Re: Can I have fries and a calculator with that?

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Dave L. Renfro wrote:
> Dave L. Renfro wrote:
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> >> I came across the following while searching for
> >> something else. It speaks for itself.
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> >> http://www.vbforums.com/showthread.php?referrerid=43870&t=298609
> >>
> >> How do i rationalize the denominator in this?
> >> 6/sqr(x) + sqr(3) I know for somthing like
> >> 7/sqr(4) i can use a rationalizing factor of
> >> sqr(4) to end up getting 7sqr(4)/4 but then
> >> im not sure if this ends up being reduced to
> >> 7sqr(1). So i guess im asking two quesitons.
> >> Thanks.
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> >> I'm almost tempted to think this was a troll post
> >> given the "two quesitons" at the end, but I think
> >> doing so requires too much textual interpretation
> >> to be realistic.
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> Virgil wrote:
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> > If that denominator is (sqrt(x) + sqrt(3)), you can
> > rationalize it by multiplying the numerator and denominator
> > by (sqrt(x) − sqrt(3)) or by (−sqrt(x) + sqrt(3)).
> >
> > To rationalize a denomonator of sqrt(4), note that
> > sqrt(4) = 2, which is already rational.
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> Uh ... I think we all know this, or at least I hope we do.
> My point (see thread title) was that this person appears
> to suffer from that malady some people get from calculator
> overuse, where they aren't able to recognize sqrt(4) and

> sqrt(1) as 2 and 1, and where they think sqrt(4) cancels
> 4 in sqrt(4)/4 to produce sqrt(1).
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> As for rationalizing denominators, here's a less trivial
> example for you. We can rationalize the denominator of 1/b,
> where
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> b = sqrt(2) + sqrt(10) + sqrt(12) + sqrt(56),
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> by multiplying the numerator and denominator by f(b), where
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> f(x) = x^15 − (640)*x^13 + (155,072)*x^11 − (18,296,832)*x^9
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> + (1,125,983,744)*x^7 − (35,305,193,472)*x^5
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> + (491,646,992,384)*x^3 − (1,840,594,812,928)*x.
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> After multiplying, but before reducing, the denominator will be
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> − 525,242,269,696.
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I'll take your word for it, lol

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