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I can **multiply and divide fractions**.

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To multiply signed fractions...

- 1) Reduce (numbers next to each other CANNOT be reduced)
- 2) Multiply the numerators and put in the numerator of the result
- 3) Multiply the denominators and put in the denominator of the result
- 4) Use the rules for integers.

$$\frac{7}{8} \cdot -\frac{4}{9} = \frac{-28}{72} = \frac{-7}{18}$$

Examples:

1.  $-\frac{7}{9} \cdot -\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\frac{7}{18}$

2.  $\frac{4}{7} \cdot -\frac{9}{11}$   
 $-\frac{36}{77}$

3.  $-\frac{7}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{21}$   
 $-\frac{7}{105}$

4.  $-\frac{30}{4} \cdot -\frac{7}{14}$   
 $-\frac{15}{2} \cdot -\frac{1}{2} = \frac{15}{4}$   
 $3\frac{3}{4}$

To multiply mixed numbers...

Turn them into improper fractions first.

Examples:

1.  $4\frac{3}{4} \times -3\frac{9}{10}$   
 $\frac{19}{4} \cdot -\frac{39}{10}$   
 $-\frac{741}{40} = -18\frac{21}{40}$

2.  $(-2\frac{2}{5})(-4\frac{7}{10})$   
 $-\frac{12}{5} \cdot -\frac{47}{10} = \frac{564}{50}$   
 $11\frac{7}{25}$

3.  $3\frac{3}{5} \times 2\frac{3}{5}$   
 $\frac{18}{5} \cdot \frac{13}{5} = \frac{234}{25}$   
 $9\frac{9}{25}$

4.  $4 \cdot -3\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\frac{4}{1} \cdot -\frac{7}{2} = -\frac{28}{2}$   
 $-14$

To multiply fractions to whole numbers...

Example:  $\frac{3}{5} \cdot 100$

Any whole number can be turned into a fraction by putting it over 1.

Exponents...

1)  $(-\frac{1}{3})^4 = \frac{1}{81}$     2)  $-\frac{1^4}{3} = -\frac{1}{81}$     3)  $(-\frac{2}{7})^2 = \frac{4}{49}$     4)  $-\frac{2^3}{7} = -\frac{8}{343}$

To divide fractions...

- 1) Keep the first fraction the same.
- 2) Change division to multiplication.
- 3) Flip the second fraction.
- 4) Follow the rules for integers.

Examples:

$$1) \quad \frac{-\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$\frac{-1}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{-5}{8}\right)$$

$$2) \quad \frac{-\frac{3}{5}}{-\frac{7}{10}}$$

$$\frac{-3}{5} \cdot \frac{-10}{7}$$

$$\frac{30}{35} = \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)$$

$$3) \quad \frac{1}{3} \div \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{12}\right)$$

$$4) \quad -2 \div \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{-2}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{1}$$

$$\frac{-4}{1} = \left(-4\right)$$

$$5) \quad \frac{-\frac{2}{5}}{-\frac{9}{5}}$$

$$\frac{-2}{5} \cdot \frac{-1}{9}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{45}\right)$$

$$6) \quad \frac{3}{4} \div 2$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)$$

$$7) \quad \frac{10}{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\frac{10}{1} \cdot \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$\frac{-40}{3} = \left(-13\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

Word Problems

- 1) A Sauerkraut Festival "Hawg Dawg" is 8 inches long. How many pieces of hot dog can be cut from the 8-inch piece of hawg dawg if each piece is to be two-thirds of an inch?

$$\frac{8}{1} \div \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{8}{1} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{24}{2} = 12 \text{ pieces}$$

- 2) Mrs. Snell had  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a pumpkin pie left over. She split the leftover pie evenly between her 3 children. What fraction of a pie did each child get?

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

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ of the pie each}$$