

Objective: Simplify complex rational expressions
Lesson 8-1

fy.

$$\frac{\frac{10}{7}}{2 - \frac{7}{2}} = \frac{\frac{10}{7}}{\frac{4-7}{2}} = \frac{\frac{10}{7}}{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{(10)(2)}{(7)(-3)} = -\frac{20}{21}$$

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$$\frac{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{5}}{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{6}} = \frac{\frac{10-9}{15}}{\frac{18-2}{12}} = \frac{\frac{1}{15}}{\frac{16}{12}} = \frac{\frac{1}{15}}{\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{3}{60} = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5 \\
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 3x-21 \\
 35x \\
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 2x-14
 \end{array}
 \sim \frac{(5)(2x-14)}{(3x-21)(35x)} = \frac{(5)(2)(\cancel{x-7})}{(3)(\cancel{x-7})(5)(7)x}$$

$$= \frac{2}{21x}$$

simplify.

$$\frac{\frac{u-7}{3}}{\frac{u^2-14u+49}{u-3}} = \frac{(u-7)(u-3)}{3(u^2-14u+49)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(u-7)}(u-3)}{3\cancel{(u-7)}(u-7)}$$
$$= \frac{u-3}{3(u-7)}$$