

Simplify without a calculator.

$$\frac{36}{27} \cdot \frac{15}{16}$$

you could  
cross cancel  
first  
reduce  
 $\frac{9}{9}$  to 1

$$\frac{36^{\div 3}}{27^{\div 3}} \cdot \frac{15^{\div 3}}{16^{\div 4}}$$

$$\frac{9}{9} \cdot \frac{5}{4}$$

$$1 \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \boxed{\frac{5}{4}}$$

#### Sec 9-4 Simplifying the Product or Quotient of Rational Expressions

- Factor all numerators and denominators.
- If multiplying you can simplify within the same fraction and/or cross cancel. Finish by multiplying numerators and multiplying denominators so that you can write the answer as a single fraction.
- Instead of dividing, multiply by the reciprocal then simplify as you would when multiplying.
- State restrictions on the variable.

Simplify. State restrictions on the variables.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^2 - 49}{x^2 - 9x + 14} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 2x}{4x^3 + 28x^2} \\ & \frac{(x+7)(x-7)}{(x-7)(x-2)} \cdot \frac{x(x-2)}{4x^2(x+7)} \\ & = \boxed{\frac{1}{4x}} \quad x \neq \pm 7, 0, 2 \end{aligned}$$

Simplify. State restrictions on the variables.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^2 - 16}{9x^2 + 18x} \div \frac{x^2 - 3x - 4}{3x^2 + 6x} \rightarrow \frac{-4}{-4} \frac{+1}{-3} \\ & \frac{(x+4)(x-4)}{9x(x+2)} \div \frac{(x-4)(x+1)}{3x(x+2)} \\ & \frac{(x+4)(x-4)}{9x(x+2)} \cdot \frac{3x(x+2)}{(x-4)(x+1)} = \boxed{\frac{x+4}{3(x+1)}} \\ & \quad x \neq 0, -2, 4, -1 \end{aligned}$$

Simplify. State restrictions on the variables.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{48x^2 - 12x}{x^2 - 3x - 18} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 12x + 36}{32x^2 - 2} \rightarrow \frac{12x(4x-1)}{(x-6)(x+3)} \cdot \frac{(x-6)(x-6)}{2(4x+1)(4x-1)} \\
 & = \frac{6x(x-6)}{(x+3)(4x+1)} \quad x \neq 6, -3, \pm \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

You can now finish :

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You are also ready for Quiz #2: Sec 9-2 to 9-4

Quiz will be Monday