REVIEW: Simplifying Complex Fractions

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Key Concept and Vocabulary

A complex fraction is a fraction that contains a fraction in its numerator, denominator, or both. To simplify a complex fraction, divide its numerator by its denominator.

Complex Fractions

Algebra: $\dfrac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} = \dfrac{a}{b} \div \dfrac{c}{d} = \dfrac{a}{b} \cdot \dfrac{d}{c}$, where $b, c, d \neq 0$

Numbers: $\dfrac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{5}{6}} = \dfrac{2}{3} \div \dfrac{5}{6} = \dfrac{2}{3} \cdot \dfrac{6}{5} = \dfrac{4}{5}$

Skill Examples

1. $\dfrac{\frac{5}{8}}{4} = \dfrac{5}{8} \div 4 = \dfrac{5}{8} \cdot \dfrac{1}{4} = \dfrac{5}{32}$

2. $\dfrac{15}{\frac{9}{10}} = 15 \div \dfrac{9}{10} = \dfrac{15}{1} \cdot \dfrac{10}{9} = \dfrac{50}{3}$

3. $\dfrac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{5}{7}} = \dfrac{1}{3} \div \dfrac{5}{7} = \dfrac{1}{3} \cdot \dfrac{7}{5} = \dfrac{7}{15}$

4. $\dfrac{\frac{9}{16}}{\frac{3}{8}} = \dfrac{9}{16} \div \dfrac{3}{8} = \dfrac{9}{16} \cdot \dfrac{8}{3} = \dfrac{3}{2}$

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Simplify the complex fraction.

5. $\dfrac{\frac{3}{2}}{6} = \underline{\dfrac{1}{4}}$

6. $\dfrac{20}{\frac{4}{5}} = \underline{25}$

7. $\dfrac{\frac{9}{2}}{\frac{12}{7}} = \underline{\dfrac{21}{8}}$

8. $\dfrac{\frac{7}{10}}{\frac{9}{20}} = \underline{\dfrac{14}{9}}$

9. $\dfrac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{16}{27}} = \underline{\dfrac{9}{8}}$

10. $\dfrac{\frac{5}{5}}{\frac{7}{10}} = \underline{\dfrac{50}{7}}$

11. $\dfrac{\frac{12}{17}}{8} = \underline{\dfrac{3}{34}}$

12. $\dfrac{\frac{3}{14}}{\frac{13}{49}} = \underline{\dfrac{21}{26}}$

13. $\dfrac{\frac{27}{32}}{\frac{7}{8}} = \underline{\dfrac{27}{28}}$

14. $\dfrac{\frac{9}{10}}{3} = \underline{\dfrac{3}{10}}$

15. $\dfrac{6}{\frac{1}{6}} = \underline{36}$

16. $\dfrac{\frac{4}{5}}{\frac{22}{25}} = \underline{\dfrac{10}{11}}$

17. $\dfrac{24}{\frac{18}{7}} = \underline{\dfrac{28}{3}}$

18. $\dfrac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{10}} = \underline{\dfrac{5}{2}}$

19. $\dfrac{\frac{3}{5}}{16} = \underline{\dfrac{3}{80}}$

20. $\dfrac{\frac{16}{21}}{\frac{8}{9}} = \underline{\dfrac{6}{7}}$