

1. Combine into a fraction in simplest form. Expand everything.

a.  $\frac{4}{x-2} + \frac{3}{2x+3} - \frac{1}{x+2}$

b.  $\frac{2x}{2x^2+5x-3} + \frac{3x-2}{3x^2+13x+12}$

c.  $\left( \frac{2x^2+5x-3}{2x^2+x-1} \right) \left( \frac{3x^2+5x+2}{4x^2+11x-3} \right)$

d.  $\left( \frac{\frac{(3x-2)^3}{6x^2-x-2}}{\frac{3x^2-17x+10}{2x^2-7x-4}} \right)$

2. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $\frac{a \cdot x}{x+6} + \frac{b}{x-4} = \frac{5x^2 - 17x + 18}{x^2 + 2x - 24}$ .

3. Given that  $\frac{a}{x^2 + x - 6} + \frac{b}{2x^2 + x - 10} = \frac{12x + 31}{2x^3 + 7x^2 - 7x - 30}$ .

a. Confirm that the least common denominator of the left side is the same as the denominator on the right side. Show all work!

b. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  that make the equation true.