

What is a Rational Number?

$$1.18325$$
$$= \frac{18325}{100000}$$

What is a Rational Function?

$$f(x) = \frac{N(x)}{D(x)} \quad D(x) \neq 0$$

$N(x)$ and $D(x)$ have to be polynomials

Domain Restrictions

- 1) Can't be divided by zero
- 2) Any even root has to be ≥ 0
- 3) Real Life Restrictions

Find the Domain

1) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad x \neq 0$

2) $f(x) = \frac{3x-5}{x^2-4} \quad x \neq -2, 2$

$$x^2 - 4 \neq 0$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} \neq \sqrt{4}$$

$$x \neq \pm 2$$

$$3) f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} \quad x = \mathbb{R}$$

$$x^2 + 4 \neq 0$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} \neq \sqrt{-4}$$

$$x \neq$$

$$4) f(x) = \frac{3x}{x^2 - 6x + 9} \quad x \neq 3$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 \neq 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-3) \neq 0$$

$$x-3 \neq 0$$

$$x \neq 3$$

$$5) f(x) = \frac{7x^2 - 15x + 159}{|x| - 2} \quad x \neq \pm 2$$

$$|x| - 2 \neq 0$$

$$|x| \neq 2$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \\ x \neq 2 \quad -x \neq 2 \\ \quad \quad \quad x \neq -2 \end{array}$$

$$6) f(x) = \frac{10}{|x+2| - 5} \quad x \neq -7, 3$$

$$|x+2| - 5 \neq 0$$

$$|x+2| \neq 5$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \\ x+2 \neq 5 \\ \quad -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline x \neq 3 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \swarrow \\ -(x+2) \neq 5 \\ -x-2 \neq 5 \\ \quad +2 \quad +2 \\ \hline -x \neq 7 \\ x \neq -7 \end{array} \right\}$$

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only do domain