

Warm-Up:

Add or Subtract the following:

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{12}{x^2 + 5x - 24} + \frac{3}{x-3} \cdot \frac{x+8}{x+8}$$

$(x+8)(x-3)$

$$\frac{12}{(x+8)(x-3)} + \frac{3(x+8)}{(x+8)(x-3)}$$

$$\frac{12 + 3x + 24}{(x+8)(x-3)} = \frac{3x + 36}{(x+8)(x-3)} = \frac{3(x+12)}{(x+8)(x-3)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{x+6}{x+6} \cdot \frac{3}{(x+4)} - \frac{1}{(x+6)} \cdot \frac{x+4}{x+4}$$

$$\frac{3(x+6) - 1(x+4)}{(x+4)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{3x + 18 - x - 4}{(x+4)(x+6)}$$

$$\frac{2x + 14}{(x+4)(x+6)} = \frac{2(x+7)}{(x+4)(x+6)}$$

Simplify the complex fraction:

$$\textcircled{3} \frac{\left[\frac{x}{3} - \frac{6}{1} \right] \cdot \frac{3}{3}}{\frac{x}{x} \left[10 + \frac{4}{x} \right]} = \frac{\frac{x-18}{3}}{\frac{10x+4}{x}} = \frac{x-18}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{10x+4} = \frac{x(x-18)}{6(5x+2)}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \frac{\left[\frac{16}{x-2} \right]}{\frac{x}{x} \left[\frac{4}{x+1} + \frac{6}{x} \right] \cdot \frac{x+1}{x+1}} = \frac{16}{\frac{4x + 6(x+1)}{x(x+1)}} = \frac{16}{x-2} \cdot \frac{x(x+1)}{4x + 6x + 6} = \frac{16}{x-2} \cdot \frac{x(x+1)}{10x+6} = \frac{8}{x-2} \cdot \frac{x(x+1)}{2(5x+3)} = \frac{8x(x+1)}{(x-2)(5x+3)}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \frac{x+2}{x+2} \left[\frac{3}{x-2} - \frac{6}{x^2-4} \right] = \frac{3(x+2) - 6}{(x+2)(x-2)} = \frac{3x+6-6}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{5} \quad \frac{x+2}{x+2} \left[\frac{3}{x-2} - \frac{6}{x^2-4} \right] &= \frac{3(x+2) - 6}{(x+2)(x-2)} = \frac{3x+6-6}{(x+2)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{(x+2)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{3x}{(x+2)(x-2)} \\
 \frac{x-2}{x-2} \left[\frac{3}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x-2} \right] \frac{x+2}{x+2} &= \frac{3(x-2) + 1(x+2)}{(x+2)(x-2)} = \frac{3x-6+x+2}{4x-4} = \frac{3x}{4(x-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{6} \quad \left[\frac{1}{3x^2-3} \right] &= \frac{1}{3(x^2-1)} \\
 \frac{x-4}{x-4} \cdot \left[\frac{5}{x+1} - \frac{x+4}{x^2-3x-4} \right] &= \frac{5(x-4) - (x-4)}{(x-4)(x+1)} = \frac{1}{3(x-1)(x+1)} \cdot \frac{(x-4)(x+1)}{(x-4)(x+1)} \\
 &= \frac{1(x-4)}{12(x-1)(x-4)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{12(x-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$