

Chapter 3 - Adding and Subtracting Fractions

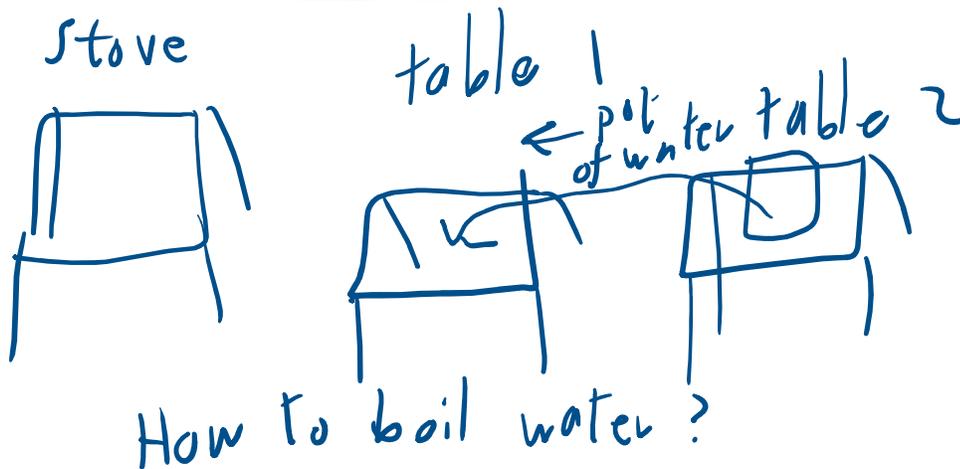
3.1 Adding and Subtracting Like Fractions

3.1 Exercise Set, page 180: 1, 5, 11, 19, 30, 44

3.2 Least Common Multiple

3.2 Exercise Set, page 190: 1, 3, 17, 35, 49

Exam 1		stem & leaf	
68.64286	mean		A - 2
15.1739	st.dev	9 13	B - 2
63	median	8 35	C - 2
45	min	7 27	D - 4
93	max	6 1333	F - 4
14	count	5 89	
		4 58	



3.1
Memorize

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If a , b , and c represent nonzero whole numbers, we have

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a + b}{c}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{2+5}{3} = \left(\frac{7}{3} \right) = 2\frac{1}{3}$$
$$3 \overline{) 7} \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \underline{6} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Memorize

Subtracting Like Fractions (Fractions with the Same Denominator)

To subtract like fractions, subtract the numerators and write the difference over the common denominator.

If a , b , and c represent nonzero whole numbers, then

$$\frac{a}{c} - \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a - b}{c}$$

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

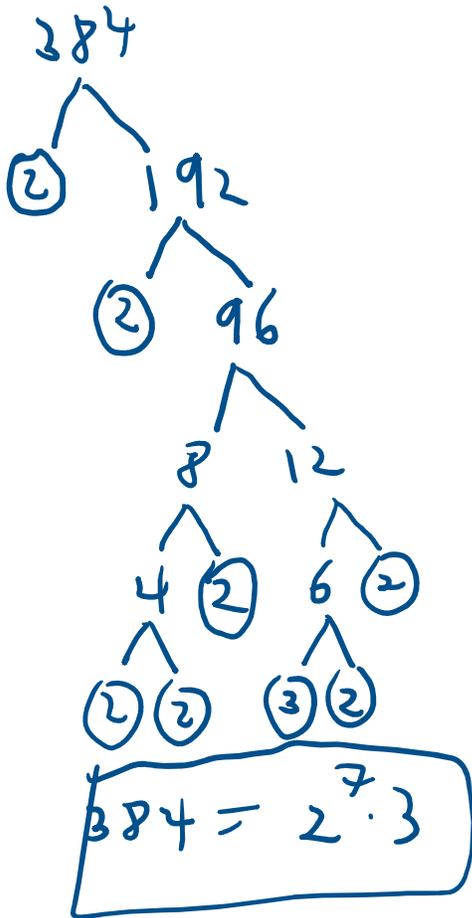
$$\boxed{\frac{a}{c} \pm \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \pm b}{c}}$$

combine the two formulas

\pm = plus or minus

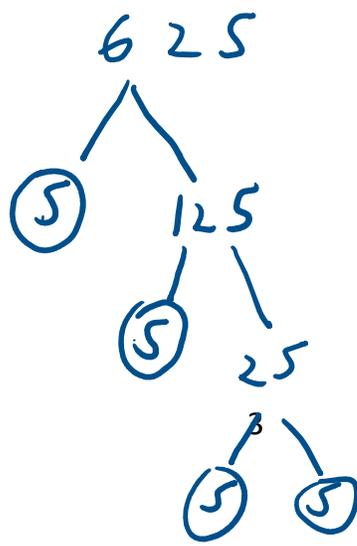
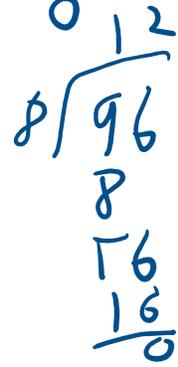
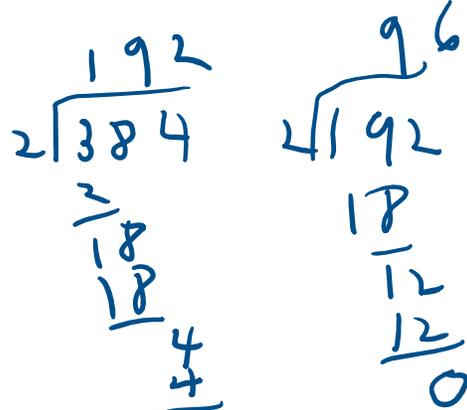
$$\frac{384}{625}$$

reduce to lowest terms



$$\frac{384}{625} = \frac{2^7 \cdot 3}{5^4}$$

Already reduced!



$$625 = 5^4$$

$$\frac{2^3 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 7}{2^2 \cdot 5^2}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 7}{2^2 \cdot 7^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 2}{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2}} \right) (3^4) \left(\frac{\cancel{7}^1}{\cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{7}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 3^4}{7} = \frac{(2)(3 \cdot 3)(3 \cdot 3)}{7} = \frac{2(9)(9)}{7} = \frac{2(81)}{7}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{162}{7}}$$

LCM = least common multiple

Memorize the procedure

Find LCM (8, 12)

$$8 \times 1 = 8$$

$$8 \times 2 = 16$$

$$8 \times 3 = 24$$

$$8 \times 4 = 32$$

$$8 \times 5 = 40$$

$$8 \times 6 = 48$$

$$12 \times 1 = 12$$

$$12 \times 2 = 24$$

$$12 \times 3 = 36$$

$$12 \times 4 = 48$$

$$12 \times 5 = 60$$

$$\text{LCM}(8, 12) = 24$$

∴ 24 is a common multiple of 8 and 12

48 is a common multiple of 8 and 12,
but it is not the LCM.

Memorize

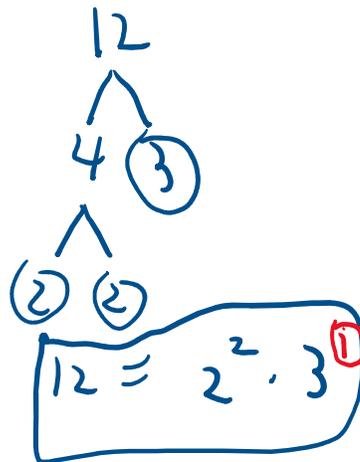
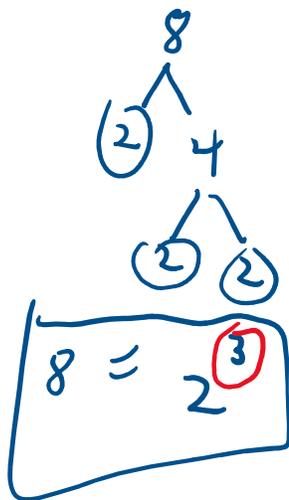
Method 2: Finding the LCM of a List of Numbers Using Prime Factorization

Step 1: Write the prime factorization of each number.

Step 2: For each different prime factor in step 1, circle the greatest number of times that factor occurs in any one factorization.

Step 3: The LCM is the product of the circled factors.

Find LCM (8, 12)



$$\text{LCM}(8, 12) = 2^3 \cdot 3 = 8 \cdot 3 = \boxed{24}$$

Objective C Write each fraction or whole number as an equivalent fraction with the given denominator. See Examples 8 through 10.

$$36. \ 6 = \frac{60}{10}$$

$$37. \ 5 = \frac{15}{3}$$

$$44. \frac{4}{5} = \frac{36}{45} = \frac{(4)(9)}{(5)(9)} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{x}{45}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5x = (4)(45)$$

$$x = \frac{(4)(45)}{5}$$

$$x = (4)(9)$$

$$\boxed{x = 36}$$

$$52. \frac{19}{21} = \frac{x}{126}$$

$$21x = (19)(126)$$

$$x = \frac{(19)(126)}{21}$$

$$x = (19)(6)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \times 6 \\ = 20 \times 6 \\ + 1 \times 6 \\ \hline 120 \\ + 6 \\ \hline 126 \end{array}$$

Scientific Notebook I had SN factor each number

$$364 = 2^2 7 \times 13$$

$$364^2 = 132496 = 2^4 7^2 13^2$$