Topic: Algebraic Fractions

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Algebraic Fraction	A fraction whose **numerator** and **denominator** are **algebraic expressions**.	$\frac{6x}{3x-1}$
2. Adding/ Subtracting Algebraic Fractions	For $\frac{a}{b} \pm \frac{c}{d}$, the **common denominator** is bd $\frac{a}{b} \pm \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad}{bd} \pm \frac{bc}{bd} = \frac{ad \pm bc}{bd}$	$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{2y}$ $= \frac{1(2y)}{2xy} + \frac{x(x)}{2xy}$ $= \frac{2y + x^2}{2xy}$
3. Multiplying Algebraic Fractions	**Multiply** the **numerators together** and the **denominators together**. $\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$	$\frac{x}{3} \times \frac{x+2}{x-2}$ $= \frac{x(x+2)}{3(x-2)}$ $= \frac{x^2 + 2x}{3x-6}$
4. Dividing Algebraic Fractions	**Multiply** the first fraction by the **reciprocal of the second fraction**. $\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$	$\frac{x}{3} \div \frac{2x}{7}$ $= \frac{x}{3} \times \frac{7}{2x}$ $= \frac{7x}{6x} = \frac{7}{6}$
5. Simplifying Algebraic Fractions	**Factorise** the numerator and denominator and **cancel common factors**.	$\frac{x^2 + x - 6}{2x - 4} = \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{2(x-2)} = \frac{x+3}{2}$