

Lesson 4.5 Add and Subtract Mixed Numbers

Objective: To add and subtract mixed numbers.

Ex. 1 Find $7\frac{4}{9} + 10\frac{2}{9}$. Write in simplest form.

$$\begin{array}{r} 7\frac{4}{9} \\ + 10\frac{2}{9} \\ \hline 17\frac{6}{9} \div 3 = \frac{2}{3} = \boxed{17\frac{2}{3}} \end{array}$$

Ex. 2 Find $5\frac{1}{5} + 2\frac{3}{10}$. Write in simplest form.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5\frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{2} = \frac{2}{10} \\ + 2\frac{3}{10} \\ \hline 7\frac{5}{10} \div 5 = \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{7\frac{1}{2}} \end{array}$$

Ex. 3 Find $2\frac{1}{3} - 1\frac{2}{3}$.

Method 1: Borrowing. $1\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3} \\ - 1\frac{2}{3} \\ \hline \frac{2}{3} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}} \end{array}$$

Method 2: Write as improper fractions

$$2\frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3} \quad 1\frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{7}{3} - \frac{5}{3} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}} \\ \frac{7}{3} \\ - \frac{5}{3} \\ \hline \frac{2}{3} \end{array}$$