

Warm-Up...

The algebraic expression  $\left(\frac{x}{1} - \frac{4}{x-3}\right) \div \left(x + \frac{2+6x}{x-3}\right)$  in its most simplified form is:

- A)  $\frac{(x^2 - 3x - 4)}{(x^2 + 3x + 2)}$   $\left(\frac{\cancel{x}(x-3)}{x-3} - \frac{4}{x-3}\right) \div \left(\frac{x(x-3) + 2+6x}{x-3}\right)$
- B)  $\frac{2(x-1)}{(x-3)}$   $\left(\frac{x^2 - 3x - 4}{x-3}\right) \div \left(\frac{x^2 - 3x + 6x + 2}{x-3}\right)$
- ✓ C)  $\frac{(x-4)}{(x+2)}$   $\left(\frac{(x-4)(x+1)}{(x-3)}\right) \div \left(\frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(x-3)}\right)$
- D)  $\frac{6x-2}{(x-3)}$   $\frac{\cancel{(x-4)}\cancel{(x+1)}}{\cancel{x-3}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}}{\cancel{(x+2)}\cancel{(x+1)}}$

$x \neq 3, -2, -1$

$$\frac{(x-4)}{x+2}$$

15b)  $\frac{2x^2 - x}{x^2 + 3x} \cdot \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{2x^2 - 3x + 1} - \frac{x-1}{x+2}$

$$\frac{\cancel{x}(x-1)}{x(x+3)} \cdot \frac{(x-4)(x+3)}{\cancel{(x-3)}(x-1)} - \frac{x-1}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{x-4}{x+3} - \frac{x-1}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{(x-4)(x+2)}{(x+3)(x+2)} - \frac{(x-1)(x-1)}{(x+3)(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{(x+3)(x+2)} - \frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{(x+3)(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{-9}{(x+3)(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{(4)(2)}{5} \cdot \frac{(5)(3)}{(4)(4)}$$

$$\frac{8}{5} - \frac{15}{16} = \frac{128}{80} - \frac{75}{80} = \frac{53}{80}$$

$$\frac{(4)(2)}{5} - \frac{(5)(3)}{(4)(4)} = 2 - \frac{15}{4}$$

15d)  $\frac{x+1}{x+6} - \frac{x^2-4}{x^2+2x} \div \frac{2x^2+7x+3}{2x^2+x}$

$\frac{x+1}{x+6} - \left( \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{x(x+2)} \cdot \frac{x(2x+1)}{(x+3)(2x+1)} \right)$

$\frac{x+1}{x+6} - \frac{x-2}{x+3}$

$\frac{(x+1)(x+3)}{(x+6)(x+3)} - \frac{(x-2)(x+6)}{(x+6)(x+3)}$

$\frac{x^2+4x+3}{(x+6)(x+3)} - \frac{x^2+4x-12}{(x+6)(x+3)}$

$\frac{+15}{(x+6)(x+3)}$

Simplifying complex fractions...fractions within fractions!!

Here is an example:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{\frac{3+2}{6}}{\frac{3+8}{12}} = \frac{5}{6} \div \frac{11}{12} = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{12}{11} = \frac{10}{11}$$

What were your strategies??

**Simplifying Complex Fractions — First Technique.** To simplify a complex fraction, proceed as follows:

1. Simplify the numerator.
2. Simplify the denominator.
3. Simplify the division problem that remains.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{3}}$$

**Simplifying Complex Fractions — Second Technique.** To simplify a complex fraction, proceed as follows:

1. Find a common denominator for both numerator and denominator.
2. Clear fractions from the numerator and denominator by multiplying each by the common denominator found in the first step.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{3}}$$

Note that the technique indicates that you should multiply the numerator and denominator by the common denominator...NOT...change the denominators.

Does this make sense?? Let's have a look

Let's give these a try...

$$\frac{\frac{3x^2+5x}{x^2-25}}{\frac{2}{x-5} + \frac{1}{x+5}} = \frac{\frac{x(3x+5)}{(x-5)(x+5)}}{\frac{2(x+5) + 1(x-5)}{(x+5)(x-5)}} = \frac{\frac{x(3x+5)}{(x-5)(x+5)}}{\frac{2x+10+x-5}{(x-5)(x+5)}} = \frac{\frac{x(3x+5)}{(x-5)(x+5)}}{\frac{3x+5}{(x-5)(x+5)}}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{x(3x+5)}}{\cancel{(x-5)(x+5)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x-5)(x+5)}}{\cancel{(3x+5)}} = x$$

$$2 - \frac{3}{x+5}$$

$$5 + \frac{2}{x-3}$$

Try and simplify these...

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x+1} = \frac{1(2x+1) + 1x}{x(2x+1)} = \frac{2x+1+x}{x(2x+1)} = \frac{3x+1}{x(2x+1)}$$

$$\frac{4x}{2x+1} = \frac{4x}{2x+1}$$

$$\frac{3x+1}{x(2x+1)} \cdot \frac{2x+1}{4x} = \frac{3x+1}{4x^2}$$

$$\frac{2}{4x+12} = \frac{1}{2(2x+3)} = \frac{1}{2(x+3)}$$

$$\frac{4}{2x+6} + \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{4}{2(x+3)} + \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{2}{x+3} + \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{3}{x+3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2(x+3)} \cdot \frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{3x} - \frac{4}{x+2} = \frac{1(x+2) - 4(3x)}{3x(x+2)} = \frac{x+2-12x}{3x(x+2)} = \frac{-11x+2}{3x(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{x}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x(x)+1(x+2)}{x(x+2)} = \frac{x^2+x+2}{x(x+2)}$$

$$\frac{-11x+2}{3x(x+2)} \cdot \frac{x(x+2)}{x^2+x+2} = \frac{-11x+2}{3(x^2+x+2)}$$

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#10 d) HW for tonight.

$$\dots + \frac{2}{-(5+y)} - \frac{2}{y-5}$$

$$+ \frac{-1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{-2}$$

$$\frac{-1(c+a)(c+b)}{(a-c)(b-c)}$$