

ex: $\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{8}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

$= \frac{1}{3}$

cross-cancel

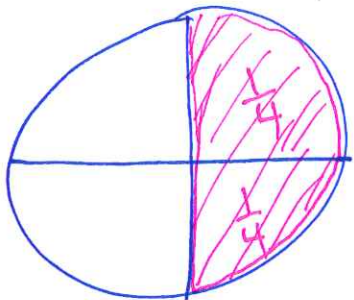
40. $\frac{15}{28} \cdot \frac{7}{9} \cdot \frac{18}{35}$

$= \frac{3}{14}$

$\frac{13}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{39}$

3.3 Dividing Fractions

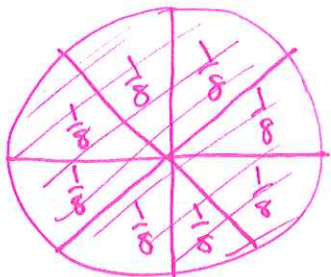
How many of the fractions fit?



How many $\frac{1}{4}$'s ^{fit} ~~are~~

in $\frac{1}{2}$? = 2

$\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{1} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$



How many $\frac{1}{8}$'s fit
in one whole? = 8

$1 \div \frac{1}{8} = 1 \cdot \frac{8}{1} = \frac{8}{1} = 8$

To divide fractions, multiply by the reciprocal of the second fraction

$$\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{1}{2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{1}$$

sit • flip

cut something
in half

$$8 \div 2 = 4$$

$$\frac{8}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

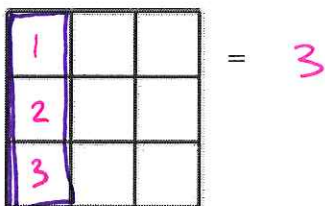
$$= \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

Practice 3 - 3: Dividing Fractions

Name Key

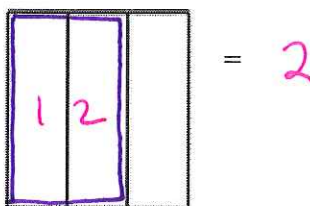
Division - How many fractions fit in a fraction? Shade the figures to model dividing fractions. Simplify the answer if possible.

1. $\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{1}{9}$
How many ninths fit in one third?



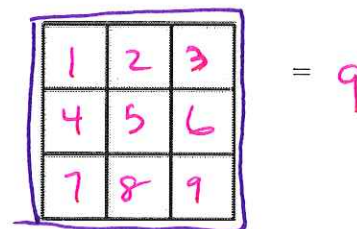
$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{1} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

2. $\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{3}$
How many thirds fit in $\frac{2}{3}$?



$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{1} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

3. $1 \div \frac{1}{9}$
How many ninths fit in one whole?



$$1 \cdot \frac{9}{1} = \frac{9}{1} = 9$$

Write the reciprocal of the number.

4. $\frac{2}{7}$ $\frac{7}{2}$

5. $\frac{4}{1}$ $\frac{1}{4}$

6. $-\frac{1}{3}$ $-\frac{3}{1}$

Write each division statement as the equivalent multiplication statement. Then multiply and simplify.

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

8. $\frac{5}{2} \div \frac{1}{4}$
 $\frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{1} = \frac{20}{2} = 10$

9. $\frac{2}{9} \div \left(-\frac{5}{9}\right)$
 $\frac{2}{9} \cdot \left(-\frac{9}{5}\right) = -\frac{2}{5}$

10. $-\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{5}{6}$
 $-\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{5} = -\frac{2}{5}$

11. $\frac{5}{12} \div \frac{7}{8}$
 $\frac{5}{12} \cdot \frac{8}{7} = \frac{5}{7}$

12. $-4 \div \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)$
 $-\frac{4}{1} \cdot -\frac{5}{2} = \frac{20}{1} = 10$

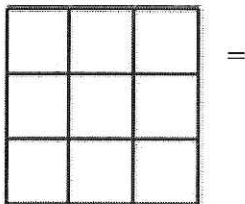
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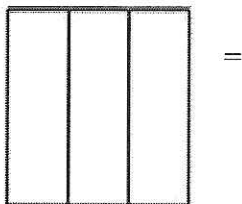
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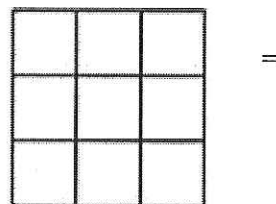
2. $\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{3}$

How many thirds fit in 2/3?



3. $1 \div \frac{1}{9}$

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