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7. Factor Numerator and reduce common factors if possible

3. State Restrictions on denominator

2. Determine Lowest Common Denominator (LCD) in factored form

1. Factor Denominators

4. Multiply terms by missing factors (form of one) to create common denominator for all terms

5. Expand Numerators

6. Combine like terms in Numerator

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