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00:00:07.750 --> 00:00:09.208
All right, this video is on
00:00:09.208 --> 00:00:10.180
adding and subtracting rational
00:00:10.224 --> 00:00:11.748
expressions and rational expressions.
00:00:11.750 --> 00:00:13.162
Remember, they're like fractions,
00:00:13.162 --> 00:00:16.289
but the top and the bottom are polynomials,
00:00:16.290 --> 00:00:18.971
so let's start by looking at adding
00:00:18.971 --> 00:00:20.510
or subtracting fractions like.
00:00:20.510 --> 00:00:25.000
Let's say that what I have is 11 fifteenths.
00:00:25.000 --> 00:00:27.348
Tractor third from that.
00:00:27.350 --> 00:00:29.210
So in order to do that,
00:00:29.210 --> 00:00:30.988
the bottoms need to be the same.
00:00:30.990 --> 00:00:32.545
The denominators need to be
00:00:32.545 --> 00:00:34.445
the same and here, right?
00:00:34.445 --> 00:00:36.817
So this is 3 * 5,
00:00:36.817 --> 00:00:38.793
so if this had a factor of five
00:00:38.793 --> 00:00:40.426
in the bottom, then we'd be OK.
00:00:40.426 --> 00:00:41.504
They would be the same, right?
00:00:41.504 --> 00:00:43.628
I can make that into 15
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00:00:43.628 --> 00:00:45.139 by multiplying it by 5 .

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00:00:45.140 --> 00:00:46.700
I can't just multiply the bottom by 5.
00:00:46.700 --> 00:00:49.342
I also have to multiply the top by 5 right,
00:00:49.342 --> 00:00:51.150
which really amounts to
00:00:51.150 --> 00:00:52.958
multiply the whole thing.
00:00:52.960 --> 00:00:53.791
By what right?
00:00:53.791 --> 00:00:55.176
And doesn't really change it,
00:00:55.180 --> 00:00:56.594
so this is now going to be.
00:00:58.860 --> 00:01:05.470
11:15 minus 5:15 right so first of all,
00:01:05.470 --> 00:01:07.548
I make the bottoms agree, and I do
00:01:07.548 --> 00:01:09.384
that by multiplying essentially by one.
00:01:09.390 --> 00:01:11.805
I'm just fitting in the missing factors,
00:01:11.810 --> 00:01:13.306
right? This is missing a factor of five.
00:01:13.310 --> 00:01:14.314
Just fit that in.
00:01:14.314 --> 00:01:16.897
And then what I do is I'm just going
00:01:16.897 --> 00:01:19.066
to subtract right across the top,
00:01:19.066 --> 00:01:22.010
so this becomes 6:15.
00:01:22.010 --> 00:01:23.216
And then I'm not quite done.
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00:01:23.220 --> 00:01:24.170
Actually I need to think,
00:01:24.170 --> 00:01:25.910
well, OK, can I simplify that?
00:01:25.910 --> 00:01:28.745
And I can write because this is.
00:01:28.750 --> 00:01:34.150
2 * 3 and the bottom is 5 * 3.
00:01:34.150 --> 00:01:36.285
Alright, I factor the tops in the
00:01:36.285 --> 00:01:38.886
bottom and then I can cancel any kind
00:01:38.886 --> 00:01:40.990
of common factor in this is 2/5.
00:01:40.990 --> 00:01:43.190
So it's going to work just the same.
00:01:43.190 --> 00:01:44.558
With rational expressions.
00:01:46.600 --> 00:01:48.106
And let's do a quick example.
00:01:48.110 --> 00:01:49.370
So rational expressions it's
00:01:49.370 --> 00:01:51.260
going to be something like this.
00:01:51.260 --> 00:01:53.450
It's going to be one over.
00:01:53.450 --> 00:02:00.830
X - 3 - 6. Over x ^2 - 9.
00:02:00.830 --> 00:02:03.189
OK, so now it's it's not obvious.
00:02:03.190 --> 00:02:04.715
I think you know what's
00:02:04.715 --> 00:02:05.630
the common denominator.
00:02:05.630 --> 00:02:08.024
So what I need to do is.
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00:02:08.030 --> 00:02:11.090
I need to factor everything insight
00:02:11.090 --> 00:02:13.388
right the top and that's fine.
00:02:13.390 --> 00:02:15.910
One in six, but I need two if
00:02:15.910 --> 00:02:19.410
possible factor the bottoms so.
00:02:19.410 --> 00:02:20.970
This guy doesn't factor right?
00:02:20.970 --> 00:02:23.958
So this is just one over.
00:02:23.960 --> 00:02:25.220
X - 3 we can.
00:02:25.220 --> 00:02:27.770
We can write that as that's
00:02:27.770 --> 00:02:29.470
just one factor there.
00:02:29.470 --> 00:02:31.717
OK, and then here we've got 6.
00:02:31.720 --> 00:02:33.778
This is the difference of two squares,
00:02:33.780 --> 00:02:37.139
so this factor is as X - 3.
00:02:40.590 --> 00:02:45.622
X + 3. So. The bottoms
00:02:45.622 --> 00:02:47.086
are very similar, right?
00:02:47.086 --> 00:02:49.018
But this one is missing a factor
00:02:49.018 --> 00:02:50.948
of X + 3 that's over here,
00:02:50.950 --> 00:02:53.083
so we need somehow to fit that in there,
00:02:53.090 --> 00:02:55.538
and so I can do that just by.
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00:02:55.540 --> 00:02:56.620
Just like up here right?
00:02:56.620 --> 00:02:58.220
We multiplied by 1 essentially
00:02:58.220 --> 00:03:00.559
and we'll do the same thing here.
00:03:00.560 --> 00:03:05.369
I'm going to multiply this guy by X + 3.
00:03:05.370 --> 00:03:06.758
Over X + 3.
00:03:13.290 --> 00:03:16.209
Right? This is the same as this,
00:03:16.210 --> 00:03:18.513
but it's just we're changing the way
00:03:18.513 --> 00:03:21.608
that we're representing it and then here.
00:03:21.610 --> 00:03:23.270
We're not going to mess with this guy at all.
00:03:27.710 --> 00:03:28.880
Let me switch sites here so.
00:03:31.000 --> 00:03:32.880
OK, so now the denominators,
00:03:32.880 --> 00:03:34.030
the bottoms are the same,
00:03:34.030 --> 00:03:35.260
even though the order is different.
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00:03:35.260 --> 00:03:36.418
That's OK, right?
00:03:36.418 --> 00:03:38.348
Because we can multiply those
00:03:38.348 --> 00:03:40.059
factors in either order.
00:03:40.060 --> 00:03:43.040
And now what I do is just like up here,
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00:03:43.040 --> 00:03:44.937
right? I just here I just subtract across
00:03:44.937 --> 00:03:46.987
the top and then if possible simplify.
00:03:46.990 --> 00:03:47.584
Same thing here.
00:03:47.584 --> 00:03:49.160
I'm just going to subtract across the top,
00:03:49.160 --> 00:03:50.555
so this becomes.
00:03:50.555 --> 00:03:53.810
Let me do my little arrow thing.
00:03:53.810 --> 00:03:58.535
X + 3 it's this guy right times one.
00:03:58.540 --> 00:03:59.600
Minus 6.
00:04:01.800 --> 00:04:03.888
And then let's say we get
00:04:03.888 --> 00:04:04.932
that same denominator,
00:04:04.940 --> 00:04:07.700
right the same bottom. So X - 3.
00:04:10.530 --> 00:04:13.274
X + 3. So that's just again right.
00:04:13.280 --> 00:04:14.520
Just subtract across the tops.
00:04:14.520 --> 00:04:16.082
Keep the bottom the same, right?
00:04:16.082 --> 00:04:17.894
That's exactly what's going on there.
00:04:17.900 --> 00:04:18.764
And then, if possible,
00:04:18.764 --> 00:04:20.320
we want we want to simplify that.
00:04:20.320 --> 00:04:24.110
So this is X + 3-6 is X - 3.
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00:04:28.120 --> 00:04:29.290
That's one factor.
00:04:32.340 --> 00:04:34.030
Oh, I switched him. See it. It's just.
00:04:37.450 --> 00:04:39.538
It doesn't matter the order so much that
00:04:39.538 --> 00:04:41.959
I just accidentally switched them right,
00:04:41.960 --> 00:04:44.972
but this bottom and this bottom are the same.
00:04:44.972 --> 00:04:47.455
So OK, now on the top and bottom there's
00:04:47.455 --> 00:04:49.568
a common factor of X - 3. I can cancel
00:04:49.568 --> 00:04:51.669
that when I cancel it from the top.
00:04:51.670 --> 00:04:53.034
I've canceled everything really.
00:04:53.034 --> 00:04:55.826
I'm like I'm dividing that X - 3 by
00:04:55.826 --> 00:04:59.000
X - 3 so it's going to leave a one.
00:04:59.000 --> 00:05:03.220
So I just get here 1 / X.
00:05:03.220 --> 00:05:06.098
Plus three, so these things, you know,
00:05:06.098 --> 00:05:08.730
this is a long road through this problem,
00:05:08.730 --> 00:05:09.850
but it's doable, right?
00:05:09.850 --> 00:05:12.648
What we need to do is at the beginning.
00:05:12.650 --> 00:05:14.134
Factor stuff so we can see OK?
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00:05:14.140--> 00:05:15.380

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What are the factors right?
00:05:15.380 --> 00:05:17.300
And there are the factors.
00:05:17.300 --> 00:05:18.200
Then we need to say OK,
00:05:18.200 --> 00:05:20.825
so what's missing in the bottom over
00:05:20.825 --> 00:05:22.775
here and maybe also things would
00:05:22.775 --> 00:05:24.731
be missing here that are appearing
00:05:24.731 --> 00:05:26.957
there and we just then fix that.
00:05:26.960 --> 00:05:29.310
Right and the way we fix it is we multiply
00:05:29.368 --> 00:05:31.720
the top and bottom by the missing factors.
00:05:31.720 --> 00:05:33.085
OK, once they have the same bottom,
00:05:33.090 --> 00:05:35.310
you just subtract across the top
00:05:35.310 --> 00:05:36.420
and then you're just down to,
00:05:36.420 --> 00:05:37.620
you know,
00:05:37.620 --> 00:05:38.820
reducing fractions,
00:05:38.820 --> 00:05:39.910
so that's it.
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