

Q What is a rational number?

is a number that can be written as a fraction $\frac{A}{B}$ ← cannot be zero (ERROR on calc)

Q What is a rational expression?

is an expression that can be written as a quotient of two polynomials

(eg. $\frac{A}{2}$, $\frac{4}{r}$, $\frac{x}{x-2}$)

Q What is a restriction?

since division by zero results in ERROR (is not defined), restrictions must be placed

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no restrictions $r \neq 0$ $x \neq 2$ b/c those values would make denominator zero (!!)

Ⓐ Mult & Div. Expressions

i) $\frac{3x^2y^1}{4x^1} \cdot \frac{2xy^3}{5y^1}$

reduce
 $\frac{6x^3y^4}{20x^1y^1}$

$= \frac{3x^2y^3}{10}$ OR $\frac{3x^2y^3}{10}$ ✓

restrictions: NONE |

ii) $\frac{-8x^5y^8}{4x^3y^5}$
 $= \frac{-2x^2y^3}{1}$ ✓

$= -2x^2y^3$ ✓

NONE |

Divide Fractions: KEEP FLIP FLIP

iii) $\frac{3x^2y}{4} \div \frac{2x}{5}$

$= \frac{3x^2y}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{2x}$

$= \frac{15x^2y^1}{8x^1}$

$= \frac{15x^1y^1}{8}$ NONE |

