

## Finding a Common Denominator: LCD

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**2** Find the Least Common Denominator (LCD) of:  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{5}$

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**3**  $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{10}$

**4**  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}$

**5**  $\frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{6}$

**6**  $\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100}$

**7**  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}$

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4	8	12			

The LCM is 12

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x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
4	8	12	16	20	
5	10	15	20		

The LCD is 20

**3**  $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{10}$

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
8	16	24	32	40	
10	20	30	40		

$$\frac{5}{5} \times \frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{4}{4}$$

$$\frac{25}{40} + \frac{12}{40} = \left(\frac{37}{40}\right)$$

**4**  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}$

$$\frac{4}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\frac{4}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)$$

**5**  $\frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{6}$

$$\frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{2}{2}$$

$$\frac{7}{12} - \frac{2}{12} = \left(\frac{5}{12}\right)$$

**6**  $\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100}$

$$\frac{10}{10} \times \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\frac{10}{100} + \frac{1}{100} = \left(\frac{11}{100}\right)$$

**7**  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}$

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

$$\frac{8}{12} + \frac{3}{12} + \frac{2}{12} = \left(\frac{13}{12}\right) \text{ or } 1\frac{1}{12}$$

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
3	6	9	12		
4	8	12			
6	12				

## Finding the Least Common Multiple of Two Numbers

F-LCD 1

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**1** 2 and 3

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
2	2	4	6			
3	3	6				

**2** 3 and 4

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**3** 2 and 10

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**4** 8 and 10

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**5** 4 and 5

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**6** 4 and 6

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**7** 6 and 8

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**8** 3 and 5

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**9** 12 and 15

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**10** 6 and 21

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7

## Finding the Least Common Denominator (LCD)

F-LCD 2

**Instructions:** Change these 'un-like' fractions into 'like' fractions using the LCD method. Use the multiples table to help find the LCM of the bottom numbers.

**1**       $\frac{3}{4}$        $\frac{1}{6}$       4 and 6

$\frac{3}{3} \times \frac{3}{4}$        $\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{2}{2}$

$\frac{9}{12}$        $\frac{2}{12}$

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
4	8	12			
6	12				

LCM becomes the LCD

**2**       $\frac{1}{2}$        $\frac{7}{10}$       2 and 10

— ×  $\frac{1}{2}$        $\frac{7}{10}$  × —

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**3**       $\frac{5}{6}$        $\frac{3}{8}$       6 and 8

— ×  $\frac{5}{6}$        $\frac{3}{8}$  × —

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**4**       $\frac{3}{10}$        $\frac{3}{8}$       10 and 8

— ×  $\frac{3}{10}$        $\frac{3}{8}$  × —

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

## Adding & Subtracting Fractions by the LCD Method

F-LCD 3

**Instructions:** Add or subtract these 'un-like' fractions. Start by using the LCD Method to turn them into 'like' fractions. You do **not** need to simplify your answers.

**1**      $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{7}{9}$

$$\frac{3}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{7}{9} \times \frac{1}{1}$$

$$\frac{6}{9} + \frac{7}{9} = \frac{13}{9}$$

3 and 9

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
3	6	9			
9					

**2**      $\frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{12}$

$$\text{---} \times \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{12} \times \text{---}$$

$$\text{---} + \text{---} = \text{---}$$

9 and 12

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**3**      $\frac{7}{12} - \frac{4}{15}$

$$\text{---} \times \frac{7}{12} - \frac{4}{15} \times \text{---}$$

$$\text{---} - \text{---} = \text{---}$$

12 and 15

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6

**4**      $\frac{3}{6} - \frac{3}{14}$

$$\text{---} \times \frac{3}{6} - \frac{3}{14} \times \text{---}$$

$$\text{---} - \text{---} = \text{---}$$

6 and 14

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7

## When 'Un-Like' Denominators are Multiples

F-LCD 4

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

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

$\frac{3}{6} + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{8}{6}$

2  $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{4} \times \text{---}$

--- + --- = ---

3  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{9}$

---  $\times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{9}$

--- + --- = ---

4  $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{2}{6}$

$\frac{5}{12} + \frac{2}{6} \times \text{---}$

--- + --- = ---

5  $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{16}$

---  $\times \frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{16}$

--- + --- = ---

6  $\frac{9}{25} + \frac{3}{5}$

$\frac{9}{25} + \frac{3}{5} \times \text{---}$

--- + --- = ---

7  $\frac{4}{3} + \frac{8}{15}$

---  $\times \frac{4}{3} + \frac{8}{15}$

--- + --- = ---

8  $\frac{5}{21} + \frac{2}{3}$

$\frac{5}{21} + \frac{2}{3} \times \text{---}$

--- + --- = ---

## Un-Guided Practice with the LCD Method

F-LCD 5

**Instructions:** Add or subtract these 'un-like' fractions using the LCD method you learned in the video. Show your work and you do **not** need to simplify your answers.

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

$\frac{4}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)$

2  $\frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{6}$

3  $\frac{15}{24} + \frac{5}{8}$

4  $\frac{9}{10} - \frac{1}{5}$

5  $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{2}$

6  $\frac{3}{7} + \frac{5}{14}$

7  $\frac{5}{3} - \frac{3}{4}$

8  $\frac{4}{6} - \frac{3}{8}$

## Un-Guided Practice with the LCD Method - Set 2

F-LCD 6

**Instructions:** Add or subtract these 'un-like' fractions using the LCD method you learned in the video. Show your work and you do **not** need to simplify your answers.

1  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{14}$

2  $\frac{16}{30} + \frac{1}{10}$

$\frac{7}{7} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{14}$

$\frac{7}{14} + \frac{3}{14} = \left(\frac{10}{14}\right)$

3  $\frac{7}{16} - \frac{1}{4}$

4  $\frac{8}{11} - \frac{5}{22}$

5  $\frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{3}$

6  $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{4}{30}$

7  $\frac{5}{9} - \frac{10}{27}$

8  $\frac{7}{9} - \frac{5}{12}$



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4	4	8	12			

**3** 2 and 10

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
2	2	4	6	8	10	
10	10					

**4** 8 and 10

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
8	8	16	24	32	40	
10	10	20	30	40		

**5** 4 and 5

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
4	4	8	12	16	20	
5	5	10	15	20		

**6** 4 and 6

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
4	4	8	12			
6	6	12				

**7** 6 and 8

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
6	6	12	18	24		
8	8	16	24			

**8** 3 and 5

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
3	3	6	9	12	15	
5	5	10	15			

**9** 12 and 15

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
12	12	24	36	48	60	
15	15	30	45	60		

**10** 6 and 21

	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
21	21	42					

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LCM becomes the LCD

$\frac{3}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12}$        $\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{2}{2} = \frac{2}{12}$

**2**

$\frac{1}{2}$        $\frac{7}{10}$

2 and 10

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
2	4	6	8	10	
10					

$\frac{5}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{10}$        $\frac{7}{10} \times \frac{1}{1} = \frac{7}{10}$

**3**

$\frac{5}{6}$        $\frac{3}{8}$

6 and 8

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
6	12	18	24		
8	16	24			

$\frac{4}{4} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{20}{24}$        $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{3} = \frac{9}{24}$

**4**

$\frac{3}{10}$        $\frac{3}{8}$

10 and 8

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
10	20	30	40		
8	16	24	32	40	

$\frac{4}{4} \times \frac{3}{10} = \frac{12}{40}$        $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{5}{5} = \frac{15}{40}$

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3 and 9

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3	6	9			
9					

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$$\frac{4}{4} \times \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{3}{3}$$

$$\frac{16}{36} + \frac{3}{36} = \frac{19}{36}$$

9 and 12

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
9	18	27	36		
12	24	36			

**3**  $\frac{7}{12} - \frac{4}{15}$

$$\frac{5}{5} \times \frac{7}{12} - \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{4}{4}$$

$$\frac{35}{60} - \frac{16}{60} = \frac{19}{60}$$

12 and 15

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6
12	24	36	48	60	
15	30	45	60		

**4**  $\frac{3}{6} - \frac{3}{14}$

$$\frac{7}{7} \times \frac{3}{6} - \frac{3}{14} \times \frac{3}{3}$$

$$\frac{21}{42} - \frac{9}{42} = \frac{12}{42}$$

6 and 14

x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7
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14	28	42				

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{2} \quad \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{2} \\ \frac{1}{8} + \frac{6}{8} = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{3} \quad \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{9} \\ \frac{3}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{9} \\ \frac{6}{9} + \frac{2}{9} = \left(\frac{8}{9}\right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{4} \quad \frac{5}{12} + \frac{2}{6} \\ \frac{5}{12} + \frac{2}{6} \times \frac{2}{2} \\ \frac{5}{12} + \frac{4}{12} = \left(\frac{9}{12}\right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{5} \quad \frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{16} \\ \frac{4}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{16} \\ \frac{12}{16} + \frac{5}{16} = \left(\frac{17}{16}\right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{6} \quad \frac{9}{25} + \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{9}{25} + \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{5}{5} \\ \frac{9}{25} + \frac{15}{25} = \left(\frac{24}{25}\right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{7} \quad \frac{4}{3} + \frac{8}{15} \\ \frac{5}{5} \times \frac{4}{3} + \frac{8}{15} \\ \frac{20}{15} + \frac{8}{15} = \left(\frac{28}{15}\right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{8} \quad \frac{5}{21} + \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{5}{21} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{7}{7} \\ \frac{5}{21} + \frac{14}{21} = \left(\frac{19}{21}\right) \end{array}$$

## Un-Guided Practice with the LCD Method

F-LCD 5

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{1} \quad & \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{6} \\ & \frac{2}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{6} \\ & \frac{4}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \left( \frac{5}{6} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2} \quad & \frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{6} \\ & \frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{2}{2} \\ & \frac{7}{12} - \frac{2}{12} = \left( \frac{5}{12} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{3} \quad & \frac{15}{24} + \frac{5}{8} \\ & \frac{15}{24} + \frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{3} \\ & \frac{15}{24} + \frac{15}{24} = \left( \frac{30}{24} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{4} \quad & \frac{9}{10} - \frac{1}{5} \\ & \frac{9}{10} - \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{2}{2} \\ & \frac{9}{10} - \frac{2}{10} = \left( \frac{7}{10} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{5} \quad & \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{2} \\ & \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{4} \\ & \frac{3}{8} + \frac{12}{8} = \left( \frac{15}{8} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{6} \quad & \frac{3}{7} + \frac{5}{14} \\ & \frac{2}{2} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{5}{14} \\ & \frac{6}{14} + \frac{5}{14} = \left( \frac{11}{14} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{7} \quad & \frac{5}{3} - \frac{3}{4} \\ & \frac{4}{4} \times \frac{5}{3} - \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{3} \\ & \frac{20}{12} - \frac{9}{12} = \left( \frac{11}{12} \right) \end{aligned}$$

LCM	
3	4
6	8
9	12
12	12

$$\begin{aligned} \text{8} \quad & \frac{4}{6} - \frac{3}{8} \\ & \frac{4}{4} \times \frac{4}{6} - \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{3} \\ & \frac{16}{24} - \frac{9}{24} = \left( \frac{7}{24} \right) \end{aligned}$$

LCM	
6	8
12	16
18	24
24	24

## Un-Guided Practice with the LCD Method - Set 2

F-LCD 6

**Instructions:** Add or subtract these 'un-like' fractions using the LCD method you learned in the video. Show your work and you do **not** need to simplify your answers.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1} \quad & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{14} \\ & \frac{7}{7} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{14} \\ & \frac{7}{14} + \frac{3}{14} = \left( \frac{10}{14} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2} \quad & \frac{16}{30} + \frac{1}{10} \\ & \frac{16}{30} + \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{3}{3} \\ & \frac{16}{30} + \frac{3}{30} = \left( \frac{19}{30} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{3} \quad & \frac{7}{16} - \frac{1}{4} \\ & \frac{7}{16} - \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4}{4} \\ & \frac{7}{16} - \frac{4}{16} = \left( \frac{3}{16} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{4} \quad & \frac{8}{11} - \frac{5}{22} \\ & \frac{2}{2} \times \frac{8}{11} - \frac{5}{22} \\ & \frac{16}{22} - \frac{5}{22} = \left( \frac{11}{22} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{5} \quad & \frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{3} \\ & \frac{3}{3} \times \frac{4}{5} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{5} \\ & \frac{12}{15} + \frac{10}{15} = \left( \frac{22}{15} \right) \end{aligned}$$

LCM	
5	3
10	6
15	9
20	12
	15

$$\begin{aligned} \text{6} \quad & \frac{5}{6} - \frac{4}{30} \\ & \frac{5}{5} \times \frac{5}{6} - \frac{4}{30} \\ & \frac{25}{30} - \frac{4}{30} = \left( \frac{21}{30} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{7} \quad & \frac{5}{9} - \frac{10}{27} \\ & \frac{3}{3} \times \frac{5}{9} - \frac{10}{27} \\ & \frac{15}{27} - \frac{10}{27} = \left( \frac{5}{27} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{8} \quad & \frac{7}{9} - \frac{5}{12} \\ & \frac{4}{4} \times \frac{7}{9} - \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{3}{3} \\ & \frac{28}{36} - \frac{15}{36} = \left( \frac{13}{36} \right) \end{aligned}$$

LCM	
9	12
18	24
27	36
36	