

2-5 Adding and Subtracting Like Fractions

Like fractions have same denominator

Rules:

- Add or subtract the numerator
- Denominator stays the same
- Reduce or Simplify

$$\frac{5}{8} + \left(-\frac{7}{8}\right) = \frac{5-7}{8} = -\frac{2}{8} = \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-8}{9} - \frac{7}{9} &= \frac{-8-7}{9} = \frac{-15}{9} = \frac{-5}{3} \\ \frac{-8}{9} + \frac{-7}{9} &= \frac{-15}{9} = \frac{-5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-1}{6} + \frac{-5}{6} = \frac{-6}{6} = \textcircled{-1}$$

$$5\frac{7}{9} + 8\frac{4}{9} = 13\frac{11}{9}$$
$$= 14\frac{2}{9}$$

$$\frac{52}{9} + \frac{76}{9} = \frac{128}{9} = 14\frac{2}{9}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 60\frac{1}{4} - 58\frac{3}{4} \\ \cancel{60}\frac{1}{4} + \frac{4}{4} = 59\frac{5}{4} \\ - 58\frac{3}{4} \\ \hline 1\frac{2}{4} = 1\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{241}{4} - \frac{235}{4} = \frac{6}{4} \\ = 1\frac{2}{4} = 1\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$