## ADD OR SUBTRACT RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS

| 1.   | everything.              |                    |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2.   | If the                   | are the same, add/ |
|  | subtract the             | and place          |
|  | over the common          | ·                  |
| 3.   | If the                   |                    |
|  | rewrite as               | fractions          |
|  | with the same            | ·                  |
| 4. Remember—there are invisible              |                          |                    |
|  | around each              | and                |
|  | ·                        |                    |
| 5.   | 5, if necessary.         |                    |
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| To avoid extra steps, find the lowest common |                          |                    |
| : take the product of the                    |                          |                    |
|  | power of each            | that appears       |
| in   | ne of either polynomial. |                    |

$$\frac{9}{x+1} - \frac{2x}{x+1}$$

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

$$\frac{12}{5x} - \frac{7}{6x}$$

$$\frac{9}{x-3} + \frac{2x}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{8}{3x^2} + \frac{5}{4x}$$

$$\frac{x+3}{x} + x + 2$$