

M8 - 6.1 - Simplifying Expanding Fractions Notes

Simplification

$$\frac{2}{4} =$$

$$\frac{2 \div 2}{4 \div 2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Divide the top and bottom by the GCF

$$\frac{6}{9} =$$

$$\frac{6 \div 3}{9 \div 3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Divide the top and bottom by the GCF

Rule: Do to the top as you did to the bottom.

Expansion

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

$$\frac{1 \times 2}{2 \times 2} = \frac{2}{4}$$

Multiply the top and bottom by an integer.

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

$$\frac{1 \times 3}{2 \times 3} = \frac{3}{6}$$

Multiply the top and bottom by an integer.

M8 - 6.2 - Multiplying Dividing Fractions Notes

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5} =$$

$$\frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 5} = \frac{8}{15}$$

Multiply tops: $2 \times 4 = 8$
 Multiply bottoms: $3 \times 5 = 15$

$$\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$

To multiply fractions just multiply tops and multiply bottoms.

$$2 \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{1} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$a \times \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a}{1} \times \frac{b}{c} = \frac{ab}{c}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{4}{7} =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{4} =$$

Flip second fraction, change to multiplication.

$$\frac{1 \times 7}{2 \times 4} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

To divide fractions just flip the second fraction, and change divided by to multiplication and follow steps above.

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} \div \frac{4}{7} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{4} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)}{\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)} = \frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

$$\frac{3}{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)} = 3 \div \frac{5}{7} = 3 \times \frac{7}{5} = \frac{ac}{b}$$

$$\frac{a}{\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)} = a \div \frac{b}{c} = a \times \frac{c}{b} = \frac{ac}{b}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{5} = \frac{2}{3} \div 5 = \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{5}{1} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{15}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)}{c} = \frac{a}{b} \div c = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{1}{c} = \frac{a}{bc}$$

M8 - 6.3 - Mixed Numbers Improper Fractions Notes

Mixed fraction

Fraction

$$2\frac{3}{5} \longleftrightarrow \frac{13}{5}$$

Mixed fraction \longrightarrow Fraction

$$\begin{aligned} 2\frac{3}{5} &= \frac{\text{bottom} \times \text{left} + \text{top}}{\text{bottom}} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 2 + 3}{5} \\ &= \frac{13}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Fraction \longrightarrow Mixed fraction

$$\frac{13}{5}$$

=

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

remainder

bottom

Bottom goes into top

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$13 - 10 = 3$$

$$\text{remainder} = 3$$

M8 - 6.4 - Adding Subtracting Fractions Notes

Steps: Get the same bottom (LCD), do to top, do to bottom, add or subtract tops.

Lowest common denominator (LCD): the lowest common multiple of the denominators

1.

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

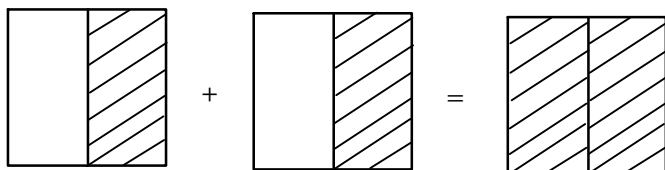
If the denominators are the same, we already have the LCD. $LCD = 2$

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

Add numerators: $1 + 1 = 2$

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

Simplify.



2.

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

Multiply the top and bottom of each fraction by the denominator of the other fraction.

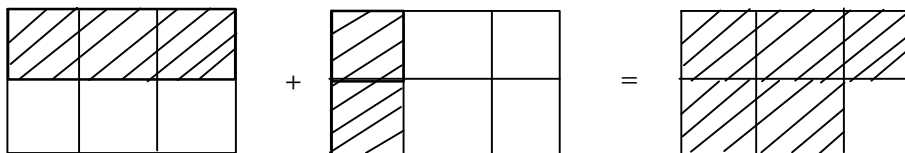
$LCD = 6$

$$\frac{3 \times 1}{3 \times 2} + \frac{1 \times 2}{3 \times 2} =$$

This will always give you a common denominator (not necessarily the LCD).

$$\frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

Add the numerators.



$$3. \quad \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{6} =$$

Multiples of 4: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20

$LCD = 12$

$$\frac{3 \times 3}{3 \times 4} - \frac{1 \times 2}{6 \times 2} =$$

Multiples of 6: 6, 12, 18, 24

$$\frac{9}{12} - \frac{2}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

Multiply top and bottom of first fraction by 3 to get 12 in the denominator.
Multiply top and bottom of second fraction by 2 to get 12 in the denominator.

Subtract the numerators.

M8 - 6.5 - Cross Simplification notes

Sometimes, cross simplification takes fewer steps.

Multiplying top and bottom

$$4 \times \frac{7}{4} \longrightarrow \frac{4}{1} \times \frac{7}{4} = \frac{28}{4} = 7$$

$$4 \times \frac{7}{2} \longrightarrow \frac{4}{1} \times \frac{7}{2} = \frac{28}{2} = 14$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2^2}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{3} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Cross-simplification

$$4 \times \frac{7}{4} \longrightarrow \overset{1}{\cancel{4}} \times \frac{7}{\cancel{4}} = 7$$

$$4 \times \frac{7}{2} \longrightarrow \overset{2}{\cancel{4}} \times \frac{7}{\cancel{2}} = 14$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{\cancel{2}} \times \frac{\cancel{2}}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{\cancel{4}} \times \frac{\overset{1}{\cancel{2}}}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{2}} \times \frac{\cancel{2}^2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$