

Year 6 Add and subtract fractions

Write these calculations out in your book and answer them using the formal method.

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{6} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{27}{12}$$

$\frac{2}{3} \xrightarrow{\times 4} \frac{8}{12}$

$\frac{5}{6} \xrightarrow{\times 2} \frac{10}{12}$

$\frac{3}{4} \xrightarrow{\times 3} \frac{9}{12}$

Convert the fractions so that they have the same denominator by finding a common multiple of the denominators. Then, add or subtract the numerators.

$$1) \quad \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{6} = \frac{\square}{24}$$

$\frac{3}{8} \xrightarrow{\times \square} \frac{\square}{24}$

$\frac{3}{4} \xrightarrow{\times \square} \frac{\square}{24}$

$\frac{4}{6} \xrightarrow{\times \square} \frac{\square}{24}$

2) $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{4}{6}$

$$\frac{\square}{12} + \frac{\square}{12} + \frac{\square}{12} = \frac{\square}{12}$$

3) $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{10}$

$$\frac{\square}{20} + \frac{\square}{20} + \frac{\square}{20} = \frac{\square}{20}$$

4) $\frac{3}{6} - \frac{1}{10}$

$$\frac{\square}{30} - \frac{\square}{30} = \frac{\square}{30}$$

5) $\frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{3}$

$$\frac{\square}{\square} - \frac{\square}{\square} = \frac{\square}{\square}$$

Can you find a common multiple of 5 and 3 to use as the denominator?

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1) $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3}$

$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\boxed{14}}{30}$

2) $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{9}$

$\frac{\boxed{5}}{18} - \frac{\boxed{2}}{18} = \frac{\boxed{3}}{18}$

3) $\frac{7}{8} + \frac{11}{12} + \frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{\boxed{7}}{24} + \frac{\boxed{22}}{24} + \frac{\boxed{12}}{24} = \frac{\boxed{41}}{24}$

4) $\frac{4}{8} - \frac{1}{7}$

$\frac{\boxed{4}}{56} - \frac{\boxed{8}}{56} = \frac{\boxed{-4}}{56}$

5) $\frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{\boxed{8}}{36} + \frac{\boxed{6}}{36} + \frac{\boxed{27}}{36} = \frac{\boxed{41}}{36}$

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1) $\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{5}$

$\frac{\boxed{3}}{40} - \frac{\boxed{8}}{40} = \frac{\boxed{-5}}{40}$

2) $\frac{7}{9} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{3}$

$\frac{\boxed{7}}{45} + \frac{\boxed{36}}{45} + \frac{\boxed{30}}{45} = \frac{\boxed{73}}{45}$

3) $\frac{15}{16} - \frac{7}{12}$

$\frac{\boxed{15}}{96} - \frac{\boxed{56}}{96} = \frac{\boxed{-41}}{96}$

4) $\frac{6}{18} + \frac{11}{12} + \frac{4}{9}$

$\frac{\boxed{6}}{36} + \frac{\boxed{33}}{36} + \frac{\boxed{16}}{36} = \frac{\boxed{55}}{36}$

5) $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{7}{11} + \frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{\boxed{55}}{88} + \frac{\boxed{56}}{88} + \frac{\boxed{66}}{88} = \frac{\boxed{177}}{88}$

6) $\frac{13}{16} - \frac{6}{10}$

$\frac{\boxed{13}}{80} - \frac{\boxed{48}}{80} = \frac{\boxed{-35}}{80}$