

Equivalent Fractions

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$\frac{1}{2}$								$\frac{1}{2}$							
$\frac{1}{4}$				$\frac{1}{4}$				$\frac{1}{4}$				$\frac{1}{4}$			
$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{8}$	
$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{8}{16}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} = \frac{6}{16}$$

$$\frac{5}{8} = \frac{10}{16}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{4}{16}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8} = \frac{12}{16}$$

$$\frac{7}{8} = \frac{14}{16}$$

More generally,

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{7}{14} = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{25}{50} = \frac{100}{200}$$

Multiplying the numerator (top) and denominator (bottom) by the same number does not change the value of a fraction.

Similarly, dividing the numerator and denominator by the same number does not change the value of a fraction. This division is called cancelling.

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$$\frac{2}{3} \stackrel{\times 3}{=} \frac{\boxed{6}}{9}$$

$$\frac{15}{18} \stackrel{\div 3}{=} \frac{\boxed{5}}{6}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} \stackrel{\times 4}{=} \frac{16}{\boxed{20}}$$

$$\frac{10}{16} \stackrel{\div 2}{=} \frac{5}{\boxed{8}}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \stackrel{\times 7}{=} \frac{\boxed{21}}{28}$$

$$\frac{15}{25} \stackrel{\div 5}{=} \frac{3}{\boxed{5}}$$

Addition and Subtraction of Fractions

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

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3+2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{4-3}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Addition of Fractions

$$1. \quad \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{5+8}{20} = \frac{13}{20}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{10+3}{15} = \frac{13}{15}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{9+2}{12} = \frac{11}{12}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{8+5}{10} = \frac{13}{10} = 1\frac{3}{10}$$

$$5. \quad \frac{5}{7} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{15+14}{21} = \frac{29}{21} = 1\frac{8}{21}$$

Subtraction of Fractions

$$1. \quad \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{15-8}{20} = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{8-3}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{12-5}{30} = \frac{7}{30}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{4}{7} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{8-7}{14} = \frac{1}{14}$$

$$5. \quad \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5-2}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$$