

Subtraction Algorithms

Below are most of the algorithms that you and your classmates came up with in class. Please choose 1 or 2 algorithms that you will use on a regular basis.

Vertical set-up with wholes and fractions separated	Vertical set-up with mixed numbers kept together
$5\frac{3}{4} - 1\frac{3}{8} =$ <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;"> $\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ - 1 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$ </div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; text-align: left;"> $\begin{array}{l} \frac{3}{4} \left(\times \frac{2}{2} \right) = \frac{6}{8} \\ \frac{3}{8} \left(\times \frac{1}{1} \right) = \frac{3}{8} \\ \hline \frac{3}{8} = 4\frac{3}{8} \end{array}$ </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> $\swarrow \quad \searrow$ $\quad \quad +$ </div>	$5\frac{3}{4} - 1\frac{3}{8} =$ $\begin{array}{r} 5\frac{3}{4} \left(\times \frac{2}{2} \right) = 5\frac{6}{8} \\ - 1\frac{3}{8} \left(\times \frac{1}{1} \right) = 1\frac{3}{8} \\ \hline 4\frac{3}{8} \end{array}$
Horizontal set-up with mixed numbers kept together	Convert to percents, subtract percents, convert back to fraction
$5\frac{3}{4} \left(\times \frac{2}{2} \right) - 1\frac{3}{8} \left(\times \frac{1}{1} \right) =$ $5\frac{6}{8} - 1\frac{3}{8} =$ $4\frac{3}{8}$	$3\frac{4}{10} - 1\frac{1}{10} =$ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; margin: 10px 0;"> $\swarrow \quad \searrow$ </div> $340\% - 110\% =$ $230\% = 2\frac{3}{10}$

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Converting mixed numbers to improper fractions, subtracting, then converting back to mixed numbers	Borrow from the whole number when the first fraction is smaller than the second fraction
$5\frac{3}{4} - 1\frac{3}{8} =$ $5\frac{3}{4} \left(\times \frac{2}{2} \right) = 5\frac{6}{8} = \frac{46}{8}$ $\begin{array}{r} 5\frac{3}{4} \\ - 1\frac{3}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\frac{35}{8} = 4\frac{3}{8}$	$5\frac{1}{6} - 2\frac{3}{4} =$ $5\frac{1}{6} \left(\times \frac{2}{2} \right) = 5\frac{2}{12} = 4\frac{14}{12}$ $\begin{array}{r} 5\frac{1}{6} \\ - 2\frac{3}{4} \\ \hline \end{array}$ $2\frac{5}{12}$
<p>2nd Example: Borrow from the whole number when the first fraction is smaller than the second fraction</p>	<p>2nd Example: Converting mixed numbers to improper fractions, subtracting, then converting back to mixed numbers</p>
$8 - 2\frac{3}{8} =$ $8 = 7\frac{8}{8}$ $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ - 2\frac{3}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$ $5\frac{5}{8}$	$8 - 2\frac{3}{8} =$ $8 = \frac{64}{8}$ $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ - 2\frac{3}{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\frac{45}{8} = 5\frac{5}{8}$