

Homework April 19

Adding & Subtracting Fractions

1. Rename the fractions to equivalent fractions with common denominators
2. Add or subtract the numerators and keep the denominator the same
3. If mixed numbers, add or subtract the whole numbers
4. If possible, simplify the answer & change improper fractions to mixed numbers

ex: $4\frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4\frac{4}{9} \times \frac{1}{1} \quad \frac{4}{9} \\ + \quad \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{3} \quad \frac{6}{9} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$4 \frac{10}{9} = \boxed{5 \frac{1}{9}}$$

Multiplying Fractions

1. Turn a whole number into a fraction by giving it a denominator of 1
2. Cross-simplify the fractions if possible
3. Multiply the 2 numerators and the 2 denominators
4. If possible, simplify the answer & change improper fractions to mixed numbers

ex: $6 \times \frac{2}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \cancel{6} \\ \cancel{1} \times \frac{2}{\cancel{3}} = \frac{4}{1} \end{array}$$

$$= \boxed{4}$$

Dividing Fractions

1. Turn a whole number into a fraction by giving it a denominator of 1
2. Keep the 1st fraction the same, change the division symbol to multiplication, and flip the 2nd fraction to its reciprocal
3. Multiply the 2 fractions
4. If possible, simplify the answer & change improper fractions to mixed numbers

ex: $12 \div \frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{12}{1} \div \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\frac{12}{1} \times \frac{2}{1} = \frac{24}{1} = \boxed{24}$$