

Simplify without using a calculator. Leave your answer as an improper fraction in reduced form.

$$\frac{\frac{5}{4} - 8}{2 - \frac{7}{6}}$$

Complex Fractions: (also known as Compound Fractions)

Fractions whose numerators and/or denominators also have fractions.

Fractions within fractions

Simplify: 
$$\frac{5}{4} - 8$$

$$\frac{1}{2-\frac{7}{6}}$$

There are many methods to do this, I'll focus on two methods.

$$\sqrt{3\left(\frac{5}{4}-8\right)}$$

$$\sqrt{2-\frac{7}{6}}$$

Find LCM of all the denominators in the complex fraction.

Then multiply the numerator and denominator of the complex fraction by this LCM.

$$=\frac{10}{81}$$

$$\frac{\frac{5}{4} - 8}{2 - \frac{7}{6}}$$

Another method:

Get ALL the "parts" of the complex fraction to have the LCD.

Then you can cancel all of the denominators.

## Simplify:

$$\frac{\frac{11}{9} - \frac{7}{12}}{\frac{13}{24} - 5}$$

Simplify: 
$$\frac{\frac{3}{x+2}}{\frac{1}{x+5} + \frac{10x}{x^2 + 7x + 10}} = \frac{3}{(x+2)(x+3)} + \frac{10x}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{3}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \frac{3}{(x+3)(x+3)} = \frac{3}{(x+3)(x+3)} = \frac{3}{(x+3)(x+3)} = \frac{3}{(x+3)(x+3)} = \frac{3}{(x+3)(x+3)} = \frac{3}{($$

Simplify: 
$$\frac{\frac{8}{x-4}}{\frac{x+5}{x^2-x-12} - \frac{2x}{x+3}} = \frac{8}{x-4}$$

$$\frac{(x+5)}{(x-4)(x+3)} = \frac{8}{x+5} - \frac{2x}{(x+3)}$$

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Solve. 1

$$\frac{2x}{9} + \frac{7}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{2x}{9} + \frac{7 \cdot \cancel{3}}{6} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{6}$$

$$\frac{4x}{18} + \frac{21}{18} = \frac{30}{18}$$

3. Finish by solving the resulting equation for 
$$x$$
.

$$4x + 21 = 30$$
  
 $4x = 9$   
 $x = \frac{9}{4}$ 

1. Solve. 
$$8 \left( \frac{2x}{9} + \frac{7}{6} \right) = \left( \frac{5}{3} \right)$$
  
 $4x + 21 = 30$   
 $x = 9$ 

## Method 2:

- 1. Find the LCM of ALL denominators in the equation
- 2. Eliminate ALL Denominators by multiplying both sides of the equation by this LCM.
- 3. Finish by solving the resulting equation

$$\frac{2x}{9} + \frac{7}{6} = \frac{3}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\frac{4x + 21}{18} = \frac{5}{3}$$

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## Method 3:

- 1. Simplify each side of the equation into a single fraction, creating a proportion.
- 2. Cross multiply.
- 3. Solve the resulting equation.

Solve.

$$\frac{4x}{x+1} = \frac{3}{7}$$

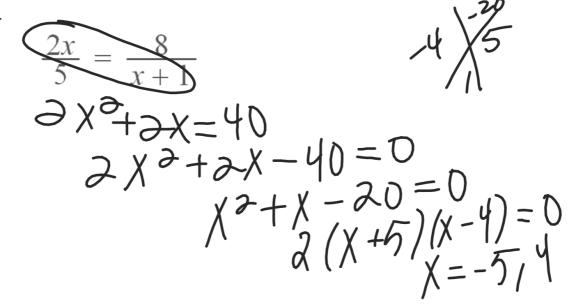
$$28X = 3(X+1)$$

$$28X = 3X+3$$

$$25X = 3/25$$

$$1 = 3/25$$

3.



Solve. 
$$\frac{9}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{6}{x} + \frac{7}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{2x} - \frac{11}{12}\right)^{12}$$

$$\frac{72 + 28x - 54 - 11x}{72 + 39x = 54}$$

$$\frac{39x = -18}{39} = \frac{-6}{39}$$

Solve.

$$5. \quad \frac{5x}{4} - \frac{x-3}{3x} = \frac{8x}{6}$$

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