

Simplify.

$$\frac{6}{7x+28} - \frac{5}{x^3-16x}$$

$$\frac{(x-4) \cdot x}{(x-4) \cdot x} \cdot \frac{6}{7(x+4)} - \frac{5}{x(x+4)(x-4)} \cdot \frac{7}{7}$$

$$\frac{6x^2 - 24x - 35}{7x(x-4)(x+4)}$$

Simplify.

$$\frac{3}{x^2-6x+9} - \frac{5}{x^2-7x+12}$$

$$\frac{(x-4)}{(x-4)} \cdot \frac{3x-12}{(x-3)(x-3)} - \frac{5x+15}{(x-3)(x-4)} \cdot \frac{(x-3)}{(x-3)}$$

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

Complex Fractions: (also known as Compound Fractions)

Fractions whose numerators and/or denominators also have fractions.

Simplify:

$$\frac{\frac{8}{15}}{\frac{24}{35}} \rightarrow \frac{8}{15} \div \frac{24}{35} \rightarrow \frac{8}{15} \cdot \frac{35}{24} = \frac{7}{9}$$

multiply by the reciprocal

Simplify:

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

$$\frac{11}{6} - 1$$

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

$$\frac{3 + \frac{4}{3}}{\frac{11}{6} - 1} \cdot \frac{6}{6}$$

Find LCM of all the denominators in the complex fraction. Then multiply the top and bottom of the complex fraction by this LCM.

$$\frac{18+8}{11-6} = \frac{26}{5}$$

$$\frac{\frac{6}{6} \cdot \frac{3 + \frac{4}{3}}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{2}}{\frac{11}{6} - \frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{6}{6}}$$

Get ALL the "parts" of the complex fraction to have the LCD. Then you can cancel all of the denominators.

$$\frac{\frac{18}{\cancel{6}} + \frac{8}{\cancel{1}}}{\frac{11}{\cancel{6}} - \frac{6}{\cancel{1}}} = \frac{18+8}{11-6} = \frac{26}{5}$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{\frac{2}{x} + \frac{5}{y^3}}{\frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{6}{y^2}} \cdot \frac{x^2 y^3}{x^2 y^3}$$

$$\frac{2xy^3 + 5x^2}{3y^3 - 6x^2y}$$