

A. Take notes while reading the textbook or watching the lecture videos. Write out any definitions, formulas, properties, or procedure steps.

**Rule for Multiplying Rational Expressions:**

- the product of the rational expressions  $\frac{P}{Q}$  and  $\frac{R}{S}$  is defined as follows.  $\frac{P}{Q} \cdot \frac{R}{S} = \frac{PR}{QS}$
- that is to multiply rational expressions, multiply the numerators and the denominators.

**Rule for Dividing Rational Expressions:**

- if  $\frac{P}{Q}$  and  $\frac{R}{S}$  are any two rational expressions where  $\frac{R}{S} \neq 0$  then their quotient is defined as follows.  
 $\frac{P}{Q} \div \frac{R}{S} = \frac{P}{Q} \cdot \frac{S}{R} = \frac{PS}{QR}$
- that is, to divide one rational expression by another, multiply the first rational expression dividend by the reciprocal of the second.

**Reminders/Cautions:**

When you multiply and divide rational expressions, you **DON'T** need the denominators to be the same. (NO LCD is needed)

Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions has nothing to do with "Cross Multiplication"

B. Write out each learning **OBJECTIVE** word for word. Write one example demonstrating that objective.

OBJECTIVE 1: Multiply rational expressions

EXAMPLE

$$\frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{9} =$$

$$\frac{3 \cdot 5}{10 \cdot 9} =$$

$$\frac{3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} =$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$\frac{6}{x} \cdot \frac{x^2}{12} =$$

$$\frac{6 \cdot x^2}{x \cdot 12} =$$

$$\frac{6 \cdot x \cdot x}{x \cdot 2 \cdot 6} =$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

OBJECTIVE 2: divide rational expressions

EXAMPLE

$$\frac{7}{8} \div \frac{1}{4} =$$

$$\frac{7}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{1}$$