

These are alleged answers. For each error herein, you get extra-credit points for being the first to report it by e-mail.

$$1 \quad (x^2 + 4x + 8) - (x^2 - 4x + 8) = 8x$$

$$2 \quad (x^2 + 4x + 8)(x^2 - 4x + 8) = x^4 + 64$$

$$3 \quad (a) \quad (-2xy^2)^3 = (-2)^3 x^3 (y^2)^3 = -8x^3 y^6$$

$$(b) \quad \left(\frac{2a^{-3}}{ac^{-2}}\right)^{-4} = \left(\frac{ac^{-2}}{2a^{-3}}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{aa^3}{2c^2}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{a^4}{2c^2}\right)^4 = \frac{(a^4)^4}{2^4(c^2)^4} = \frac{a^{16}}{16c^8}$$

4 Factoring both denominators and using the “highest appearing power” rule shows us that

$$LCD = (x - 3)^2(x + 3).$$

And so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x + 5}{x^2 - 6x + 9} - \frac{2x}{x^2 - 9} &= \frac{2x + 5}{(x - 3)^2} - \frac{2x}{(x - 3)(x + 3)} \\ &= \frac{(2x + 5)(x + 3)}{(x - 3)^2(x + 3)} - \left(\frac{2x}{(x - 3)(x + 3)}\right) \frac{(x - 3)}{(x - 3)} \\ &= \frac{(2x + 5)(x + 3) - 2x(x - 3)}{(x - 3)^2(x + 3)} \\ &= \frac{(2x^2 + 11x + 15) - (2x^2 - 6x)}{(x - 3)^2(x + 3)} \\ &= \frac{2x^2 + 11x + 15 - 2x^2 \oplus 6x}{(x - 3)^2(x + 3)} \\ &= \frac{17x + 15}{(x - 3)^2(x + 3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$5 \quad 24x^3 - 30x^2 + 9x = 3x(8x^2 - 10x + 3) = 3x(4x - 3)(2x - 1)$$