

Complex Fractions: (also known as Compound Fractions)  
 Fractions whose numerators and/or denominators also have fractions.

Simplify:

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

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

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

One method:

Find LCM of all the denominators in the complex fraction.  
 Then multiply the numerator and denominator of the complex fraction by this LCM.

LCM of 3 and 6 is 6.

$$\frac{6 \cdot \left(3 + \frac{4}{3}\right)}{6 \cdot \left(\frac{11}{6} - 1\right)} = \frac{18 + 8}{11 - 6} = \frac{26}{5}$$

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

Another method:

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

LCD of 3 and 6 = 6

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6}{6} \cdot \frac{3 + \frac{4}{3}}{\frac{11}{6} - 1} \cdot \frac{2}{2} &= \frac{\frac{18}{\cancel{6}} + \frac{8}{\cancel{6}}}{\frac{11}{\cancel{6}} - \frac{6}{\cancel{6}}} \\ &= \frac{18 + 8}{11 - 6} \\ &= \frac{26}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Simplify:  $\frac{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{7}{8}}{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{6}}$

LCM of  
3, 8, 4, & 6  
is 24

$$\frac{24}{24} \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{7}{8}\right)}{\left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{6}\right)} = \frac{16 - 21}{18 + 20} = \boxed{\frac{-5}{38}}$$