9x^2}{8}$$

$$= \frac{9}{15} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$16a. \frac{9x^4}{3x^2} + \frac{3x^2}{3x^2} - \frac{4}{3x^2} \\ = 3x^2 + 1 - \frac{4}{3x^2}$$

$$b) 4 \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -6 & 10 & -4 \\ \downarrow & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right.$$

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

$$17. \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{9}{x^2} - 1\right)} = \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{3}\right) \div \left(\frac{9}{x^2} - 1\right)$$

$$= \frac{3-x}{3x} \div \frac{9-x^2}{x^2} \\ = \frac{3-x}{3x} \cdot \frac{x^2}{(3-x)(3+x)}$$

$$= \frac{x}{3(x+3)}$$

$$18. \frac{x-1}{x^2-4} \div \left(1 + \frac{1}{x-2}\right)$$

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

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

$$19. \frac{\frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{2y}}{\frac{2x}{y}} = \left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{2y}\right) \div \frac{2x}{y}$$

$$= \frac{4y-x}{2xy} \cdot \frac{y}{2x} \\ = \frac{4y-x}{4x^2}$$

$$20. (x^{-1} + y^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{x+y}\right)^{-1} = \frac{xy}{y+x}$$

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$$x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

In 1-6, factor completely:

1.  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x$       2.  $x^4 - 81$       3.  $(x+2y)^2 - 2(x+2y) - 8$

4.  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 25x + 75$       5.  $16x^4 + 250x$       6.  $x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + 5x + 5y + 4$

In 7-9, solve for X:

7.  $x^2 - x = 12$       8.  $(x + 2)(2x + 3) = 10$       9.  $\frac{ax + b}{4} = x + 2$

In 10-12, perform the indicated operations (add, subtract, multiply, or divide.) REDUCE ALL FRACTIONS COMPLETELY!

10. 
$$\frac{x^3 - 8}{x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 8}$$
      11. 
$$\frac{16x^2 - 9y^2}{16x^2 - 24xy + 9y^2} \div \frac{8x^2 + 10xy + 3y^2}{8x^2 - 6xy}$$

$$12. \frac{4}{X^2 - 16} - \frac{5}{2X + 8}$$

$$13. \frac{X - 2}{X^2 - 10X + 25} + \frac{2}{X^2 - 6X + 5}$$

14. Solve the equation for X:

$$\frac{2}{X + 1} - \frac{3}{X^2 - X - 2} = -\frac{2}{X - 2}$$

15. Y varies directly as X and inversely as the square of Z.  
If Y=27 when X=12 and Z=2, find Y when X=4 and Z=9.

16. Divide:

$$a) \frac{20X^4 - 4X^2 + 12}{4X^2}$$

$$b) \frac{X^3 - 6X^2 + 10X - 4}{X - 4}$$

In 17-20, simplify the complex fractions:

$$17. \frac{\frac{2}{X} - \frac{3}{Y}}{2 - \frac{5}{XY}}$$

$$18. \frac{\frac{6X}{X+3} + 3}{4 - \frac{12}{X+4}}$$

$$19. \frac{X^{-1} + Y^{-1}}{X^{-2} - Y^{-2}}$$

$$20. (X^{-1} - Y^{-1})^{-1}$$

# Exam 28 \* Solutions

$$1. x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x = x(x^2 - 7x + 6) = \boxed{x(x-6)(x-1)}$$

$$2. x^4 - 81 = (x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 9) = \boxed{(x-3)(x+3)(x^2 + 9)}$$

$$3. (x+2y)^2 - 2(x+2y) - 8 = [(x+2y) - 4][(x+2y) + 2] = \boxed{(x+2y-4)(x+2y+2)}$$

$$4. x^3 - 3x^2 - 25x + 75 = x^2(x-3) - 25(x-3) = \boxed{(x-3)(x^2 - 25)} = \boxed{(x-3)(x-5)(x+5)}$$

$$5. 16x^4 + 250x = 2x(8x^3 + 125) = \boxed{2x(2x+5)(4x^2 - 10x + 25)} = \boxed{(x+y+4)(x+y+1)}$$

$$6. x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + 5x + 5y + 4 = (x+y)^2 + 5(x+y) + 4 = \boxed{(x+y) + 4}[(x+y) + 1] = \boxed{(x+y+4)(x+y+1)}$$

$$7. x^2 - x = 12 \\ x^2 - x - 12 = 0 \\ (x-4)(x+3) = 0 \\ \boxed{x=4} \quad \boxed{x=-3}$$

$$8. (x+2)(2x+3) = 10 \\ 2x^2 + 7x + 6 = 10 \\ 2x^2 + 7x - 4 = 0 \\ (2x-1)(x+4) = 0 \\ \boxed{x=\frac{1}{2}} \quad \boxed{x=-4}$$

$$9. \frac{ax+b}{4} = \frac{x+2}{1}$$

$$10. \frac{(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)}{x^2(x-2) + 4(x-2)} \\ ax+b = 4x+8 \\ ax-4x = 8-b \\ x(a-4) = 8-b \\ \boxed{x = \frac{8-b}{a-4}} \quad \boxed{\text{or } \frac{a-8}{4-a}}$$

$$11. \frac{(4x-3y)(4x+3y)}{(4x-3y)(4y-3y)} = \frac{2x(4x-3y)}{(4x+3y)(2x+y)} = \boxed{\frac{2x}{2x+y}}$$

$$12. \frac{4}{(x-4)(x+4)} - \frac{5}{2(x+4)} = \frac{4 \cdot 2}{(x-4)(x+4)} - 2 - \frac{5(x-4)}{2(x+4)(x-4)} = \frac{8 - 5x + 20}{2(x-4)(x+4)} = \boxed{\frac{28-5x}{2(x-4)(x+4)}}$$

$$13. \frac{x-2}{(x-5)^2} + \frac{2}{(x-5)(x-1)} = \frac{(x-2)(x-1)}{(x-5)^2(x-1)} + \frac{2}{(x-5)(x-1)(x-5)} = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2 + 2x - 10}{(x-5)^2(x-1)} = \boxed{\frac{x^2 - x - 8}{(x-5)^2(x-1)}}$$

$$14. \frac{6x^2(x-2)}{x+1} \cdot \frac{(x+1)(x-2)}{3} = -\frac{2}{x-2} \\ \frac{6x^2(x-2)(x+1)(x-2)}{x+1} = -2(x+1) \\ 2(x-2)-3 = -2(x+1) \\ 2x-4-3 = -2x-2 \\ 4x = 5 \\ \boxed{x = \frac{5}{4}}$$

$$15. y = \frac{6x}{z^2} \quad y = \frac{9x}{z^2} \\ 27 = \frac{6 \cdot 12}{4} \quad y = \frac{9 \cdot 4}{81} \\ 27 = 36 \quad \boxed{y = \frac{4}{9}} \\ k = 9$$

$$16a) \frac{20x^4 - 4x^2 + 12}{4x^2} = \frac{20x^4}{4x^2} - \frac{4x^2}{4x^2} + \frac{12}{4x^2} = \boxed{5x^2 - 1 + \frac{3}{x^2}}$$

$$17. \frac{xy(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{y})}{xy(2 - \frac{5}{xy})} = \boxed{\frac{2y-3x}{2xy-5}}$$

$$18. \frac{\left(\frac{6x}{x+3} + 3\right)}{\left(4 - \frac{12}{x+4}\right)} = \left(\frac{6x}{x+3} + 3\right) \div \left(4 - \frac{12}{x+4}\right)$$

$$18) \begin{array}{r} 4 | & 1 & -6 & 10 & -4 \\ & \downarrow & 4 & -8 & 8 \\ & 1 & -2 & 2 & 4 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 - 2x + 2 + \frac{4}{x-4}}$$

$$19. \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{y+x}{xy} \div \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2y^2}} = \frac{y+x}{xy} \cdot \frac{x^2y^2}{(y-x)(y+x)} = \boxed{\frac{x^2y^2}{y-x}}$$

$$19. \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{y+x}{xy} \div \frac{y^2 - x^2}{x^2y^2}} = \frac{y+x}{xy} \cdot \frac{x^2y^2}{(y-x)(y+x)} = \frac{9(x+1)}{x+3} \cdot \frac{x+4}{4(x+1)} = \boxed{\frac{9(x+1)}{4(x+3)}}$$

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