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Cal-PASS’ Algebra I deconstruction project was initiated by the faculty serving on the math intersegmental councils after reviewing data on student transition. A deconstruction process was devised by the participating faculty with suggestions from the San Bernardino County Unified School District math faculty (Chuck Schindler and Carol Cronk) and included adaptations of the work of Dr. Richard Stiggins of the Assessment Training Institute and Bloom’s *Taxonomy of Educational Objectives* (B. S. Bloom, 1984,. Boston: Allyn and Bacon).

The Algebra II deconstruction project followed using the same procedure that was used for deconstructing Algebra I standards and has been supported by a generous grant from Girard Foundation. The following document represents a comprehensive review by K–16 faculty to deconstruct and align Algebra II (Intermediate Algebra) standards.

In order to continue the collaboration on these standards, thus improving on the current work, we invite and encourage the reader to provide feedback to us. Please contact Dr. Shelly Valdez at: [svaldez@calpass.org](mailto:svaldez@calpass.org).



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# Standard #1

## Standard Set 1.0

Students solve equations and inequalities involving absolute value.

## Deconstructed Standard

1. Students solve equations involving absolute value.
2. Students solve inequalities involving absolute value.

## Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should know how to:

- solve basic algebraic equations
- solve basic algebraic inequalities
- evaluate absolute value expressions for a given value of the variable
- graph solutions to an inequality on the real number line
- interpret the absolute value of a number as a distance from zero on a number line
- represent solution sets using inequalities and/or interval notation
- convert solution sets written in interval notation to inequality notation and vice versa
- graph solution sets on the real number line given either interval notation or inequality notation
- identify absolute value equations that have no solution (e.g.,  $|x - 3| = -9$ )
- identify absolute value inequalities that have no solution (e.g.,  $|x + 2| < 0$ )
- identify an absolute value equation as the distance between two points on the real number line and plot the appropriate points accordingly
- identify an absolute value inequality as a distance on the real number line
- graph the appropriate regions accordingly

## New Knowledge

Students will need to learn how to:

- solve more advanced problems involving equations with absolute value
- solve more advanced problems involving inequalities with absolute value
- solve more advanced problems involving inequalities with unions, intersections, or no solution

## Categorization of Educational Outcomes

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will list the steps to solve an absolute-value equation.

Competence Level: Comprehension

1. Students will discuss why it is necessary to check their solutions when solving absolute-value equations.

Competence Level: Application



1. Students will show why an absolute-value equation can have two equations.

Competence Level: Analysis

1. Students will explain why certain absolute-value equations have no solutions.

**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will represent the solution set to an absolute value equation by plotting points on the real number line.
2. Students will represent the solution set to an absolute value equation as the union or intersection of two sets in interval notation.
3. Students will represent the solution set to an absolute value equation as a compound inequality or as the union of two disjoint inequalities.
4. Students will represent the solution set to an absolute value inequality as a graph on the real number line.
5. Students will represent the solution set to an absolute value inequality as the union or intersection of two sets in interval notation.
6. Students will represent the solution set to an absolute value inequality as a compound inequality or as the union of two disjoint inequalities.
7. Students will find solutions to real-world problems.



## Standard #1 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Solve the following. If there is no solution, explain why. Write the solution as a compound inequality if necessary:

a.  $|x + 2| = 4$

b.  $10 = |7 - 3x|$

c.  $|2x - 5| = 3$

d.  $x + 4 = |x - 2|$

e.  $|x - 4| > 1$

f.  $|2x| > 12$

g.  $|-2x - 3| \leq 11$

h.  $|4x + 6| \geq 14$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Solve and graph on a number line:

a.  $|x - 3| = 6$

b.  $|3x - 4| = 10$

c.  $|x + 8| > 12$

d.  $|9x + 4| < 10$

e.  $|3x + 5| < 14$

### Problem Solving/Application

1. A recent survey reported that 72% of teenage boys prefer burritos to tacos. The margin of error for the poll was 5%. What are the minimum and maximum possible percents according to the survey?
2. An instrument measures a wind speed of 40 feet per second. The true wind speed is within 3 feet per second of the measured speed. What range is possible?



## Standard #2

### **Standard Set 2.0**

Students solve systems of linear equations and inequalities (in two or three variables) by substitution, with graphs, or with matrices<sup>1</sup>.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students solve systems of linear equations in two variables by graphing.
2. Students solve systems of linear inequalities in two variables by graphing.
3. Students solve systems of linear equations in two variables by substitution.
4. Students solve systems of linear equations in two variables by matrices.
5. Students solve systems of linear equations in three variables by substitution.
6. Students solve systems of linear equations in three variables by matrices.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know how to:

- perform arithmetic operations with rational numbers and variables
- graph a linear equation
- graph a linear inequality
- interpret the inequality symbol to determine whether or not the boundaries are solid or dashed
- solve a linear equation
- solve a linear inequality
- substitute a rational number or expression for a variable
- evaluate a linear equation for a given  $x$ ,  $y$ , and/or  $z$  value
- identify the coefficients from an equation in standard form

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn how to:

- identify the solution from a graph, given a system of linear equations
- identify and shade the region of a graph that contains the solutions to an inequality system
- determine the solution to a linear system in two variables through substitution and/or matrices (elimination)
- determine the solution to a linear system in three variables through substitution and/or matrices (elimination)
- recognize when a system of linear inequalities has an infinite number of solutions or no solution
- recognize when a system of linear equations has exactly one solution, an infinite number of solutions, or no solution

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<sup>1</sup> Matrices are interpreted as Elimination (Addition, Subtraction, and/or Multiplication) Methods.



### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use methods they have learned to solve systems of equations and inequalities.
2. Students will demonstrate their ability to find a solution to a system of equations or inequalities by graphing.
3. Students will calculate the intersection point, if one exists, through solving for  $x$ ,  $y$  and/or  $z$  by substitution or matrices.
4. Students will show that they know the difference between solving a system of equations and a system of inequalities.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

1. Use of a ruler for graphing straight lines.

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce the graph and solution of a system of equations.
2. Students will produce the graph and solution of a system of inequalities.
3. Students will produce the ordered pair representing the solution to a system of two equations and two variables.
4. Students will produce the ordered triplet representing the solution to a system of three equations and three variables.



## **Standard #2 Model Assessment Items**

### **Computational and Procedural Skills**

1. Solve the system by graphing.

a. 
$$\begin{cases} -3x + 2y = -6 \\ 2x - y = 4 \end{cases}$$

b. 
$$\begin{cases} x \geq 0 \\ y \geq 0 \\ -x - y \geq -5 \\ -2x + 3y \geq -3 \end{cases}$$

2. Solve the system by substitution:

a. 
$$\begin{cases} -x + 2y = 11 \\ 3x - 2y = -13 \end{cases}$$

b. 
$$\begin{cases} x - 3y = -2 \\ 3x + 9y = 9 \end{cases}$$

3. Solve the system by matrices (Elimination):

a. 
$$\begin{cases} 3x + 2y = 18 \\ -2x - 2y = -22 \end{cases}$$

b. 
$$\begin{cases} y = -\frac{1}{8}x - \frac{5}{8} \\ y = \frac{2}{5}x - \frac{11}{5} \end{cases}$$

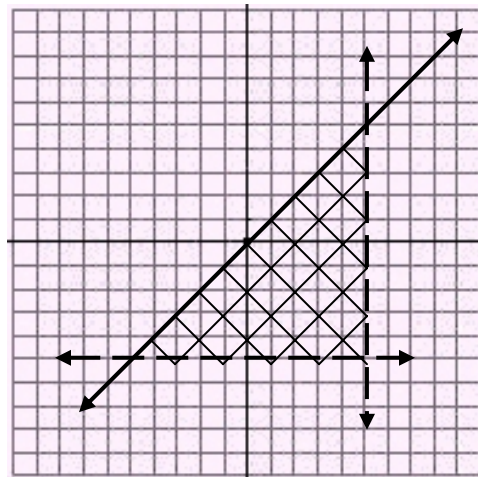
c. 
$$\begin{cases} -5x + 4y - z = 19 \\ -10y - 8z = -14 \\ z = -2 \end{cases}$$

d. 
$$\begin{cases} x - 2y + 3z = 2 \\ -x - 5y + 2z = -11 \\ 2x - y - 4z = 0 \end{cases}$$



### **Conceptual Understanding**

1. If you graph two lines in the same coordinate plane, what are the possible outcomes?
2. A system of linear equations may have infinitely many solutions. Explain how this is possible.
3. Does every system of linear equations have a solution? Explain.
4. After a solution of a system of linear equations is found, why should the solution be checked algebraically?
5. If the solution exists, what is the solution of a system of linear inequalities?
6. When is it advantageous to use the substitution method? The matrix method? Give an example to illustrate your answers to both parts of this question.
7. Write the system of linear inequalities from the graph below (*Inside the triangle is shaded*):



### **Problem Solving/Application**

1. Your family receives basic television and two movie channels for \$32.30 a month. Your neighbor receives basic cable and four movie channels for \$43.30 a month. What is the monthly charge for just the basic cable? (Assume that the movie channels have the same monthly cost.) What is the monthly charge for one movie channel?
  - a. Write a system of two equations using two variables.
  - b. Solve and put answer in a complete sentence.
2. The senior class has a carnival to raise money for a senior trip. Student tickets are \$6 and adult tickets are \$11. Since 324 people were in attendance, the senior class raised \$2,359. How many of the people in attendance were adults?



3. Sally has a combination of nickels, dimes, and quarters. She has three more dimes than quarters. If she has 16 coins totaling \$2.20, how many of each coin does she have?
4. Jonathan has \$10,000 to invest in three different accounts. He invests some into a 3% account, some into a 4.2% account, and some into a 5.1% account. The amount he invested into the 5.1% account is three times more than the amount he invested into the 4.2% account. If he earned an annual income of \$450 in interest, how much did he invest into all three accounts?



## Standard #3

### Standard Set 3.0

Students are adept at operations on polynomials, including long division.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students are adept at adding polynomials.
2. Students are adept at subtracting polynomials.
3. Students are adept at multiplying polynomials.
4. Students are adept at dividing polynomials.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should have the computational and conceptual knowledge outlined in Standard #10 for Algebra I. Students should know how to:

- use the properties of exponents
- combine similar or like terms in one variable (e.g.,  $2x+3x$ )
- apply the commutative, associative, and distributive properties
- interpret subtraction as adding the opposite
- divide numbers using long division (e.g.,  $5235/26$ )
- use the order of operations
- evaluate linear functions
- identify whether a function is a polynomial function and if it is, write it in standard form, state its degree, identify the terms and the coefficients including the leading term and the leading coefficient.
- evaluate polynomial functions
- combine two or more terms that have the same variables and raised to the same powers (e.g.,  $3x^2y + 2x^2y$ )
- add 2 or more polynomials containing multiple terms
- find the opposite of a polynomial
- subtract polynomials by adding the opposite of the polynomial being subtracted
- multiply two polynomials using repeated use of the distributive property including the FOIL method
- recognize a pattern for the product obtained when squaring a binomial
- recognize a pattern for the product obtained when multiplying the sum and difference of the same two terms (the difference of two squares)
- divide a polynomial by a monomial

### New Knowledge

This standard is an extension of Standard #10 in Algebra I. The following knowledge reflects the extension beyond Standard #10 in Algebra I. Students will need to learn how to:

- divide a higher order polynomial by another polynomial containing 2 or more terms using long division
- (optional) divide a polynomial by a binomial using synthetic division to streamline long division



**Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will describe and use the basic procedure for performing long division.
2. *(Optional)* Students will identify when to use synthetic division over long division.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use the different operations on polynomials (adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing) in solving word problems.

**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce the sum, difference, product, and quotient of polynomials.



## Standard #3 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Add:  $(-9xy^2 - xy + 6x^2y) + (-5x^2y - xy + 4xy^2)$
2. Subtract:  $(8x^2 - 4xy + y^2) - (2x^2 + 3xy - 2y^2)$
3. Multiply:  $(x - 5)(x^2 + 5x + 25)$
4. Multiply:  $(x - 2y)(x + 2y)$
5. Multiply:  $(2x - 5)^2$
6. Divide:  $(x^3y^2 - x^3y^3 - x^4y^2) \div (x^2y^2)$
7. Divide using long division:  $(2x^4 - x^3 - 5x^2 + x - 6) \div (x^2 + 2)$
8. (Optional) Divide using synthetic division:  $(y^3 - 3y + 10) \div (y - 2)$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Do addition, subtraction, and multiplication of polynomials always result in a polynomial? Does division? Explain why or why not.
2. Melissa insists that  $(x + 2)^2 = x^2 + 2^2 = x^2 + 4$  and that  $(x + 2)^3 = x^3 + 2^3 = x^3 + 8$ . What is wrong with this and how can you convince her that this simplification is incorrect?
3. Without performing any long division, how could you show that this division is incorrect?  
$$(x^3 + 9x^2 - 6) \div (x^2 - 1) = x + 9 + \frac{x + 4}{x^2 - 1}$$
4. When performing synthetic division (optional) or long division if there are missing terms in the dividend, why is it necessary to either write them with 0 coefficients or leave space for them?
  - a. (Optional) Can you always use synthetic division over long division on any type of polynomials?
  - b. Why or why not?



**Problem Solving/Application**

1. From 1995 through 2003, the number of hardback books  $N$  (in millions) sold in the United States and the average price per book  $P$  (in dollars) can be modeled by
$$N = -0.25t^3 + 3.7t^2 + 8.1t + 600$$
where  $t$  is the number of years since 1995. Write a model
$$P = 0.65t + 9.2$$
that represents the total revenue  $R$  (in millions of dollars) received from the sales of hardback books ( $R = N \cdot P$ ). What is the revenue in 2000?
2. Find  $k$  such that when  $x^3 + 2x^2 - kx + 5$  is divided by  $x - 2$ , the remainder is 3.
3. If each of the sides of a square is lengthened so that the new side is 5 more than twice the original side:
  - a. find its perimeter
  - b. find its area



## Standard #4

### Standard Set 4.0

Students simplify expressions prior to solving linear equations and inequalities in one variable, such as  $3(2x - 5) + 4(x - 2) = 12$ .

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students simplify expressions prior to solving linear equations in one variable.
2. Students simplify expressions prior to solving linear inequalities in one variable.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should know:

- by sixth grade
  - Algebra and Functions 1.3—students apply algebraic order of operations and the commutative, associative and distributive properties to evaluate expressions
- by seventh grade
  - Number Sense 1.2—students can add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers (integers, fractions, and terminating decimals)
  - Algebra and Functions 1.4—students can use algebraic terminology (e.g., variable, equation, term, coefficient)

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn:

- how to combine like terms to simplify algebraic expressions
- how to use the distributive property to simplify algebraic expressions
- how to master multiplication and division of monomials
- how to simplify more complicated algebraic expressions requiring more than one operation

### Categorization of Educational Outcomes

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use methods they have learned to combine like terms in an expression.
2. Students will demonstrate their ability to distribute a monomial through a polynomial.
3. Students will demonstrate their ability to distribute a negative value through a polynomial.
4. Students will demonstrate their ability to distribute a fractional expression through a polynomial.
5. Students will be able to combine several skills in order to simplify an expression.

### Necessary New Physical Skills

None

### Assessable Result of the Standard

1. Students will produce a simplified expression containing no like terms.



## Standard #4 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Simplify the following expressions:

a.  $a+2 - b - 8$

b.  $-\frac{5}{2}x - 6 + \frac{1}{4}x - 5$

c.  $5(3x - 4)$

d.  $-3(2x - 5)$

e.  $-2(3x - 1) - 2(5x - 4)$

f.  $\log 7 = \log(7 \cdot 1) = \log 7 + \log 1$

g.  $4 - (3x - 2y - 1) - 5(x - y + 5)$

h.  $2x(3x^2 - 2x + 1)$



## Standard #5

### **Standard Set 5.0**

Students demonstrate knowledge of how real and complex numbers are related both arithmetically and graphically. In particular, they can plot complex numbers as points in the plane.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students demonstrate knowledge of how real numbers and complex numbers are related arithmetically.
2. Students demonstrate knowledge of how real numbers and complex numbers are related graphically.
3. Students can plot complex numbers as points on a plane.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know how to:

- find the absolute values of numerical expressions
- plot points on a coordinate plane
- simplify radical expressions
- multiply two numbers with exponents having the same base

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn to:

- identify the real part and imaginary part of a complex number
- identify the real axis and imaginary axis of a complex plane
- graph a complex number on a complex plane
- calculate the sum of two complex numbers
- calculate the difference of two complex numbers
- calculate the product of complex numbers
- calculate the division of complex numbers
- calculate powers of  $i$  (e.g.,  $i^2, i^3, i^4$ )
- simplify the square root of a negative number
- calculate the absolute value of a complex number
- find the conjugate of a complex number

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will identify the real and imaginary parts of a complex number.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will calculate the sum of two complex numbers.
2. Students will demonstrate their ability to graph a complex number in a complex plane.



Competence Level: Analysis

1. Students will explain the process for finding the conjugate of a complex number.

**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will determine the ordered pairs representing real and imaginary parts of complex numbers.
2. Students will plot the graph of a complex number on a complex plane.
3. Students will find the sums, differences, products, and quotients of complex numbers.



## Standard #5 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Identify the real and complex parts of each:
  - a.  $-3 + 6i$
  - b.  $7i$
  - c.  $12$
2. Simplify:
  - a.  $(2 + 3i) + (4 + 5i)$
  - b.  $(7 + 3i) - (4 - 6i)$
  - c.  $5(6 + 2i)$
  - d.  $2i(4 + 3i)$
  - e.  $(4 + 7i)(3 + 2i)$
  - f.  $3(2 - 3i) + 4(5 - 6i)$
  - g.  $\frac{3 + 6i}{2 - 4i}$
  - h.  $(2 + i)^2$
  - i.  $(3 + i\sqrt{5})^2$
  - j.  $i^4$
3. Write the conjugate of each complex number:
  - a.  $6$
  - b.  $4i$
  - c.  $2 - 5i$
  - d.  $-6 - 3i$
  - e.  $4 + 8i$
  - f.  $-5 + 9i$



### **Conceptual Understanding**

1. Determine the conjugate of each term. Graph each number and its conjugate in the complex plane. Explain how they are the same and how they are different.
  - a.  $2$
  - b.  $-3$
  - c.  $2i$
  - d.  $-4i$
  - e.  $3 + 6i$
  - f.  $-2 + 3i$
  - g.  $4 - 6i$
  - h.  $-5 - i$
2. Sketch a diagram that shows the absolute value of the following:
  - a.  $|1 + 2i|$
  - b.  $|3i|$
  - c.  $|-2 + 3i|$
  - d.  $|-4 - 5i|$
  - e.  $|3 - 5i|$

### **Problem Solving/Application**

1. Fractals: Complex numbers are usually symbolized by the variable  $z$ . Let  $f(x) = 4iz$  represent a complex function. Beginning with the initial value  $z = 2 + 5i$ , determine the first two iterations of the function (hint: substitute  $2 + 5i$  for  $z$  in the initial function. Then take the result and plug it into the initial function again).
2. Engineering: In an electrical circuit, the voltage  $E$  in volts, the current  $I$  in amps, and the opposition to the flow of current, called impedance ( $Z$  in ohms), are related by the equation  $E = (I)(Z)$ . A circuit has a current of  $(3 + 6i)$  amps and an impedance of  $(-2 + 4i)$  ohms. Determine both the voltage and  $|Z|$ , the magnitude of the impedance.



## Standard #6

### Standard Set 6.0

Students add, subtract, multiply, and divide complex numbers.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students add complex numbers.
2. Students subtract complex numbers.
3. Students multiply complex numbers.
4. Students divide complex numbers.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should know how to:

- add and subtract algebraic expressions involving variables
- use the distributive property in algebraic expressions involving variables
- simplify algebraic expressions involving exponents
- simplify square roots of integers
- multiply binomials
- rationalize a monomial or binomial denominator

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn to:

- differentiate between a real number, imaginary number, and a complex number
- recognize the square root of a negative number as an imaginary number
- identify the square root of  $-1$  as  $i$  ( $\sqrt{-1} = i$ )
- identify the square of  $i$  as  $-1$  ( $i^2 = -1$ )
- use  $\sqrt{-1} = i$  and  $i^2 = -1$  to compute higher powers of  $i$
- use  $i^2 = -1$  to further simplify complex numbers
- write complex numbers in standard form:  $a + bi$
- write conjugates of complex numbers and use it to rationalize a denominator that is a complex number

### Categorization of Educational Outcomes

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use methods they have learned to add, subtract, multiply, and divide complex numbers.
2. Students will demonstrate their ability to work with imaginary numbers when computing negative square roots.
3. Students will simplify negative square roots.
4. Students will show that they can further simplify complex numbers involving  $i$  of higher powers.



**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce a simplified complex number in standard form.



## Standard #6 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Simplify using imaginary numbers:

a.  $i^{57}$

b.  $-\sqrt{-25}$

c.  $\sqrt{-24}$

2. Simplify the expression:

a.  $(5i)^2$

b.  $(i\sqrt{-7})^2$

3. Perform the indicated operation:

a.  $(8+2i)+(4-i)$

b.  $(6-3i)-(-3+i)$

c.  $(-9-i)(3+5i)$

d.  $i(7-3i)(2+10i)$

e.  $(8+6i)-2i^2(2-7i)$

f.  $\frac{2i(1+4i)}{6i-10i^2}$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Compute and record the first 12 powers of an imaginary unit,  $i$ . What pattern is emerging?

2. Use the above pattern to find  $i^{142}$ .

3. Which properties of real numbers also hold for complex numbers?

4. From standard form of a complex number,  $a+bi$ , explain what  $a$  and  $b$  are.

### Problem Solving/Application

None



## Standard #7

### Standard Set 7.0

Students add, subtract, multiply, reduce, and evaluate rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators and simplify complicated rational expressions, including those with negative exponents in the denominator.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students add rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators.
2. Students subtract rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators.
3. Students multiply rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators.
4. Students reduce rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators.
5. Students evaluate rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators.
6. Students simplify complicated rational expressions, including those with negative exponents in the denominator.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should have the computational and conceptual knowledge outlined in Standards #12 and #13 for Algebra I. Students should know how to:

- use the properties of exponents
- add, subtract, multiply, divide, and simplify numerical fractions
- add, subtract, multiply, and divide polynomials
- factor polynomials
- find the domain of relations
- identify and recognize rational expressions
- simplify a rational expression by dividing out any factors that are common to both the numerator and the denominator
- multiply and divide rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators
- find the LCD between two or more monomial or polynomial denominators
- add and subtract rational expressions with the same denominators
- add and subtract rational expressions with unlike denominators, including opposite denominators
- identify and recognize complex rational expressions

### New Knowledge

This standard is an extension of Standards #12 and #13 in Algebra I. The following knowledge reflects the extension beyond Standards #12 and #13 in Algebra I. Students will need to learn to:

- simplify a complex rational expression by writing its numerator and its denominator as single fractions and then dividing by multiplying with the reciprocal of the denominator
- simplify complex rational expressions by multiplying the numerator and the denominator by the LCD of the numerator and the denominator
- evaluate application problems involving rational expressions (e.g., number problems, rate-of-work problems, uniform-motion problems)
- solve rational equations (although this is not listed as a component of this standard, it is a logical extension of this standard)



- solve equations involving rational expressions, paying particular attention to values for which the rational equation is undefined (restrictions on  $x$ )
- solve application problems involving rational equations (e.g., number problems, rate-of-work problems, uniform-motion problems)

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge:

1. Students will identify a complex rational.

Competence Level: Comprehension:

1. Students will understand and distinguish between the different uses of the Least Common Denominator (LCD) in simplifying rational expressions and solving rational equations.
2. Students will understand and differentiate between the two methods of simplifying complex rationals.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use the different operations on rational expressions (simplifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing) to solve rational equations.
2. Students will use methods of solving rational equations to solve application problems involving rational expressions.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will state the sum, difference, product, and quotient of rational expressions in simplified form.
2. Students will find solutions to rational equations and application problems involving rational equations.



## Standard #7 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Simplify the following:

a.  $\frac{1 + \frac{3}{x}}{2 - \frac{5}{x^2}}$

b.  $\frac{\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1}}{\frac{x}{x+1}}$

c.  $\frac{\frac{x^{-1} + y^{-1}}{x^2 - y^2}}{xy}$

2. Perform the indicated operation(s) and simplify the result:

a.  $\frac{x^2 - 3x}{4x^2 - 8x} \cdot (4x^2 - 16)$

b.  $\frac{6x + 18}{3x - 5} \div \frac{x^2 - 9}{x^2 - 25}$

c.  $\frac{2a^2b^4c^{-3}}{(a^{-2}b^3)^2} \cdot \frac{(2a^{-3}b)^3}{3a^2c^{-4}}$

d.  $\frac{x^2}{x+6} - \frac{12-4x}{x+6}$

e.  $\frac{1}{4x^2y^3} + \frac{5}{6xy^5}$

f.  $\frac{4}{x^2 - 5x + 4} - \frac{5}{x^2 - 1}$

g.  $\frac{x^2}{x-2} + \frac{4}{2-x}$



3. Evaluate the following rational expressions:

a.  $\frac{3x^4y}{4xy^3}$ , where  $x = (-2)$  and  $y = 3$

b.  $\frac{12-4x}{x+6}$ , where  $x = 2$

c.  $\frac{4}{x^2-5x+4}$ , where  $x = 1$

4. Solve the following rational equations:

a.  $\frac{2}{m+5} + \frac{1}{m-5} = \frac{16}{m^2-25}$

b.  $\frac{x-1}{x-5} = \frac{4}{x-5}$

### **Conceptual Understanding**

1. Is the sum of two rational expressions always a rational expression?

2. Kevin incorrectly simplifies  $\frac{x+3}{x}$  as  $\frac{x+3}{x} = \frac{\cancel{x}+3}{\cancel{x}} = 1+3 = 4$ . He insists that this is correct because when he replaces  $x$  by 1, he gets 4. What is he doing incorrectly and what can you do to convince him that this simplification is incorrect?

3. Kyle is adding two rational expressions with unlike denominators as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{x+1} - \frac{4}{x} \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{3}{x+1} \cdot \frac{x}{x} - \frac{4}{x} \cdot \frac{(x+1)}{(x+1)} \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{3\cancel{x}}{\cancel{x}(x+1)} - \frac{4\cancel{(x+1)}}{x\cancel{(x+1)}} \end{aligned}$$

What is wrong with the last step? What should he do at this step?

### **Problem Solving/Application**

1. The reciprocal of 3 plus the reciprocal of 6 is the reciprocal of what number?



2. A local bus travels 7 mph slower than the express. The express travels 45 miles in the time it takes the local to travel 38 miles. Find the speed of each bus.
3. Ferdinand can deliver papers 3 times as fast as Ronnel can. If they work together, it takes them 1 hour. How long would it take each to deliver the papers alone?
4. Eileen's bathtub can be filled in 10 minutes and drained in 8 minutes. How long will it take to empty a full tub if the water is left on?



## Standard #8

### **Standard Set 8.0**

Students solve and graph quadratic equations by factoring, completing the square, or using the quadratic formula. Students apply these techniques in solving word problems. They also solve quadratic equations in the complex number system.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students solve quadratic equations by factoring.
2. Students graph quadratic equations by factoring to find the roots.
3. Students solve quadratic equations by completing the square.
4. Students graph quadratic equations by completing the square to find the roots.
5. Students solve quadratic equations by using the quadratic formula.
6. Students graph quadratic equations by using the quadratic formula to find the roots.
7. Students solve word problems using the above techniques.
8. Students solve quadratic equations in the complex number system.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- how to plot points
- how to factor quadratic expressions
- how to simplify radicals
- how to substitute  $x$  values into an equation to obtain a  $y$  value
- how to solve a quadratic equation using the Square Root Property
- how to simplify rational expressions
- how to simplify a radical when the radicand is negative
- what it means to find the roots of an equation
- how to find the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts of an equation
- how to solve a quadratic equation using the quadratic formula
- how to find the vertex of a parabola
- how to determine if a parabola will open up or down
- all quadratics graph as parabolas

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- the Zero Product Property
- how to complete the square
- how to solve quadratics by completing the square

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use methods they have learned to solve quadratic equations.
2. Students will use methods they have learned to graph quadratic equations, and/or identify the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts and the vertex for a given quadratic equation.



3. Students will demonstrate their ability to find and use  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts in the context of graphing.
4. Students will calculate the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts and the vertex of a quadratic equation.
5. Students will show they know the correct interpretation of  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts and the vertex of quadratics by solving word problems involving quadratics.

**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce the solution to a quadratic equation.
2. Students will produce the graph of a quadratic equation.
3. Students will produce the solutions to a variety of word problems requiring the solving of quadratic equations.



## Standard #8 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Solve the following equations by using the quadratic formula:
  - a.  $2x^2 - 17x = -15$
  - b.  $3x^2 + 2x - 6 = 0$
  - c.  $2x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$
  - d.  $x^2 = 4x - 1$
2. Solve the following equations by completing the square:
  - a.  $x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0$
  - b.  $2x^2 = 8x - 1$
  - c.  $x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$
3. Graph each of the following. Identify the vertex, the roots, the y-intercept and 4 additional integral points:
  - a.  $y = x^2 - 2x + 3$
  - b.  $f(x) = (x + 3)^2 - 4$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Given the graph of a quadratic, identify the roots, the y-intercept, the vertex, and the axis of symmetry.
2. Sketch the graph of a quadratic that has imaginary roots.
3. Sketch the graph of a quadratic that has a double root.

### Problem Solving/Application

1. A rectangle is twice as long as it is wide. If the length and width are both increased by 5 cm, the resulting rectangle has an area of  $50 \text{ cm}^2$ . Find the dimensions of the original rectangle.
2. A rectangular field with area  $5,000 \text{ m}^2$  is enclosed by 300 m of fencing. Find the dimensions of the field.
3. A swimming pool 6 m wide and 10 m long is to be surrounded by a walk of uniform width. The area of the walk happens to equal the area of the pool. What is the width of the walk?
4. A ball is thrown vertically upward with an initial speed of 48 ft/second. Its height, in feet, after  $t$  seconds is given by  $h = 48t - 16t^2$ . What is the maximum height of the ball?



## Standard #9

### Standard Set 9.0

Students demonstrate and explain the effect that changing a coefficient has on the graph of quadratic functions; that is, students can determine how the graph of a parabola changes as  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  vary in the equation  $y = a(x - b)^2 + c$ .

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students explain how the  $a$  value affects the graph of a parabola.
2. Students explain how the  $b$  value affects the graph of a parabola.
3. Students explain how the  $c$  value affects the graph of a parabola.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should know:

- the graph of any quadratic equation is a parabola
- what the graph of  $y = x^2$  looks like

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn:

- how changing the  $a$  value will affect the graph of  $y = a(x - b)^2 + c$
- how changing the  $b$  value will affect the graph of  $y = a(x - b)^2 + c$
- how changing the  $c$  value will affect the graph of  $y = a(x - b)^2 + c$

### Categorization of Educational Outcomes

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use the methods they have learned to explain how the graph of  $y = a(x - b)^2 + c$  is obtained from the graph of  $y = x^2$ .

### Necessary New Physical Skills

None

### Assessable Result of the Standard

1. Students will explain how the  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  values affect the graph of  $y = x^2$ .
2. Given an equation, students will demonstrate that they can match the appropriate graph to its equation.



## Standard #9 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Explain how the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{2}(x - 2)^2 + 1$  is obtained from the graph of  $y = x^2$ .
2. Explain how the graph of  $y = -(x - 2)^2 + 1$  is obtained from the graph of  $y = x^2$ .
3. Explain how the graph of  $y = -(x + 2)^2 - 1$  is obtained from the graph of  $y = x^2$ .
4. Explain how the graph of  $y = -\frac{1}{3}(x + 4)^2 + 3$  is obtained from the graph of  $y = x^2$ .

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Given a choice of 2 graphs, determine which is the graph of  $y = 2(x + 4)^2 + 3$ .  
Explain.

### Problem Solving/Application

None



## **Standard #10**

### **Standard Set 10.0**

Students graph quadratic functions and determine the maxima, minima, and zeros of the function.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students graph quadratic functions.
2. Students determine the maxima of a quadratic function from its graph.
3. Students determine the minima of a quadratic function from its graph.
4. Students determine the zeros of a quadratic function from its graph.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- Algebra I, Standard #14: students solve a quadratic equation by factoring or completing the square
- Algebra I, Standard #21: students graph quadratic functions and know their roots are the  $x$ -intercepts
- how to graph functions
- how to identify second-degree polynomials
- the definition of the zeros or roots of a function
- how to recognize the relationship between a quadratic equation and its graph
- how to find the zeros or roots of the graph of a quadratic equation

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn how to:

- recognize when the graph of a quadratic equation has no real roots
- find the maxima of the graph of a quadratic equation
- find the minima of the graph of a quadratic equation

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge:

1. Students will identify the zeros of the graph of a quadratic equation.
2. Students will identify the maxima of the graph of a quadratic equation.
3. Students will identify the minima of the graph of a quadratic equation.
4. Students will show that the vertex of the graph of a quadratic equation is the maxima or minima of the graph.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use methods of graphing a quadratic equation to identify the roots or zeros of the function.
2. Students will use methods of graphing a quadratic equation to identify the maxima of the function.



3. Students will use methods of graphing a quadratic equation to identify the minima of the function.
4. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between the  $x$ -intercepts of the graph of a quadratic function and the roots or zeros of that function.
5. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between the vertex of the graph of a quadratic function and the maxima or minima of the graph.

**Necessary New Physical Skills**

1. Graphing a quadratic function using paper and pencil and/or using graphing calculators.

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will identify (find) the zeros of the graph of a quadratic function.
2. Students will identify the maxima of the graph of a quadratic function.
3. Students will identify the minima of the graph of a quadratic function.



## Standard #10 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Find the zeros and the minima or maxima of the function given by:

- a.  $f(x) = x^2 - 11x + 28$

- b.  $f(x) = (x-1)(x-4) - 10$

- c.  $f(x) = -2x^2 + 11x + 40$

2. Graph  $y = -2(x-1)^2 + 1$ :
  - a. Identify the vertex. Is it a maxima or minima?
  - b. Identify the  $x$ -intercepts.

### Conceptual Understanding

1. What do the zeros of the function represent?
2. What is the relationship between the maxima or minima and the vertex of the graph of a quadratic function?

### Problem Solving/Application

1. To celebrate a town's centennial, fireworks are launched over a lake off a dam 36 ft above the water. The height of a display,  $t$  seconds after it has been launched, is given by  $h(t) = -16t^2 + 64t + 36$ . After how long will the shell from the fireworks reach the water? What is the maximum height the shell will obtain?
2. A valuable sports card is 4 cm wide and 5 cm long. The card is to be sandwiched by two pieces of Lucite, each of which is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  times the area of the card. Determine the dimensions of the Lucite that will ensure a uniform border around the card. Graph the resulting function and identify the solutions based on the graph (i.e., set the function equal to zero and find the zeros).



## Standard #11

### Standard Set 11.0

**11.0** Students prove simple laws of logarithms.

**11.1** (*items in grey are directly associated with 11.1*): Students understand the inverse relationship between exponents and logarithms and use this relationship to solve problems involving logarithms and exponents.

**11.2:** Students judge the validity of an argument according to whether the properties of real numbers, exponents, and logarithms have been applied correctly at each step.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students understand the inverse relationships between exponents and logarithms.
2. Students use the relationships between exponents and logarithms to solve problems involving exponents and logarithms.
3. Students use properties of real numbers to judge the validity of an argument.
4. Students use properties of exponents to judge the validity of an argument.
5. Students use properties of logarithms to judge the validity of an argument.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should know how to:

- recognize inverse functions
- use properties of exponents
- use properties of real numbers

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn to:

- translate between exponential and logarithmic notation utilizing the definition of logarithms, “*a logarithm is an exponent*”:  
If  $b > 0$  and  $b \neq 1$ , then  $y = \log_b x$  means  $x = b^y$   
for every  $x > 0$  and every real number  $y$   
(pg. 614)
- use the Logarithm Property of Equality to find solutions to problems:  
Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be real numbers such that  $\log_b a$  and  $\log_b c$  are real numbers and  $b \neq 1$ , then  $\log_b a = \log_b c$  is equivalent to  $a = c$



- identify the appropriate property of logarithms to utilize in a problem:  
If  $x, y$ , and  $b$  are positive real numbers,  $b \neq 1$ , and  $r$  is a real number, then

1.  $\log_b 1 = 0$
2.  $\log_b b^x = x$
3.  $b^{\log_b x} = x$
4. Product property :  $\log_b xy = \log_b x + \log_b y$
5. Quotient property :  $\log_b \frac{x}{y} = \log_b x - \log_b y$
6. Power property:  $\log_b x^r = r \log_b x$

(Example from *Intermediate Algebra* 4<sup>th</sup> ed., K. Elayn Martin-Gay, 2005, New Jersey: Pearson Education, Inc., pg. 625)

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will recall properties of exponents.
2. Students will recall properties of logarithms.

Competence Level: Comprehension

1. Students will translate between logarithmic notation and exponential notation.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will apply properties of exponents to solve problems.
2. Students will apply properties of logarithms to solve problems.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will find solutions to problems by shifting between exponential notation and logarithmic notation.
2. Students will find solutions to problems involving properties of exponents and logarithms.
3. Students will use properties of real numbers, exponents, and logarithms to judge the validity of an argument.



## Standard #11 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Rewrite the logarithm into exponential form:  $\log_2 8 = 3$ .
2. Rewrite the exponent into logarithmic form:  $3^2 = 9$ .
3. Find the value of the following logarithmic expression:  $\log_3 81$ .
4. Utilize the properties of logarithms to evaluate each of the following:
  - a.  $\log_7 1$
  - b.  $\log_5 5^3$
  - c.  $4^{\log_4 3}$
  - d.  $\ln \sqrt[6]{e}$
5. Utilize the properties of logarithms to restate each of the following:
  - a.  $\log 12 + \log 3$
  - b.  $\log 15 - \log 3$
  - c.  $5 \log 2$
6. Use the properties of logarithms to write each expression as a single logarithm:
  - a.  $2 \log_3 5 + \log_3 2$
  - b.  $3 \log_5 x + 4 \log_5 x - 2 \log_5 (x + 6)$
7. Solve:
  - a.  $\log_3 (x + 5) = 4$
  - b.  $4^{x+6} = 3$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Use a table of values to graph the function  $f(x) = 2^x$ , and identify the graph and corresponding table of values for its inverse.
2. Can the logarithm of a negative value be calculated?
3. Is the following true or false? Why?  
 $(\log_3 6) \cdot (\log_3 4) = \log_3 24$
4. It is true that  $\log 7 = \log (7 \cdot 1) = \log 7 + \log 1$ ?  
Explain how  $\log 7$  can equal  $\log 7 + \log 1$ .



5. Answer the following True or False. If False, explain in which way(s) the equality is untrue.

$$\frac{\log_7 10}{\log_7 10} = \log_7 2$$

**Problem Solving/Application**

1. Graph each function and its inverse function on the same set of axes. Label any intercepts.

a.  $y = 3^x$ ;  $y = \log_3 x$

b.  $y = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$ ;  $y = \log_{1/3} x$



## **Standard #12**

### **Standard Set 12.0**

Students know the laws of fractional exponents, understand exponential functions, and use these functions in problems involving exponential growth and decay.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students know the laws of fractional exponents with traditional properties of exponents.
2. Students understand exponential functions.
3. Students solve problems involving exponential growth.
4. Students solve problems involving exponential decay.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- properties of exponents
- basic notation of fractional exponents

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- properties of fractional exponents
- properties of exponential functions
- to apply knowledge of exponential growth functions
- to apply knowledge of exponential decay functions

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will recognize fractional exponents in problems.
2. Students will identify exponential functions.
3. Students will identify exponential functions as exponential growth.
4. Students will identify exponential functions as exponential decay.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will apply properties of fractional exponents to problems.
2. Students will calculate exponential growth.
3. Students will calculate exponential decay.

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will simplify expressions with fractional exponents.
2. Students will find solutions for problems involving exponential growth functions.
3. Students will find solutions for problems involving exponential decay functions.



## Standard #12 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Evaluate the following expressions:
  - a.  $(-27)^{2/3}$
  - b.  $16^{-3/4}$
2. Use properties of exponents to simplify  $\frac{(2x^{2/5}y^{-1/3})^5}{x^2y}$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Explain what happens if a negative value is raised to a rational exponent in the case of an even denominator and an odd denominator.
2. Graph  $y = 2^x$  using a table of values.
3. Using the graph of  $y = 2^x$ , in #2, identify any intercepts, asymptote(s), and determine if this is a graph of a function.

### Problem Solving/Application

1. Basal metabolic rate (BMR) is the number of calories per day a person needs to maintain life. A person's basal metabolic rate  $B(w)$  in calories per day can be estimated with the function  $B(w) = 70w^{3/4}$ , where  $w$  is the person's weight in kilograms. Use this information to estimate the BMR for a person who weighs 60 kilograms.  
(problem from *Intermediate Algebra* 4<sup>th</sup> ed., K. Elayn Martin-Gay, 2005, New Jersey: Pearson Education, Inc., pg 463)
2. An accidental spill of 75 grams of radioactive material in a local stream has led to the presence of radioactive debris decaying at a rate of 4% each day. Find how much debris still remains after 14 days. Use  $y = 75(2.7)^{-0.04t}$  with  $t$  as days.  
(problem from *Intermediate Algebra* 4<sup>th</sup> ed., K. Elayn Martin-Gay, 2005, New Jersey: Pearson Education, Inc., pg. 612)



## Standard #13

### **Standard Set 13.0**

Students use the definition of logarithms to translate between logarithms in any base.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students use the definition of logarithms to translate between logarithms in any base.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- properties of logarithms
- properties of exponents

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- The definition of Change of Base:  
If  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are positive real numbers and neither  $b$  nor  $c$  is 1, then

$$\log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$$

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will recognize problems requiring change of base to complete.

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will calculate estimated solutions for logarithms of varied bases.



## Standard #13 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Change to the indicated base for the following:
  - a.  $\log 100$ , into  $\ln$
  - b.  $\ln \sqrt[5]{e}$ , into “Common Log” or base ten
2. Approximate each logarithm to four decimal places, by translating into the log base ten:
  - a.  $\log_2 3$
  - b.  $\log_3 2$
3. Restate  $\log_7 40$  as an expression of logarithms in base ten.

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Without using a calculator, explain which of  $\log 40$  or  $\ln 40$  must be larger.
2. Use the definition of logarithms to establish a definition of change of base. Example:

$$\log_b a = x$$

$$b^x = a$$

$$\log b^x = \log a$$

$$x \log b = \log a$$

$$x = \frac{\log a}{\log b}$$

### Problem Solving/Application

1. Using the formula  $R = \log\left(\frac{a}{T}\right) + B$  to find the intensity  $R$  on the Richter scale of the earthquake described by the following: amplitude,  $a$ , is 200 micrometers; time,  $T$ , between waves is 1.6 seconds; and  $B$  is 2.1.  
(From *Intermediate Algebra* 4<sup>th</sup> ed., K. Elayn Martin-Gay, 2005, New Jersey: Pearson Education, Inc., pg. 634)



## **Standard #14**

### **Standard Set**

Students understand and use the properties of logarithms to simplify logarithmic numeric expressions and to identify their approximate values.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students know the properties of logarithms.
2. Students use the properties of logarithms to simplify logarithmic expressions.
3. Students use the properties of logarithms to simplify logarithmic numeric expressions.
4. Students determine use the definitions and properties of logarithms to identify their approximate values.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should:

- know the definition of logarithms
- know the Laws of Exponents
- be able to factor numbers into their prime factorizations with appropriate exponentiation
- be able to factor monomials into their prime factorizations

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn how to:

- recognize that a single logarithmic expression can be simplified into its component parts
- simplify or expand logarithmic expressions
- substitute known (given) values of logarithms into logarithmic expressions to get an approximate numeric answer

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge:

1. Students will identify the prime factorization of a logarithmic numeric expression.
2. Students will identify a simplified expression by applying the properties of logarithms to a logarithmic expression.
3. Students will identify the exponential equivalent of a logarithmic expression in order to simplify the logarithmic expression.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will calculate the approximate value of a more complex logarithmic numeric expression by substituting known values of simple logarithmic numeric expressions.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the definition of logarithmic expressions in order to simplify them.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the properties of logarithms to simplify logarithmic expressions.



Competence Level: Synthesis

1. Students will combine the properties of logarithms in order to simplify logarithmic expressions.

**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will identify the approximate values of a logarithmic numeric expression.
2. Students will identify simplified forms of logarithmic expressions.



## Standard #14 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. What is the value of  $\log_3 27$ ?
2. What is the value of  $\log_2 64$ ?
3. What is the value of  $\log 1000$ ?
4. What is the value of  $\log 0.00001$ ?
5. If  $\log 2 \approx 0.301$  and  $\log 3 \approx 0.477$ , what is the approximate value of  $\log 72$ ?
6. If  $\log 2 \approx 0.301$  and  $\log 3 \approx 0.477$ , what is the approximate value of  $\log_6 81$ ?

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Using a calculator, James incorrectly says that  $\log 81$  is between 4 and 5. How could you convince him, without using a calculator, that he is mistaken?

### Problem Solving/Application

1. Find all values of  $x$  for which the common logarithm of the square of  $x$  is the same as the square of the logarithm of  $x$ .  
(problem from *Intermediate Algebra – Graphs and Models*, Bittinger, et al., 2004, New Jersey: Pearson Education Inc., pg. 707)
2. The hydrogen ion concentration of fresh-brewed coffee is  $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$  moles per liter. Find the pH using the following pH formula:  $pH = -\log[H^+]$ .  
(problem from *Intermediate Algebra – Graphs and Models*, Bittinger, et al., 2004, New Jersey: Pearson Education Inc., pg. 722.)
3. At a recent performance of the band U2, sound measurements of 105 dB were recorded.  
What is the intensity,  $I$ , of such sounds?  $L = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_o}$ , where  $I_o = 10^{-12}$  W/m<sup>2</sup>  
(problem from *Intermediate Algebra – Graphs and Models*, Bittinger, et al., 2004, New Jersey: Pearson Education Inc., pg. 722.)



## **Standard #15**

### **Standard Set 15.0**

Students determine whether a specific algebraic statement involving rational expressions, radical expressions, or logarithmic or exponential functions is sometimes true, always true, or never true.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students determine whether a specific algebraic statement involving rational expressions is sometimes true, always true, or never true.
2. Students determine whether a specific algebraic statement involving radical expressions is sometimes true, always true, or never true.
3. Students determine whether a specific algebraic statement involving logarithmic or exponential functions is sometimes true, always true, or never true.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- the properties of rational expressions and how to apply them
- the properties of radical expressions and how to apply them
- the properties of logarithmic expressions and how to apply them
- the properties of exponential expressions and how to apply them
- how to determine the restrictions on the domain of rational, radical, logarithmic, and exponential functions.

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn to:

- derive counter examples to demonstrate that a statement is false
- apply definitions or properties to demonstrate that a statement is sometimes true
- apply definitions or properties to demonstrate that a statement is true

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application

1. Students demonstrate that a statement is true or false.
2. Students apply definitions and properties to draw valid conclusions.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will be able to synthesize and evaluate all prior knowledge to determine whether a specific algebraic statement involving rational expressions, radical expressions, or logarithmic or exponential functions is sometimes true, always true, or never true.



## Assessment Items for Standard #15.0

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Derive counter examples to demonstrate that a statement is false:
  - a. Show that the statement  $\log(a/b) = \frac{\log a}{\log b}$  is false for all  $a$  and  $b$ .
  - b. Show that the statement  $x^{-m} = -x^m$  is false for all  $m$ .
  - c. Show that the statement  $\frac{x^2 + 4x + 5}{x^2 + 4x} = 5$  is false for all  $x$ .
  - d. Show that the statement  $\frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -b + \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  is false for all  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .
2. Apply definitions to demonstrate that a statement is sometimes true:
  - a. Show that the statement  $\sqrt{x^2} = x$  is not always true.
  - b. Show that the statement  $|x| = x$  is not always true.
  - c. Show that the statement  $\sqrt{(x+5)^2} = x+5$  is not always true.
  - d. Show that the statement  $\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$  is not always true.
3. Apply properties to demonstrate that a statement is true:
  - a. Show that if  $xy=0$ , then either  $x$  or  $y$  must be zero.
  - b. Show the statement  $a(b+c) = ab+ac$ .
  - c. Show the statement  $\log MN = \log M + \log N$ .



## Standard #16

### Standard Set 16.0

Students demonstrate and explain how the geometry of the graph of a conic section (e.g., asymptotes, foci, eccentricity) depends on the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing it.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students demonstrate how the asymptotes of the graph of a conic section depend on the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing it.
2. Students demonstrate how the foci of the graph of a conic section depend on the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing it.
3. Students demonstrate how the eccentricity of the graph of a conic section depends on the coefficient of the quadratic equation representing it.
4. Students explain how the asymptotes of the graph of a conic section depend on the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing it.
5. Students explain how the foci of the graph of a conic section depend on the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing it.
6. Students explain how the eccentricity of the graph of a conic section depends on the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing it.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should know how to:

- perform arithmetic computations with rational numbers
- graph ordered pairs
- graph a linear equation
- graph a quadratic equation
- convert between general quadratic equation and standard form
- interpret the concept of asymptote
- draw a rectangle through four given ordered pairs
- draw the diagonals through the corners of a rectangle
- use the Pythagorean Theorem
- use the distance formula

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn:

- to analyze the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing a conic,  $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$ , to determine the value of  $B^2 - 4AC$ , and then to predict the geometry of the conic as determined by the following conditions:
  - Circle:  $B = 0$ ,  $A = C$ , and  $B^2 - 4AC < 0$
  - Ellipse: Either  $B = 0$ , or  $A \neq C$  and  $B^2 - 4AC < 0$
  - Parabola:  $B^2 - 4AC = 0$



- Hyperbola:  $B^2 - 4AC > 0$
- to interpret the meaning of coefficient  $B = 0$  to mean that the axes of the conic are either vertical or horizontal, and to demonstrate the geometry by graphing a conic with horizontal or vertical axes
- to interpret the coefficients of a parabola's standard quadratic equation to formulate the equation of the directrix, to determine the focus and axes of symmetry, and to demonstrate the geometry by plotting the focus, drawing the axes of symmetry and directrix, and then using these to graph the parabola
- to interpret the coefficients of a circle's standard quadratic equation to determine the center of the circle and its radius, and to demonstrate the geometry by plotting the center and then using the radius to graph the circle
- to interpret the coefficients of an ellipse's standard quadratic equation to determine the lengths and orientation of the major and minor axes, the vertices and co-vertices, the foci, and to demonstrate the geometry by plotting the foci, the vertices and co-vertices, drawing the axes and then using these guides to graph the ellipse
- to interpret the coefficients of a hyperbola's standard quadratic equation to determine the vertices, the foci, the equation of the asymptotes, the vertices and the orientation of the transverse axis, and to demonstrate the geometry by drawing the asymptotes and transverse axis and plotting the vertices and foci, and then using these guides to graph the hyperbola
- to interpret the coefficients of the quadratic equation of a conic to determine the eccentricity of the conic (ellipse:  $e = c/a$ , and  $0 < e < 1$ ; hyperbola  $e = e/a$ , and  $e > 1$ ; parabola:  $e = 1$ ; circle:  $e = 0$ )

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application and Analysis

1. Students will interpret coefficients to determine the geometry of a conic.
2. Students will solve for the discriminant.
3. Students will calculate eccentricity ratios.
4. Students will analyze coefficients and graphs to predict which graph is correct and support their prediction.
5. Students will produce equations and graphs.
6. Students will examine solutions, determine which solution is correct, and support their view.
7. Students will determine and demonstrate whether or not a quadratic equation that represents a hyperbola can be graphed on a graphing calculator.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce the graph of a circle, ellipse, parabola, or hyperbola as determined by the solution of  $B^2 - 4AC$  and the interpretation of coefficients of the quadratic equation of the conic.



2. Students will produce the equation and graph of the directrix, plot the focus, draw the axes of symmetry, and graph a parabola to demonstrate interpretation of coefficients of a quadratic equation.
3. Students will plot the center, draw the radius, and graph a circle to demonstrate interpretation of coefficients of a quadratic equation.
4. Students will produce a drawing of major and minor axes, plot vertices, co-vertices, and foci, and graph an ellipse to demonstrate interpretation of coefficients of a quadratic equation.
5. Students will produce a drawing of asymptotes and transverse axis, plot vertices and foci, and graph a hyperbola to demonstrate interpretation of coefficients of a quadratic equation.
6. Students will produce ratios that represent the eccentricity of a parabola, a circle, an ellipse, and a hyperbola.



## Standard #16 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

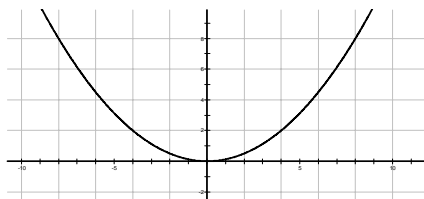
- What is the graph of  $x^2 + wy^2 - 4x + 10y - 26 = 0$  when  $w = 1$ ? When  $w = 4$ ? When  $w = -4$ ?
- Solve for the value of the determinant,  $B^2 - 4AC$ , for each of the following equations. What conic is represented by each quadratic equation?

a.  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y - 14 = 0$

b.  $4x^2 - 9y^2 + 32x - 144y - 548 = 0$

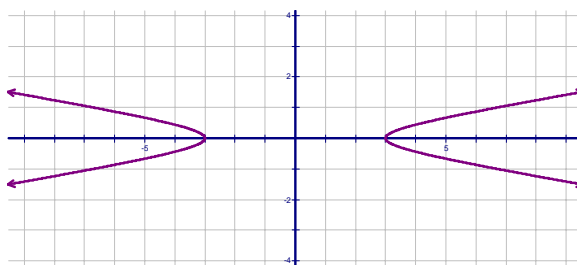
- In the sketch below, determine the equation of the directrix. Draw the directrix and the axis of symmetry. Plot and label the focus.

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



- In the sketch below, determine the equations of the asymptotes. Draw the asymptotes. Plot and label the center, the vertices, and the foci.

$$\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

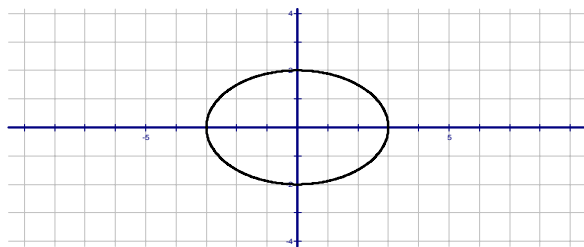


- What is the eccentricity of a parabola? Of a circle?
- Solve for the eccentricity of the conic described by the equation  $25(x+2)^2 - 36(y-1)^2 = 900$ .



### **Conceptual Understanding**

1. Consider the two equations  $9x^2 - 4y^2 - 36 = 0$  and  $-4x^2 + 9y^2 - 36 = 0$ . Predict the behavior of the graph of the conic when the coefficients for  $x^2$  and  $y^2$  are switched.
2. John was asked to write an equation of the ellipse shown below. He wrote the following equation:  $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ . Explain what John did wrong. What is the correct equation?

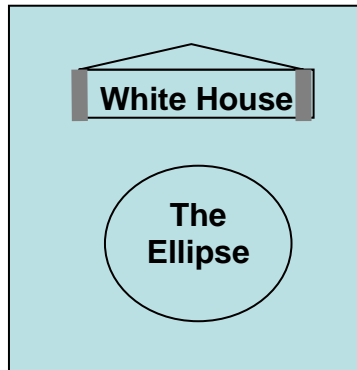


3. Determine the equation of the ellipse with vertex at  $(-4, 0)$  and focus  $(2, 0)$ . Explain how you determined the equation. Produce the graph of the conic represented by this equation.
4. Determine the equation of the hyperbola with center  $(3, -5)$ , vertex  $(9, -5)$ , and eccentricity equal to 2. Explain how you decided which coefficients to use in the equation.
5. Kyler and Erin were asked to use eccentricity to determine the type of conic represented by the quadratic equation  $3x^2 - 5x + y + 20 = 0$ . Kyler interpreted the coefficients of the equation and determined the graph was a parabola so the eccentricity must be 1. Aaron calculated the answer using  $e = c/a = 0$  and decided the conic was a circle. Which student is correct? What did the other student do wrong?
6. Predict whether or not it is possible to graph the equation that represents a hyperbola or a circle on a graphing calculator? If yes, explain how. If not, explain why not. Demonstrate your view using a graphing calculator.
7. Jayme and Ryan are given the following assignment by their teacher: A six-by-eight rectangle is centered at the origin. Sketch the rectangle and its diagonals. If you extend the diagonals, you will have the asymptotes for a hyperbola. Produce the graph of the hyperbola and its equation. The next day, Jayme and Alexis returned with two different sketches and equations. Is it possible that they are both correct? Please support your view.
8. In the definition of eccentricity, the values of  $e$  for the conics are implied as 0 for a circle, 1 for a parabola,  $0 < e < 1$  for an ellipse, and  $e > 1$  for a hyperbola. Use the geometry of the conics to support how these values make sense.
9. Erin and Alexis are working together to solve a homework problem. The assignment requires that they solve for the two points of intersection of a line with the circle. The circle is centered at the origin and the line passes through the origin and intersects the circle. Erin solves a system of equations to determine one of the points of intersection. Alexis is not fond of solving systems of equations. How can she use geometry to determine the second point of intersection?

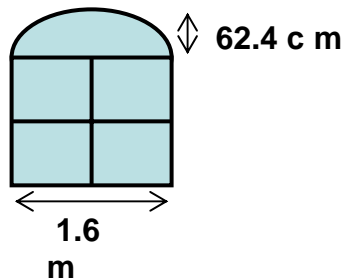


**Problem Solving/Application**

1. A portion of the White House lawn is called the Ellipse. It is 1,060 feet long and 890 feet wide. The First Lady has requested that the lawn be planted with a winter grass. In order to determine the amount of grass needed, the resident gardener needs to calculate the area of the ellipse. The resident gardener finds an Algebra 2 reference book in the White House Library where he reads that the area of an ellipse is given by  $A = \pi ab$ . Does the gardener have enough information to solve for the area? If yes, explain and find the area. If not, explain what other information he needs.



2. The top of a window is designed so that it is half of an ellipse. The width of the window is 1.6 m and the height of the half-ellipse is 62.4 cm. A piece of tinted glass is to be cut to fit the half-ellipse. The workers want to trace the half-ellipse on a piece of cardboard to use as a pattern. They have a compass and string. Determine how far apart they should place the compass. Determine how long the tracing string should be.





## Standard #17

### Standard Set 17.0

Given a quadratic equation of the form  $ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$ , students can use the method for completing the square to put the equation into standard form and can recognize whether the graph of the equation is a circle, ellipse, parabola, or hyperbola. Students can then graph the equation.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Given a quadratic equation of the form  $ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$ , students can use the method for completing the square to put the equation into standard form.
2. Given a quadratic equation in standard form, students can recognize whether the graph of the equation is a circle.
3. Given a quadratic equation in standard form, students can recognize whether the graph of the equation is an ellipse.
4. Given a quadratic equation in standard form, students can recognize whether the graph of the equation is a parabola.
5. Given a quadratic equation in standard form, students can recognize whether the graph of the equation is a hyperbola.
6. Given a quadratic equation of a circle in standard form, students can graph the equation.
7. Given a quadratic equation of an ellipse in standard form, students can graph the equation.
8. Given a quadratic equation of a parabola in standard form, students can graph the equation.
9. Given a quadratic equation of a hyperbola in standard form, students can graph the equation.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

- Given two points, students should know how to calculate the slope.
- Given a point and a slope, students should know how to write the equation of a line in slope-intercept form.
- Students should know how to plot points on a coordinate plane.
- Given two points, students should know how to calculate the distance between the points.
- Given two points, students should know how to calculate the midpoint of the two points.
- Students should know how to solve equations with a single variable.
- Students should know how to solve systems of equations with two variables.
- Students should know how to complete the square of a given polynomial.
- Students should know how to rewrite an equation in standard form.
- Given a quadratic formula in the form  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , students should know how to identify whether the graph opens up or down.
- Given a quadratic formula in the form  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , students should know how to calculate the axis of symmetry of the graph.
- Given a quadratic formula in the form  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , students should know how to calculate the vertex of the graph.
- Given the graph of a parabola, students should know how to identify the axis of symmetry and vertex.



### **New Knowledge**

- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a parabola with its vertex at the origin.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a parabola with its vertex at the origin by completing the square.
- Given the standard equation of a parabola with its vertex at the origin, students will need to learn to graph the parabola and identify the focus and directrix.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a parabola with its vertex not at the origin.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a parabola with its vertex not at the origin by completing the square.
- Given the standard equation of a parabola with its vertex not at the origin, students will need to learn to graph the parabola and identify the focus and directrix.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a circle with its center at the origin.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a circle with its center at the origin by completing the square.
- Given the standard equation of a circle with its center at the origin, students will need to learn to graph the circle and identify the center and radius.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a circle with its center not at the origin.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of a circle with its center not at the origin by completing the square.
- Given the standard equation of a circle with its center not at the origin, students will need to learn to graph the circle and identify the center and radius.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of an ellipse that is centered at the origin.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of an ellipse that is centered at the origin by completing the square.
- Given the standard equation of an ellipse that is centered at the origin, students will need to learn to graph the ellipse and identify the center, vertices, co-vertices, and foci.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of an ellipse that is not centered at the origin.
- Given a quadratic equation, students will need to learn to convert it into the standard equation of an ellipse that is not centered at the origin

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will identify the equations of conic sections.
2. Students will plot and label the center, vertices, co-vertices, and foci of an ellipse.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will calculate the axis of symmetry and vertex of a parabola.
2. Students will demonstrate their ability to graph equations of conic sections.



Competence Level: Analysis

1. Students will explain how to write the equation of a conic section in standard form.

**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce the graph of a line.
2. Students will produce the graph of a parabola.
3. Students will produce the graph of a circle.
4. Students will produce the graph of an ellipse.
5. Students will produce the graph of a hyperbola.



## Standard #17 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Identify the vertex, focus, and directrix of the parabola equation:
  - a.  $y = \frac{1}{4}x^2$
  - b.  $y - 4 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 3)^2$
2. Write the parabola equation in standard form:
  - a.  $x^2 - 6x + 10y = 1$
  - b.  $2x + y^2 - 4y = 9$
3. Identify the center and radius of the circle equation:
  - a.  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$
  - b.  $(x + 3)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 4$
4. Write the circle equation in standard form:
  - a.  $x^2 + y^2 + 4y = 12$
  - b.  $x^2 + 4x + y^2 + 4y = 8$
5. Find and identify the center, vertices, co-vertices, and foci of the ellipse equation:
  - a.  $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$
  - b.  $\frac{(x - 3)^2}{4} + \frac{(y - 1)^2}{9} = 1$
  - c.  $\frac{(x - 3)^2}{9} + \frac{(y - 1)^2}{4} = 1$
6. Write the ellipse equation in standard form:
  - a.  $3x^2 + 12y^2 = 12$
  - b.  $x^2 + 4y^2 + 6x - 8y = 3$
7. Find and identify the center, vertices, co-vertices, foci, major axis, minor axis, and asymptotes of the hyperbola:
  - a.  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$



b.  $\frac{y^2}{3^2} - \frac{x^2}{4^2} = 1$

8. Write the hyperbola equation in standard form:

a.  $4x^2 - 9y^2 - 8x + 54y = 113$

b.  $y^2 - 9x^2 - 6y = 36 + 36x$

**Conceptual Understanding**

1. Graph each equation and identify the conic section:

a.  $y - 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 5)^2$

b.  $\frac{(x-2)^2}{25} + \frac{(y-3)^2}{9} = 1$

c.  $x^2 + y^2 = 36$

d.  $y = 2x^2$

e.  $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{49} = 1$

f.  $\frac{x^2}{49} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$

g.  $\frac{(x-4)^2}{25} - \frac{(y+3)^2}{16} = 1$

h.  $(x-3)^2 + (y+5)^2 = 64$

i.  $\frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$

j.  $\frac{(x-4)^2}{9} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{25} = 1$

k.  $\frac{y^2}{4} - \frac{x^2}{9} = 1$



1.  $\frac{(y-3)^2}{4} - \frac{(x-5)^2}{9} = 1$

**Problem Solving/Application**

1. A satellite orbits at an altitude of 21,000 miles above the earth. Assuming that the earth's center is at the origin and that satellite orbits are circular, write an equation of the satellite's orbit.
2. A satellite is launched into an elliptical orbit with Earth at one focus. The major axis is 30,000 miles long. The minor axis is 20,000 miles long. Produce and graph the equation of the orbit, showing the position of the Earth.



## **Standard #18**

### **Standard Set 18.0**

Students use fundamental counting principles to compute combinations and permutations.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students use fundamental counting principles to compute combinations.
2. Students use fundamental counting principles to compute permutations.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know how to:

- correct application of the order of operation
- accurately use properties of exponents
- use a calculator to work with large numbers and exponents

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- the fundamental counting principle
- the definition of a “factorial”
- the use of a factorial in computing combinations
- the use of a factorial in computing permutations
- the difference between a permutation and a combination
- the formula for computing permutations
- the formula for computing distinguishable permutations
- the formula for computing combinations

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will compute permutations and combinations.
2. Students will determine if a counting problem requires the use of a permutation or a combination and then apply the appropriate strategy to calculate the correct result.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Results of the Standard**

1. Students will identify the correct number of ways an event can occur when dealing with a permutation.
2. Students will identify the correct number of ways an event can occur when dealing with a combination.



## Standard #18 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Give the definition of the Fundamental Counting Principle.
2. Evaluate the following:
  - a.  $7!$
  - b.  $\frac{15!}{5! \cdot 10!}$
  - c.  $\frac{100!}{98!}$
3. What is the formula for finding the number of permutations of  $n$  objects taken  $r$  at a time?
4. What is the formula for finding the number of combinations of  $n$  objects taken  $r$  at a time?
5. Evaluate the following:  ${}_{12}C_7$ .
6. Evaluate the following:  ${}_{10}P_4$ .
7. Evaluate the following:  $0!$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. What is the difference between a permutation and a combination?
2. What is meant by “distinguishable permutations”?
3. Create a counting problem that would justify the use of a permutation.
4. Create a counting problem that would justify the use of a combination.
5. Create a counting problem where distinguishable permutations would play a role.

### Problem Solving/Application

1. How many ways can a four-member committee be chosen from 10 people?
2. How many different batting lineups are possible for the starting 9 players on a softball team?
3. How many ways can the letters A, B, C, D, and E be arranged for a 5-letter security code?
4. At a certain restaurant, customers can choose a main course, a vegetable, a beverage, and a desert. If there are 10 choices for the main course, 4 vegetable choices, 5 beverage choices and 3 choices of desert, how many different meals are possible?
5. How many ways could someone answer a True or False quiz with 5 questions, given that no answers are left blank?
6. A lottery has 52 numbers to choose from. In how many different ways can 6 of those numbers be selected?
7. In a certain state, license plates must have 3 letters followed by 4 numbers. How many different license plates are possible if none of the letters and none of the numbers can be repeated?
8. A jury is to be selected from a pool of 45 people. In how many ways can a jury of 12 people be selected from this pool of 45 people?
9. In how many distinguishable ways can the letters in the word MISSISSIPPI be arranged?



10. A landscaper wants to plant 5 oak trees, 7 maple trees, and 6 poplar trees along a certain street. In how many distinguishable ways can they be planted?
11. From a pool of 10 candidates, the offices of president, vice-president, and secretary are to be filled. In how many different ways can the offices be filled?
12. A jar contains 5 red marbles, 7 green marbles, and 8 blue marbles. If a person randomly selected 7 marbles, in how many ways could that person select 2 red, 3 green, and 2 blue marbles?
13. A bin contains a total of 25 electronic timers, 3 of which are defective. If a person randomly selects 4 of these electronic timers from this bin, in how many ways could that person select 2 good timers and 2 defective timers?



## Standard #19

### Standard Set 19.0

Students use combinations and permutations to compute probabilities.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students use combinations to compute probabilities.
2. Students use permutations to compute probabilities.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should know:

- the definition and use of a factorial
- the formula for finding permutations
- the formula for finding combinations
- the difference between a permutation and a combination
- how to represent very large or very small numbers in scientific notation
- how to convert numbers written in scientific notation back into standard form

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn:

- the definition of statistical probability of an event occurring as the following:
$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Frequency of Event "E"}}{\text{Total Frequency}}$$
- how to find basic probabilities using the definition of statistical probability given above
- how to find probabilities requiring the use of permutations
- how to find probabilities requiring the use of combinations

### Categorization of Educational Outcomes

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will solve probability problems that require the use of permutations or combinations.
2. Students will determine which counting method should be applied to calculate various probability problems.

### Necessary New Physical Skills

None

### Assessable Results of the Standard

1. Students will solve probability problems that require the use of permutations.
2. Students will solve probability problems that require the use of combinations.



## Standard #19 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. One card is randomly selected from a standard deck of playing cards. Find the probability that this card is an ace.
2. A jar contains 5 red marbles, 7 blue marbles, and 10 green marbles. One marble is randomly selected from this jar. What is the probability that this marble is blue?
3. Evaluate the following:

$$P(E) = \frac{\left(\frac{4!}{2! \cdot 2!}\right) \left(\frac{4!}{3! \cdot 1!}\right)}{\left(\frac{52!}{5! \cdot 47!}\right)}$$

4. Evaluate the following:

$$P(E) = \frac{39}{6!}$$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. A friend of yours calculates the probability of an event and comes up with an answer of 1.06 for the probability. Explain to your friend why this cannot be the correct answer to this probability problem.
2. A friend of yours answers the following problem with the given answer:  $(5!)(3!)(0!) = 0$ . Do you agree or disagree with this solution? Why?
3. The following 11 letters are randomly selected one at a time and put in order from left to right. (M, I, I, I, I, P, P, S, S, S, S). What is the probability that they spell the word, "MISSISSIPPI"? Will the following calculation give the correct result? Why or why not?

$$P(E) = \frac{1}{11!}$$

### Problem Solving/Application

1. A jar contains 5 red marbles, 7 green marbles, and 8 blue marbles. If a person randomly selects 7 marbles, what is the probability that this person will select 2 red, 3 green, and 2 blue marbles?
2. A lottery is played in a certain state where players must correctly select 6 numbers from a total of 52 numbers. The order in which the player selects the numbers is not important. What is the probability that a person will successfully select all 6 numbers and win the lottery?
3. A password consists of 3 letters followed by 3 digits in the correct order. What is the probability of correctly guessing the password on the first try, given that in the password no letter or number can be used twice?
4. A speech club consists of 15 members, 7 of which are male. Four members will be chosen at random to travel to a special activity. What is the probability that none of the males will be chosen?



## Standard #20

### **Standard Set 20.0**

Students know the binomial theorem and use it to expand binomial expressions that are raised to positive integer powers.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students know the binomial theorem.
2. Students apply the binomial theorem to expand binomial expressions to positive integer powers.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know how to:

- put an expression in descending or ascending order
- multiply binomials and polynomials
- combine like terms
- apply the correct properties of exponents
- compute combinations

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn how to:

- identify the correct pattern for the exponents of each term in the expansion
- calculate the correct exponents for the variables in each term
- identify and calculate the binomial coefficient for each term in the expansion

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students recall the binomial theorem.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students apply the binomial theorem to the expansion of binomials raised to positive integer powers.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce appropriate expansions for binomials raised to positive integer powers.



## Standard #20 Model Assessment Items

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Students identify the correct pattern for the exponents of each term in the expansion.

- a. Complete the exponents on each term in the expansion of:

$$(3m + 2n)^4 = \binom{4}{0}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{1}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{2}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{3}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{4}(3m)(2n)$$

2. Students calculate the correct exponents for the variables in each term.

- a. Without calculating the binomial coefficients, simplify each term in expansion of:

$$(3m + 2n)^4 = \binom{4}{0}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{1}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{2}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{3}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{4}(3m)(2n)$$

3. Students identify and calculate the binomial coefficient for each term in the expansion.

- a. Calculate the binomial coefficients in the expansion of:

$$(3m + 2n)^4 = \binom{4}{0}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{1}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{2}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{3}(3m)(2n) + \binom{4}{4}(3m)(2n)$$

4. Use the binomial theorem to expand and simplify:  $(x - 4y)^3$ .



## Standard #21

### **Standard Set 21.0**

Students apply the method of mathematical induction to prove general statements about the positive integers.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students know the process of mathematical induction.
2. Students apply the method of mathematical induction to prove general statements about the sum of a series.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- the properties for combining like terms
- the properties for simplifying rational expressions
- basic sequence notation
- basic series notation

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn how to:

- identify an induction hypothesis
- demonstrate that a statement is true for  $n = 1$
- use appropriate algebraic manipulation to demonstrate that if a statement is true for  $n = k$ , the statement is true for  $n = k + 1$
- state the conclusion of the mathematical induction proof in appropriate language

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application

1. Student will apply the method of mathematical induction to prove the validity of generalized statements about the sum of a series.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will produce proofs of mathematical statements about positive integers using appropriate mathematical induction language and processes.



## Standard #21 Model Assessment Items

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Given the assertion:  $1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + \cdots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ , identify the induction hypothesis,  $P_k$ .
2. Given the assertion:  $5 + 9 + 13 + 17 + \cdots + (4n+1) = n(2n+3)$ , show the assertion is true for  $n=1$ .
3. Given the assertion:  $5 + 10 + 15 + 20 + 25 + \cdots + 5n = \frac{5n(n+1)}{2}$ , assuming  $P_k$  is true, prove the statement is true for  $P_{k+1}$ .
4. Prove the assertion:  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$ . State the conclusion.



## Standard #22

### Standard Set 22.0

Students find the general term and the sums of arithmetic series and of both finite and infinite geometric series.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students find the general term of a finite arithmetic series.
2. Students find the general term of a finite geometric series.
3. Students find the sum of a finite arithmetic series.
4. Students find the sum of a finite geometric series.
5. Students find the sum of an infinite geometric series.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should:

- know how to compute with real numbers using the correct order of operations
- know how to evaluate algebraic expressions
- know how to simplify expressions prior to solving linear equations
- know how to solve multi-step problems, including word problems involving linear and non-linear equations
- understand notation using sub-number and exponents (for example:  $a_{n-1}, a_n, r^n$ )
- understand finite set of numbers vs. infinite set of numbers

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn:

- that an arithmetic sequence is a sequence of terms (numbers) in which a term is found by adding a constant (common difference =  $d$ ) to the previous term
- how to find consecutive terms of an arithmetic sequence
- how to find the  $n$ th term of an arithmetic sequence by using the formula  $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$ , where  $a_1$  = first term,  $a_n$  =  $n$ th term,  $n$  = the number of terms, and  $d$  = common difference.
- how to find missing terms in an arithmetic sequence (arithmetic means)
- that an arithmetic series is the sum of the terms of an arithmetic sequence
- how to find the sum of an arithmetic series using the following formulas, where  $S_n$  is the sum of the series:
  - $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$
  - $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a_1 + (n-1)d]$ , when the  $n$ th term is not known
- sigma or summation notation to express arithmetic series (an enrichment opportunity)
- that a geometric sequence is a sequence of terms (numbers) in which a term is found by multiplying a constant (common ratio =  $r$ ) with the previous term:  $a_n = a_{n-1} \cdot r$



- how to find consecutive terms of a geometric sequence
- how to find the  $n$ th term of a geometric sequence by using the formula  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$
- how to find missing terms in a geometric sequence (geometric means)
- that a finite geometric series is the sum of a finite number of terms of a geometric sequence
- how to find the sum of a finite geometric series using the following formulas, where  $S_n$  is the sum of the series:
  - $S_n = \frac{a_1 - a_1 r^n}{1 - r} \quad r \neq 1$
  - $S_n = \frac{a_1(1 - r^n)}{1 - r} \quad r \neq 1$ , a modification of the first formula
- sigma or summation notation to express finite geometric series (an enrichment opportunity)
- that an infinite geometric series with a common ratio between  $-1$  and  $1$  will have a sum given by the formula  $S = \frac{a_1}{1 - r}$
- that an infinite geometric series with a common ratio  $r$  such that the  $|r| \geq 1$  does not have a sum
- sigma or summation notation to express finite geometric series (an enrichment opportunity)

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Comprehension

1. Students will comprehend the formulas used.
2. Students will show understanding of the sums of infinite geometric series.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will apply the knowledge they have of sequences and series in a variety of situations.

Competence Level: Synthesis

1. Students will synthesize their understanding of infinity and sums to predict the limit of an infinite series.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will solve problems involving arithmetic series and sequences and both finite and infinite geometric series and sequences.



## Standard #22 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Find the ninth term in the arithmetic sequence where  $a_1 = 22$ ,  $a_2 = 18$ .
2. Find the sum of the arithmetic sequence  $16 + 21 + 26 + \dots + 56$ .
3. Evaluate arithmetic series  $\sum_{n=4}^{10} (2n-1)$ .
4. Find the twelfth term in the geometric sequence where  $a_1=64$  and  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ .
5. Find the sum of the geometric series for which  $a_1=12$ ,  $r = 12$  and  $n = 5$ .
6. Find the sum of the infinite geometric series for which  $a_1 = -4$  and  $r = 0.5$ .
7. Find the sum of the infinite geometric series for which  $a_1 = -4$  and  $r = -0.5$ .

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Find  $y$  in the following arithmetic sequence,  $2, y+4, 16, 4y+3$ , then restate the sequence.
2. Find the missing terms of the following arithmetic sequence  $2, \_, \_, \_, -22$ .
3. Find the missing terms of the arithmetic series with five terms, a second term equal to 11, and a series sum equal to 0.
4. Find the value(s) of  $y$  in the geometric sequence  $4, 2y, 6y+40$ .
5. Why is there not a sum for an infinite series where  $|r| \geq 1$ ?

### Problem Solving/Application

1. A certain automobile loses 25% of its value each year. If the starting value of the automobile is \$26,500, what will its value be after 10 years?
2. A free-falling object falls 16 feet in the 1st second, 48 feet in the 2nd second. If it continues to fall at this rate, how far will it have fallen in 15 seconds (ignore air resistance)?
3. A rumor is spreading fast on campus. If I started the rumor by telling two friends, and one minute later they had told two other friends, then those two friends told two more friends one minute later, and so on, how many people would know the rumor within a half hour (assuming no one was told the rumor by more than one person)?



## **Standard #23**

### **Standard Set 23.0**

Students derive the summation formulas for arithmetic series and for both finite and infinite geometric series.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students will derive the summation formula for arithmetic series.
2. Students will derive the summation formula for finite geometric series.
3. Students will derive the summation formula for infinite geometric series.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- the concept of domain of a function
- how to manipulate rational expressions
- how to manipulate formulae with few if any digits
- what an arithmetic series is
- what a finite geometric series is
- what an infinite geometric series is
- the general form of an arithmetic series
- the general form of a finite geometric series
- the general form of an infinite geometric series

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- what a summation formula represents
- how to manipulate the general form of a series to produce the summation formula

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Synthesis

1. Students derive the summation formulas for arithmetic series and for both finite and infinite geometric series.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will derive the summation formula for arithmetic series.
2. Students will derive the summation formula for finite geometric series.
3. Students will derive the summation formula for infinite geometric series.



## Standard #23 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Find the general term for finding the partial sum of a geometric series:

$$S_n = a_1r + a_1r^2 + \dots + a_1r^{n-1}$$



## Standard #24

### **Standard Set 24.0**

Students solve problems involving functional concepts such as composition, defining the inverse function, and performing arithmetic operations on functions.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students solve problems involving composition of functions.
2. Students know the definition of an inverse of a function.
3. Students solve problems using the inverse of a function.
4. Students solve problems involving arithmetic operations on functions.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should:

- know the definition of a function
- know the order of operations
- know function notation
- know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide polynomials
- know how to graph functions
- be familiar with the concept of reflection in graphical terms

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- the concept of composition of functions
- how to solve problems of function composition
- to use composition of functions to solve problems
- the definition of an inverse function
- to form an inverse of a function
- to verify that a function is an inverse of another function
- to perform arithmetic functions such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division involving functions

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Knowledge

1. Students will define inverse of functions.
2. Students will identify inverse functions.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will solve function composition problems.
2. Students will compute the inverse of a function.
3. Students will show a function is an inverse of another function.
4. Students will perform arithmetic operations with functions.



**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will solve composition of function problems.
2. Students will form the inverse of a function.
3. Students will verify a function is an inverse of another function.
4. Students will perform arithmetic operations with functions.



## Standard #24 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Let  $f(x) = 3x + 2$  and  $g(x) = 4x$ ; find  $g(f(2))$ :
2. What is the inverse of  $f(x) = 4x - 6$ ?

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Show that  $f(x) = 4x + 9$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x - 9}{4}$  are inverse functions.

### Problem Solving/Application

1. A department store is having a 20%-off-everything sale. You also have a \$10 coupon for any purchase.
  - a. Write the function  $M$  that represents the sale price after the 20% discount, and a function  $K$  that represents the price of an item after the \$10 coupon:

Determine which is the best deal for you, discount then coupon, or coupon then discount, when buying an item costing \$25.



## Standard #25

### **Standard Set 25.0**

Students use properties from number systems to justify steps in combining and simplifying functions.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students use properties of number system to justify steps in combining functions.
2. Students use properties of number system to justify steps in simplifying functions.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know:

- the basic number system properties: associative, distributive, identity, zero, commutative, and inverse
- symmetric, transitive, and reflexive properties of equality
- the laws of exponents and logarithms
- order of operations

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- to recognize the properties of the number system used in expressions
- how to deconstruct an expression into component steps

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Evaluation

1. Students use properties from number systems to justify steps in combining and simplifying functions.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will deconstruct a function and describe the rationale for each step according to the properties of the number system.



## Standard #25 Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. What property of real numbers enables you to simplify:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x + 1} \quad \text{to} \quad f(x) = x + 2?$$

2. What properties of real numbers enable you to simplify:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x - 18}{x - 3} \quad \text{to} \quad f(x) = x + 6?$$

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Give examples of how the properties of equality are used to solve equations.

Ex:  $3(5x + 2) = 51$ ;

$15x + 6 = 51$  by the multiplicative property of equality

and  $15x = 45$  by the subtraction property of equality

and  $x = 3$  by the division property of equality.

2. Explain when  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  does not exist and why.

### Problem Solving/Application

Due to the nature of this standard, there are no application problems. Justifying something is an end in itself, allowing use of the justified item in the standard repertoire.



## **Standard # 1.0 “Probability and Statistics”**

### **Standard Set 1.0 Probability and Statistics**

Students know the definition of the notion of *independent events* and can use the rules for addition, multiplication, and complementation to solve for probabilities of particular events in finite sample spaces.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students know the definition of “*independent events*.”
2. Students can use the rules for addition to solve for probabilities of particular events in finite sample spaces.
3. Students can use the rules for multiplication to solve for probabilities of particular events in finite sample spaces.
4. Students can use the rules complementation to solve for probabilities of particular events in finite sample spaces.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should know how to:

- perform arithmetic computations with rational numbers
- calculate a probability of an event
- calculate probabilities of events involving combinations and permutations
- calculate probabilities involving the compound and mutually exclusive events
- produce a tree diagram and a Venn diagram

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn:

- the definition of “independent event”
- the definition of “mutually exclusive events”
- to solve for probabilities of independent events using the rules for addition of probabilities
- to solve for probabilities of independent events using the rules for multiplication of probabilities
- to solve for probabilities of independent events using the rules for complementation of an event

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application and Analysis

1. Students will calculate probability for outcomes of independent events.
2. Students will calculate probability using probability rules.
3. Students will create examples of probability problems involving independent events.
4. Students will explain the relationship between the outcome of an event and its complement.
5. Students will compare outcomes to determine if they are independent or dependent outcomes.
6. Students will interpret the use of probability in the context of real world problems.



**Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

**Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will solve probability problems involving independent events.
2. Students will be able to create examples of problems involving independent events that require use of the probability rules for addition, multiplication, and complementation.
3. Students will be able to create an illustration that depicts probabilities of complementation.



## Standard #1 “Probability and Statistics” Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

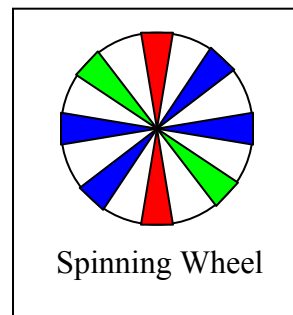
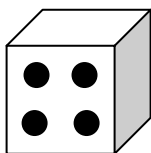
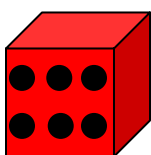
1.
  - a. Events  $A$  and  $B$  are Mutually Exclusive. If  $P(A) = 2/10$  and  $P(B) = 2/3$ , calculate  $P(A \text{ or } B)$ .
  - b.  $A$  and  $B$  are Events. If  $P(A) = 2/5$ ,  $P(B) = 2/5$ , and  $P(A \text{ and } B) = 1/5$ , calculate  $P(A \text{ or } B)$ .
2. Events  $A$  and  $B$  are Independent. If  $P(A) = 1/3$  and  $P(B) = 3/4$ , calculate  $P(A \text{ and } B)$ .
3.
  - a. For Event  $A$ , if  $P(A) = 2/5$ , calculate  $P(A')$ .
  - b. For Event  $A$ , if  $P(A') = 1/3$ , calculate  $P(A)$ .

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Consider a standard 52-card deck.
  - a. Produce an example of two events that are mutually exclusive.
  - b. Produce an example of two events that are not mutually exclusive.
2. Is it possible that  $P(A) = P(A')$ ? If yes, give an example. If no, explain why not.
3. A five is rolled on a six-sided dice and a one is rolled on a four-sided dice. Determine if the outcome is an independent outcome or a dependent outcome. Support your answer.
4. For events  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive, determine  $P(A \text{ or } B)$ . Explain your answer and illustrate it with a diagram.

### Problem Solving/Application

1. You have just entered a high stakes game of Black Jack. The object of the game is to get 21, or as close as possible to 21, and beat the dealer. Determine the probability that the first card pulled is an Ace or a Face card from a standard deck of 52 Cards?
2. Determine the probability of spinning a red color followed by a white color from a spinning wheel.
3. You are rolling a red die followed by a white die. Determine the probability of not rolling a total of 7 with both dice.





4. You arrive at math class and find that the teacher is giving a true-false quiz for which you are totally unprepared. You decide to guess randomly at the answers. There are four questions. Find the probabilities described below. Explain your reasoning and use a diagram to illustrate your answers.
- $P(\text{none correct})$
  - $P(\text{exactly one correct})$
  - $P(\text{exactly two correct})$
  - $P(\text{exactly three correct})$
  - $P(\text{all four correct})$
  - Predict the sum of the probabilities in a-e.
  - In order to pass the quiz, you must get at least three correct answers. What is the probability of passing the quiz?



## Standard 2.0 “Probability and Statistics”

### Standard Set 2.0 Probability and Statistics

Students know the definition of “conditional probability” and use it to solve for probabilities in finite space.

### Deconstructed Standard

1. Students know the definition of “conditional probability.”
2. Students can solve for probabilities using the *conditional probability* of particular events in finite sample spaces.

### Prior Knowledge Necessary

Students should be able to:

- perform arithmetic computations with rational numbers
- calculate the probability of an event
- calculate probabilities of events involving combinations and permutations
- calculate probabilities involving compound and mutually exclusive events
- calculate probabilities involving independent events
- draw tree diagrams
- draw Venn diagrams

### New Knowledge

Students will need to learn:

- the definition of “conditional probability”
- to solve for conditional probabilities
- the concept of dependent events
- the notation  $P(A|B)$

### Categorization of Educational Outcomes

Competence Level: Application and Analysis

1. Students will solve for probabilities.
2. Students will produce examples of conditional events.
3. Students will illustrate probabilities of conditional events.
4. Students will explain outcomes.
5. Students will interpret conditional probability in the context of real world problems.

### Necessary New Physical Skills

None

### Assessable Result of the Standard

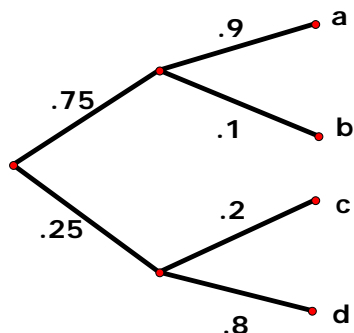
1. Students will solve probability problems dealing with conditional events.
2. Students will be able to produce examples of conditional events.
3. Students will be able to create an illustration that depicts probabilities of conditional events.



## Standard #2 “Probability and Statistics” Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1.  $A$  and  $B$  are dependent events. If  $P(A) = 1/10$  and  $P(B|A) = 8/10$ , calculate  $P(A \text{ and } B)$ .
2.  $A$  and  $B$  are Dependent Events. If  $P(A) = 4/5$  and  $P(A \text{ and } B) = 1/5$ , calculate  $P(B|A)$ .
3. a. Calculate the probability of each path a – d, in the tree diagram below.  
b. Calculate the sum of probabilities  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ .



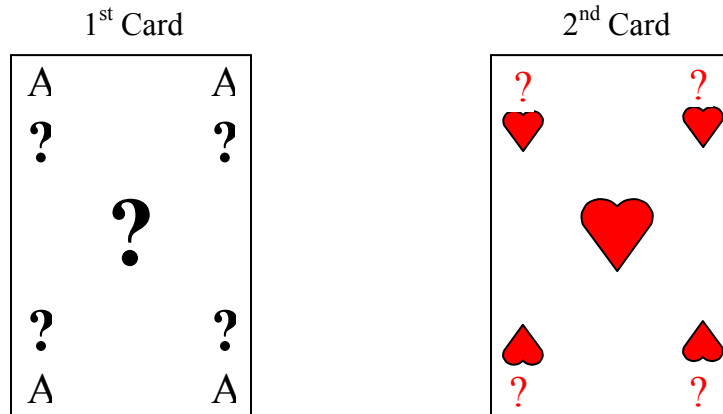
### Conceptual Understanding

1. Produce a simple example of a probability of two events that are dependent on each other using a standard 52-card deck. Solve your example and explain each step.
2. Mr. Thometz teaches three classes. Each class has 20 students. His first class has 12 sophomores, his second class has 8 sophomores, and his third class has 10 sophomores. He randomly chooses one student from each class to participate in a competition. Events (a) and (b) are stated below. Compare the two events. Decide which event is dependent and which is independent. Explain your answer and illustrate with a diagram.
  - a. That he selects three sophomores to participate in the competition.
  - b. That he selects only one sophomore to participate in the competition.



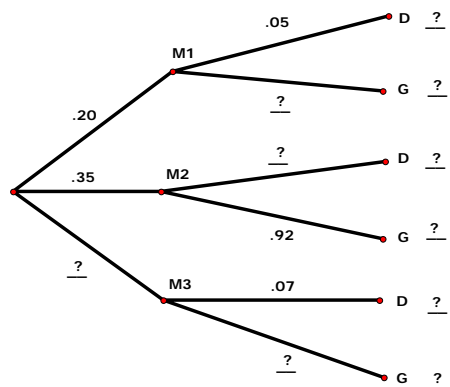
**Problem Solving/Application**

1. You will randomly select 2 cards from a standard 52-card deck. What is the probability that the first cards you select are an ace and a non-face card?



2. In 1963, the U.S. Postal Service introduced the ZIP code to help process mail more efficiently. A ZIP code contains five digits, 0 – 9.
- Determine the number of ZIP codes available.
  - In 1983, the U.S. Postal Service introduced ZIP + 4. The extra four digits at the end of the ZIP code help pinpoint the destination of a parcel with greater accuracy and efficiency. Determine the number of ZIP + 4 codes available.
3. Produce a tree diagram that pictures all possible equally likely outcomes if a coin is flipped as specified:      a) one time                      b) two times                      c) three times
4. The ratios of the number of phones manufactured at three sites, M1, M2, and M3, are 20%, 35%, and 45%, respectively. The diagram below shows some of the ratios of the numbers of defective (D) and good (G) phones manufactured at each site. The top branch indicates a .20 probability that a phone made by this manufacturer was manufactured at site M1. The ratio of these phones that are defective is .05. Therefore, .95 of these phones are good. The probability that a randomly selected phone is both from site M1 and defective is  $(.20)(.05)$ , or .01. Copy the diagram and determine the missing probabilities.
- Determine  $P$  (a phone from site M2 is defective).
  - Determine  $P$  (a randomly chosen phone is defective).
  - Determine  $P$  (a phone was manufactured at site M2 if you already know it is defective).







## **Standard 3.0 “Probability and Statistics”**

### **Standard Set 3.0 Probability and Statistics**

Students compute the “variance” and the “standard deviation” of a distribution of data.

### **Deconstructed Standard**

1. Students compute the “variance” of a distribution of data.
2. Students compute the “standard deviation” of a distribution of data.

### **Prior Knowledge Necessary**

Students should be able to:

- perform arithmetic computations with rational numbers
- calculate the mean of a data set

### **New Knowledge**

Students will need to learn to:

- calculate the standard deviation of a data set
- calculate the variance of a data set
- explain the meaning of the values yielded by the standard deviation and the variance of a given data set

### **Categorization of Educational Outcomes**

Competence Level: Application and Analysis

1. Students will calculate standard deviations for a given set of data.
2. Students will calculate variance for a given set of data.
3. Students will create examples of data sets.
4. Students will explain relationships between mean, standard deviation, and variance.
5. Students will compare units of standard deviation and data.
6. Students will interpret the use of standard deviation and variance in the context of real world problems.

### **Necessary New Physical Skills**

None

### **Assessable Result of the Standard**

1. Students will be able to calculate the standard deviation and the variance for a given set of data.
2. Students will be able to create examples of data sets and calculate the standard deviation and variance for the data.



## Standard #3 “Probability and Statistics” Model Assessment Items

### Computational and Procedural Skills

1. Calculate the standard deviation of the data set: {20, 30, 50, 60}.
2. Calculate the variance of the data set: {12.5, 14.5, 19.5, 13.5}.

### Conceptual Understanding

1. Create a simple set of numbers between 1–10. Calculate the mean of your data set. Explain the meaning of the standard deviation with respect to the mean of your data set.
2. Explain why the sum of the deviations in a data set is always equal to zero.
3. When calculating the variance, explain why you divide by one less (i.e.,  $n-1$ ) than the number of values in the data set?
4. Compare the units of the standard deviation with the units of the data? Explain your findings.
5. Explain the connection between the variance, the standard deviation and the mean for any given data set.

### Problem Solving/Application

1. You have just entered the real state market in your area. The first eight homes you sold and their prices are as given in the table below. Calculate the average selling price and the standard deviation.

Number of Homes	Selling Price
1	\$340,000
2	\$260,000
2	\$280,000
3	\$300,000

2. For the same table above find the variance.
3. The mean diameter of a Cardinal Best Compact Disc is 12.0 cm, with a standard deviation of 0.012 cm. CDs that are more than one standard deviation from the mean cannot be shipped. How would those statistics be useful to a quality control engineer of Cardinal Best Company?



## Appendix #1

Retrieved from CDE website (4-03-06): <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/mthlgebra2.asp>

<b>ALGEBRA II</b> <b>Grades Eight Through Twelve - Mathematics Content Standards.</b>	
<b>This discipline complements and expands the mathematical content and concepts of Algebra I and geometry. Students who master Algebra II will gain experience with algebraic solutions of problems in various content areas, including the solution of systems of quadratic equations, logarithmic and exponential functions, the binomial theorem, and the complex number system.</b>	
Standard Set 1.0: Students solve equations and inequalities involving absolute value.	
2.0: Students solve systems of linear equations and inequalities (in two or three variables) by substitution, with graphs, or with matrices.	
3.0: Students are adept at operations on polynomials, including long division.	
4.0: Students factor polynomials representing the difference of squares, perfect square trinomials, and the sum and difference of two cubes.	
5.0: Students demonstrate knowledge of how real and complex numbers are related both arithmetically and graphically. In particular, they can plot complex numbers as points in the plane.	
6.0: Students add, subtract, multiply, and divide complex numbers.	
7.0: Students add, subtract, multiply, divide, reduce, and evaluate rational expressions with monomial and polynomial denominators and simplify complicated rational expressions, including those with negative exponents in the denominator.	
8.0: Students solve and graph quadratic equations by factoring, completing the square, or using the quadratic formula. Students apply these techniques in solving word problems. They also solve quadratic equations in the complex number system.	
9.0: Students demonstrate and explain the effect that changing a coefficient has on the graph of quadratic functions; that is, students can determine how the graph of a parabola changes as $a$ , $b$ , and $c$ vary in the equation $y = a(x-b)^2 + c$ .	
10.0: Students graph quadratic functions and determine the maxima, minima, and zeros of the function.	
11.0: Students prove simple laws of logarithms.	
11.1: Students understand the inverse relationship between exponents and logarithms and use this relationship to solve problems involving logarithms and exponents.  11.2: Students judge the validity of an argument according to whether the properties of real numbers, exponents, and logarithms have been applied correctly at each step.	
12.0: Students know the laws of fractional exponents, understand exponential functions, and use these functions in problems involving exponential growth and decay.	



13.0: Students use the definition of logarithms to translate between logarithms in any base.
14.0: Students understand and use the properties of logarithms to simplify logarithmic numeric expressions and to identify their approximate values.
15.0: Students determine whether a specific algebraic statement involving rational expressions, radical expressions, or logarithmic or exponential functions is sometimes true, always true, or never true.
16.0: Students demonstrate and explain how the geometry of the graph of a conic section (e.g., asymptotes, foci, eccentricity) depends on the coefficients of the quadratic equation representing it.
17.0: Given a quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + by^2 + cx + dy + e = 0$ , students can use the method for completing the square to put the equation into standard form and can recognize whether the graph of the equation is a circle, ellipse, parabola, or hyperbola. Students can then graph the equation.
18.0: Students use fundamental counting principles to compute combinations and permutations.
19.0: Students use combinations and permutations to compute probabilities.
20.0: Students know the binomial theorem and use it to expand binomial expressions that are raised to positive integer powers.
21.0: Students apply the method of mathematical induction to prove general statements about the positive integers.
22.0: Students find the general term and the sums of arithmetic series and of both finite and infinite geometric series.
23.0: Students derive the summation formulas for arithmetic series and for both finite and infinite geometric series.
24.0: Students solve problems involving functional concepts, such as composition, defining the inverse function, and performing arithmetic operations on functions.
25.0: Students use properties from number systems to justify steps in combining and simplifying functions.



## Appendix #2

### Developing Learning Targets for Algebra Standards (Instructions given to teachers involved in the project)

*Please note the following terms and/or definitions which have been agreed upon for this deconstruction project:*

- **Prior Knowledge:** Prior knowledge is defined as acquired knowledge that has been mastered in a previous standard.
- **New Knowledge:** New knowledge is defined as knowledge that students need to acquire and apply to the components in step #2 of this deconstruction process to create the products listed in step #7 of this process.
- **Introduced:** When a standard mentions that a concept or idea has been “introduced,” this does not mean that it has been mastered.
- **Familiar With:** When a standard mentions that students should be “familiar with” certain concepts or ideas, this does not mean that students have actually mastered these ideas or concepts.

**Sample:**

#### **Deconstruction of Algebra I Standard #6**

##### **Step #1: Underline noun phrases, and box or circle the verbs.**

Standard 6.0: Students graph a linear equation and compute the x- and y-intercepts. (e.g., graph  $2x + 6y = 4$ ). They are also able to sketch the region defined by a linear inequality (e.g., they sketch the region defined by  $2x + 6y < 4$ ).

##### **Step #2: Rewrite standard into short components.**

1. Students graph linear equations.
2. Students compute x-intercepts.
3. Students compute y-intercepts.
4. Students use intercepts to graph linear equations.
5. Students sketch the region defined by a linear inequality.

##### **Step #3: Identify prior knowledge students should know. (See note above)**

1. Students must be able to perform arithmetic computations with rational numbers.
2. Students must be able to graph ordered pairs.
3. Students must be able to compute slope from the graph of a line.
4. Students must be able to compute slope when given two points.
5. Students must be able to recognize slope as a rate of change of y in relation to x.
6. Students must be able to graph a linear equation using a “t-chart”.
7. Students must be able to evaluate a linear equation for a given x or y value.
8. Students must be able to solve one-variable linear inequalities.
9. Students must be able to graph the solution set for a one-variable linear inequality.



10. Students must be able to verify that any element in the solution set of a one-variable inequality satisfies the original inequality.

**Step #4: Identify what new knowledge students will need to learn.** (*See note above*)

1. Given the slope/intercept form of a line,  $y = mx + b$ , students will plot the y-intercept, and then use the slope to find a second point in order to complete the graph of the line.
2. Students will identify the graphical representation of  $(a, 0)$  as the x-intercept, and  $(0, b)$  as the y-intercept.
3. Students will be able to compute the x-intercept and y-intercept given a linear equation.
4. Students will identify that the linear equation implied by the linear inequality forms a boundary for the solution set and that this boundary may or may not be included in the final graph.
5. Students will interpret the inequality symbol to determine whether or not the boundary is solid or dashed.
6. Students will identify and shade the region of the graph that contains the solutions to the inequality.
7. Students will recognize that linear inequalities have multiple ordered-pair solutions.

**Step #5: Identify patterns of reasoning using Bloom's Taxonomy.**

Use the *Bloom's Taxonomy* handouts provided to describe the overall competence level expected of students with respect to these topics. Then highlight the "skills demonstrated" using as many of the key words and phrases provided on the handouts. See example below for Standard #6.

Box in the key words or phrases taken from *Bloom's Taxonomy*.

Competence Level: Application

1. Students will use methods they have learned to graph lines, solve inequalities, and to locate and/or identify the x- and y-intercepts for a given equation or graph.
2. Students will demonstrate their ability to find and use x- and y-intercepts in the context of graphing.
3. Students will calculate x- and y-intercepts.
4. Students will solve inequalities in two variables.
5. Students will use information they have learned to graph lines, solve inequalities, and find x- and y-intercepts.
6. Students will show that they know the correct interpretation of the boundary line for the solution of an inequality by appropriately making the boundary solid or dashed.

**Step #6: Identify required physical skills.**

In this section we are looking for physical skills such as: use of a calculator, protractor, ruler, compass, etc.

1. Use of a ruler

**Step #7: Identify assessable results of the standard.**

1. Students will produce the graph of a line.
2. Students will produce the ordered pairs representing the x- and y-intercepts.



3. Students will produce a bounded and shaded region of the  $x$ - $y$  plane representing the solution set of a linear inequality in two variables.

### **Model Assessment Items**

In this section you will write model, or exemplar, assessment items that will serve to demonstrate the level and depth of instruction for these particular topics. For example, you would expect a lower level and depth for a topic in Basic Algebra than you would for the same topic in Intermediate Algebra.

Please be sure to include assessment items that measure abilities in the following three categories:

1. Computational and Procedural Skills
2. Conceptual Understanding
3. Problem Solving/Application

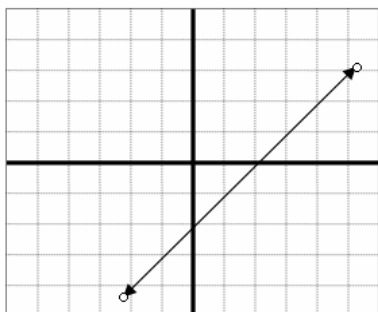
### **Category #1: Computational and Procedural Skills**

1. Find the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts for the line defined by the following equation:  $2x + 3y = 9$
2. Use the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts to graph the line given by the equation:  $2x + 3y = 9$
3. Graph the following lines using the method of your choice. Identify and label the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts for each graph if they exist:
  - a.  $3x - 5y = 10$
  - b.  $y = \frac{-2}{3}x + 4$
  - c.  $y = 2$
  - d.  $x = 3.5$
  - e.  $2x + 4y = 3$
  - f.  $\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{3}{4}y = 2$
4. Graph the solution set for the following inequalities:
  - a.  $2x - 3y < 6$
  - b.  $y \geq \frac{-3}{4}x + 2$
  - c.  $\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{2}{3}y \leq \frac{5}{6}$

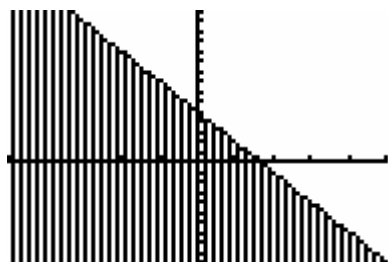


**Category #2: Conceptual Understanding**

1. Sketch the graph of a line that has no  $x$ -intercept.
2. Identify the  $x$ - and  $y$ - intercepts from the graph of the given line.



3. Can a line have more than one  $x$ -intercept? Explain your answer using a diagram.
4. The solution to an inequality has been graphed correctly below. Insert the correct inequality symbol in the inequality below to match the graph of the solution. (Everything else about the inequality is correct—it just needs the correct symbol).



$$y \boxed{\phantom{<}} 3x + 5$$

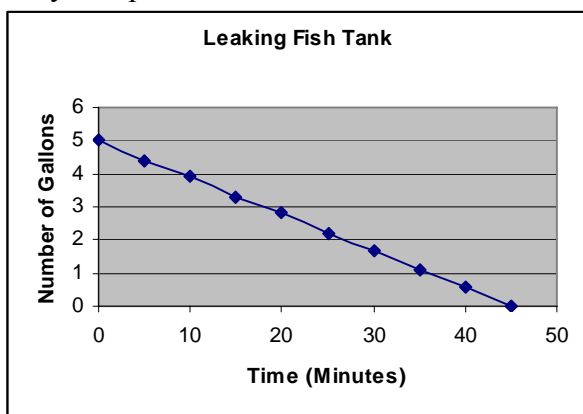
Insert correct symbol in box.

5. When is it advantageous to use the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts to graph the equation of a line? When would it perhaps be easier or better to use another graphing method? Give an example to illustrate your answers to both of these questions.



### Category #3: Problem Solving/Application

1. The graph displayed below is the graph of the following equation:  $y = \left(\frac{-1}{9}\right)x + 5$ , where  $x$  represents the amount of time that has passed since a 5 gal. fish tank sprung a leak, and  $y$  represents the number of gallons of water in the tank after the leak.
- What is the significance of the  $x$ -intercept in this situation? What information is given to us by this point?
  - What is the significance of the  $y$ -intercept in this situation? What information is given to us by this point?



2. The cost of a trash pickup service is given by the following formula:  $y = 1.50x + 11$ , where  $x$  represents the number of bags of trash the company picks up, and  $y$  represents the total cost to the customer for picking up the trash.
- What is the  $y$ -intercept for this equation?
  - What is the significance of the  $y$ -intercept in this situation? What does it tell us about this trash pickup service?
  - Draw a sketch of the graph which represents this trash pickup service.

### Exemplar Teaching Methods

Please record an example of “Lesson Plans” that demonstrate an excellent method of how the concepts in this standard could be presented to students. Be sure to give examples or illustrate any unique or creative methods that you have used that bring these concepts to life. Use as much detail as needed to communicate your ideas.



## Appendix #3

### Categorization of Educational Outcomes

Identifies the type of reasoning students will use to learn the skills necessary to master each standard. Teachers were asked to use *Bloom's Taxonomy* to describe the overall competence level expected of students with respect to these topics and highlight the skills demonstrated.

#### **Major Categories in the Taxonomy of Educational Objectives, Bloom 1956\***

Categories in the Cognitive Domain: (with Outcome-Illustrating Verbs)

**Knowledge**—of terminology; specific facts; ways and means of dealing with specifics (conventions, trends, and sequences; classifications and categories; criteria, methodology); universals and abstractions in a field (principles and generalizations, theories and structures)—

**The remembering (recalling) of appropriate, previously learned information.**

- defines; describes; enumerates; identifies; labels; lists; matches; names; reads; records; reproduces; selects; states; views.

**Comprehension: Grasping (understanding) the meaning of informational materials.**

- classifies; cites; converts; describes; discusses; estimates; explains; generalizes; gives examples; makes sense out of; paraphrases; restates (in own words); summarizes; traces; understands.

**Application: The use of previously learned information in new and concrete situations to solve problems that have single or best answers.**

- acts; administers; articulates; assesses; charts; collects; computes; constructs; contributes; controls; determines; develops; discovers; establishes; extends; implements; includes; informs; instructs; operationalizes; participates; predicts; prepares; preserves; produces; projects; provides; relates; reports; shows; solves; teaches; transfers; uses; utilizes.

**Analysis: The breaking down of informational materials into their component parts, examining (and trying to understand the organizational structure of) such information to develop divergent conclusions by identifying motives or causes, making inferences, and/or finding evidence to support generalizations.**

- breaks down; correlates; diagrams; differentiates; discriminates; distinguishes; focuses; illustrates; infers; limits; outlines; points out; prioritizes; recognizes; separates; subdivides.

**Synthesis: Creatively or divergently applying prior knowledge and skills to produce a new or original whole.**

- adapts; anticipates; categorizes; collaborates; combines; communicates; compares; compiles; composes; contrasts; creates; designs; devises; expresses; facilitates; formulates; generates; incorporates; individualizes; initiates; integrates; intervenes; models; modifies; negotiates; plans; progresses; rearranges; reconstructs; reinforces; reorganizes; revises; structures; substitutes; validates.



***Evaluation:* Judging the value of material based on personal values/opinions, resulting in an end product, with a given purpose, without real right or wrong answers.**

- appraises; compares & contrasts; concludes; criticizes; critiques; decides; defends; interprets; judges; justifies; reframes; supports.

\* <http://faculty.washington.edu/krumme/guides/bloom.html>



## Appendix #4

### Sample Teaching Item for Standard #7

Below is a chart that can be used by students. It summarizes the different ways we simplify and solve rational expressions and equations. It also helps them see when and how to use or not to use the LCD.

#### SIMPLIFYING RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS VS. SOLVING RATIONAL EQUATIONS

<b>SIMPLIFYING RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goal is to reduce a complicated rational expression to a single, much simpler rational expression.</li> <li>Answer is a rational expression.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>I. Simplifying Simple Rationals</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factor numerator &amp; denominator and then cancel factors of 1. You can only cancel between the numerator and the denominator.</li> <li>Doesn't use the LCD.</li> </ul> $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \Rightarrow \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x-2)}{\cancel{(x+2)}(x+1)} \Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{x+1}$	<p><b><u>II. Simplifying Complex Rationals</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find the LCD</li> <li>Multiply each term by the LCD and then simplify if you can.</li> </ul> <p>LCD = <math>xy</math> - used to multiply each term of expression</p> $\frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y}}{\frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{y}} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{\cancel{x}} \cdot \cancel{xy} + \frac{2}{\cancel{y}} \cdot \cancel{xy}}{\frac{2}{\cancel{x}} \cdot \cancel{xy} - \frac{3}{\cancel{y}} \cdot \cancel{xy}} \Rightarrow \frac{y + 2x}{2y - 3x}$
<p><b><u>III. Multiplying/Dividing</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When multiplying, factor each numerator &amp; denominator and then cancel factors of 1.</li> <li>When dividing, multiply the first rational with the reciprocal of the second rational.</li> <li>Doesn't use the LCD.</li> </ul> $\frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2} \div \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{x + 3} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2} \cdot \frac{x + 3}{x^2 + 4x + 3}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\cancel{(x+2)}(x-2)}{\cancel{(x+2)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{x+3}}{\cancel{(x+3)}(x+1)} \Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{x+1}$	<p><b><u>IV. Adding/Subtracting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If rationals have same denominators, keep same denominator &amp; combine numerators.</li> <li>If rationals have different denominators, first find LCD,</li> <li>Rewrite each rational with LCD as the new denominator &amp; proceed adding/subtracting rationals with same denominators.</li> </ul> <p>LCD = <math>m(m+1)</math> - used as the new denominator</p> $\frac{3}{m+1} - \frac{4}{m} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{m+1} \cdot \frac{m}{m} - \frac{4}{m} \cdot \frac{(m+1)}{(m+1)}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{3m}{m(m+1)} - \frac{4(m+1)}{m(m+1)} \Rightarrow \frac{3m - 4(m+1)}{m(m+1)}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{3m - 4m - 4}{m(m+1)} \Rightarrow \frac{-m - 4}{m(m+1)}$



## SOLVING RATIONAL EQUATIONS

- Goal is to solve for a variable
- Answer is a value for  $x$ : a number, multiple numbers, or no solution at all, depending on restrictions on  $x$ .

- Find the LCD
- Multiply each term by the LCD (all denominators should disappear).
- Solve the much simpler equation.

LCD=  $4(x-1)$  - used to multiply each term of the equation to get rid of fractions

$$\frac{3}{x-1} + \frac{2}{4x-4} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$12 + 2 = 7x - 7$$

$$\frac{3}{\cancel{x-1}} \cdot 4(\cancel{x-1}) + \frac{2}{\cancel{4x-4}} \cdot 4(\cancel{x-1}) = \frac{7}{\cancel{4}} \cdot 4(x-1)$$

$$14 = 7x - 7$$

$$21 = 7x$$

$$3 \cdot 4 + 2 = 7(x-1)$$

$$x = 3$$