

$$\frac{12}{x^2 - 7x - 44} = \frac{12}{(x-11)(x+4)} = \frac{2}{x-11} + \frac{1}{x+4}$$

$$= \frac{12}{2x+8+x-11} = \frac{12}{3x-3} = \frac{4}{x-1} \quad \text{when } x \neq 11, x \neq -4$$

13) $\frac{1}{2x+5} = \frac{x}{11x+20}$

$$1(11x+20) = x(2x+5)$$

$$11x+20 = 2x^2+5x$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 6x - 20$$

$$0 = 2(x^2 - 3x - 10)$$

Quadratic formula

$$0 = 2(x-5)(x+2)$$

$$x = 5 \text{ or } x = -2$$

$$a=1, b=-4, c=-10$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 16 - 4(1)(-10) = 16 + 40 = 56$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{56}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{14 \cdot 4}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{14}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{14}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{14}$$

14) $\frac{12}{x^2-2x} - \frac{3}{x-2} = \frac{3}{x}$

$$x(x-2) \left(\frac{12}{x(x-2)} - \frac{3}{x-2} \right) = \frac{3}{x} x(x-2)$$

$$12 - 3x = 3(x-2)$$

$$12 - 3x = 3x - 6$$

$$18 = 6x$$

$$x = 3$$