

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{x+3} \text{ and } \frac{1}{x+2}}$$

1. (NCTM May 2018#23)

Find two fractions with different denominators such that their sum is

$$\frac{2x-1}{(x-3)(x+2)} = \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+2}$$

$$2x-1 = A(x+2) + B(x-3)$$

2 options

① let $x = -2$ let $x = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} -5 &= -5B & 5 &= 5A \\ 1 &= B & 1 &= A \end{aligned}$$

2. (NCTM May 2018 #10)

A student incorrectly adds 2 unit fractions together by putting the sum of the 2 numerators over the sum of the 2 denominators. If the result coincidentally is the correct answer, what is the ratio of the two denominators?

Definition → Unit Fraction: a rational number in which the numerator is 1 and the denominator is a positive integer.

**Your answer will have a negative under a square root, its okay, just leave it as it is.

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \text{ incorrect } \rightarrow \frac{2}{x+y}$$

$$\text{correct } \rightarrow \frac{y}{xy} + \frac{x}{xy} = \frac{y+x}{xy}$$

coincidentally be equal

$$\frac{2}{x+y} = \frac{x+y}{xy}$$

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

$$2xy = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$$0 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$x^2 = -y^2$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{-y^2} = \pm y\sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = \pm y\sqrt{-1}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{y} = \pm \sqrt{-1}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2x-1 = Ax + 2A + Bx - 3B$$

$$2x-1 = Ax + Bx + 2A - 3B$$

$$2x-1 = (A+B)x + 2A - 3B$$

$$2 = A+B \quad -1 = 2A - 3B$$

$$6 = 3A + 3B \quad A = 1$$

$$\underline{-1 = 2A - 3B} \quad B = 1$$

$$3 = 5A$$

3. (NCTM March 2018 #3)

Find all real solutions to the equation below, given that $x \neq 1, 2$.

$$\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x-2} = A_2$$

$$\star A_2 = 1$$

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

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

$$3x-4 = (x-1)(x-2)$$

$$3x-4 = x^2-3x+2$$

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

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(6)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \boxed{3 \pm \sqrt{3}}$$

4. In the seventeenth century, Lord Crouncker wrote down a most peculiar mathematical equation:

$$\frac{4}{\pi} = 1 + \frac{1^2}{2 + \frac{1^2}{2 + \frac{5^2}{2 + \frac{7^2}{2 + \frac{9^2}{2 + \dots}}}}}$$

This is an example of an infinite continued fraction. Simplify the infinite continued fraction:

$$\begin{aligned} n + \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{n}}} &= n + \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{\frac{n^2+1}{n}}} \\ n + \frac{1}{n} &= \frac{n^2+1}{n} \\ n + \frac{n}{n^2+1} &= \frac{n(n^2+1)+n}{n^2+1} \\ &= \frac{n^3+n+n}{n^2+1} \\ &= \frac{n^3+2n}{n^2+1} \\ n + \frac{1}{n + \frac{n}{n^2+1}} &= n + \frac{1}{n + \frac{n}{n^2+1}} \\ &= n + \frac{1}{\frac{n^3+2n}{n^2+1}} \\ &= n + \frac{n^2+1}{n^3+2n} \end{aligned}$$

continues \rightarrow

$$= n + \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^3 + 2n}$$

$$= \frac{n(n^3 + 2n) + n^2 + 1}{n^3 + 2n}$$

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{n^4 + 3n^2 + 1}{n^3 + 2n}}$$

