

This is the review for Chapter 1: Introduction to College Algebra

1. Perform the indicated operations. Write your answers in the simplest form with the positive exponents if there is any. DO NOT USE A CALCULATOR for this problem!

(a) $\frac{2}{15} - \frac{5}{9} + \frac{4}{5}$

(b) $(-\frac{2}{3}) \cdot \frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{4}$

(c) $(\frac{2}{3} \div 8) + (3 \cdot \frac{3}{12})$

(d) $2(-7 + \frac{1}{6})$

(e) $\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{8}{7} + \frac{13}{20}$

(f) $\frac{12a^3b^{-4}}{4a^{-2}b}$

(g) $(\frac{3x^2}{y})^{-2}$

(h) $(\frac{3}{x^{-2}z^4})^{-3}$

(i) $\frac{24(x-2)^5}{8(x-2)^2}$

(j) $\sqrt{18x^5}$

(k) $(-32)^{-4/5}$

(l) $\frac{x^2}{x^{1/2} \cdot x^{3/2}}$

(m) $\frac{7}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{7}{3} + \frac{11}{12}}$

(n) $(2x^2 + 3x + 8) - (2x - 5)$

(o) $(x+2)(x^2 - x + 1)$

(p) $(x+2)^2$

(q) $(2x-1)(4x+3)$

(r) $(3z+1)(3z-1)$

(s) $(x-y)^2$

(t) $(\frac{r^{-2}}{r^{-3}})^2$

(u) $[(x+y)^{-2}]^2$

(v) $(a^{-1} + b^{-1})^{-1}$

2. Evaluate $\frac{|x|}{1+|x|} + \frac{|y|}{1+|y|}$ when $x = -1.5, y = -0.75$.

3. Find $\overline{AB}$ if $A = -4$ and $B = \frac{3}{2}$.

4. Evaluate the polynomial $2xy^3 - y^3 + 3x^2 - 2$ when $x = 2, y = -4$.

5. An investor buys x shares of IBM stock at \$98 per share at Thursday's opening of the stock market. Later in the day, the investor sells y shares of AT&T stock at \$38 per share, and z shares of TRW stock at \$20 per share. Write a polynomial that express the amount of money the buyer has invested at the end of the day.

6. Factor the following. State irreducible if so.

(a) $2x^4 + x^2$ (b) $x^2 + 4x + 3$ (c) $x^2 + 5x + 5$ (d) $y^2 - \frac{1}{9}$ (e) $3y(y+3) + 2(y+3)(y^2-1)$

(f) $2x^2 + 7xy + 6y^2$ (g) $b^4 + 2b^2 - 8$ (h) $x^2y^2 - y^4$

7. Factor the following formula that was arisen form a science class.

Biology: $C[(R+1)^2 - r^2]$

Physics: $-16t^2 + 64t$

8. Perform the indicated operations and simplify your answer.

(a) $\frac{5x^2 - 45}{2x - 6}$ (b) $\frac{x+2}{3y} \div \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{15y^2}$ (c) $\frac{1}{a+2} + \frac{3}{a-2}$ (d) $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2x-1}{(x+1)(x-2)}$ (e) $\frac{\frac{a}{b} - \frac{b}{a}}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}}$

9. Rationalize the denominator: $\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}-1}$

10. Do the indicated operations and simplify.

(a) $4\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{18}$ (b) $2\sqrt[3]{y^4} \cdot \sqrt[3]{y^5}$

11. Express the following using an inequality sign and interval notation.

(a) a is negative (b) x is less than or equal to -2 (c) y is strictly between -1 and 3

(d) The distance between x and y is greater than or equal to 1 (no interval notation is required for this!)