Find the LCM of each.

2)
$$24y^3x$$
, $40x^3y$

4)
$$30a^3b$$
, $40a^3$

Stations

- LCM
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Rational Functions - skills building

- LCM
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- -Simplifying Expressions

Least Common Multiple - Ladder method

a)
$$8,42 = 168$$
, 2

GCF and Factoring

- Delta Math
- create account
- class code (328623)
- complete assignments

Warm up (whiteboards): complete the following:



Factor the following:

A.
$$x^2 - 8x - 20$$

B.
$$5y^2z + 15z^5$$

Perform the following operations

C. D.

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Lesson 1: Simplifying Rational Expressions

What is a rational expression?

A <u>rational expression</u> is a quotient of two polynomials. Other examples of rational expressions include the following:

$$\frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 2}$$
 $\frac{10}{x^2 - 6}$ $\frac{x + 3}{x - 7}$

Steps to simplify:

- 1. Factor numerator and denominator
- 2. State excluded values
 - set factors equal to zero and solve (only in denominator); these are value "x" cannot be.
- 3. Simplify by cancelling like factors in numerator and denominator.

***Remember:try to factoring using one or more of the following:

- GCF

-Difference of squares

-Factoring

Examples:

1.
$$\frac{x^2 + 2x - 8}{3x + 12}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 9}{5x - 15} \qquad \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 + x - 12}$$

