

Journal Entry Topic: Adding and subtracting fractions

Important points:

The fractions must have common denominators (the bottom number) to be able to add or subtract them

If the fractions already have the same denominator, you just add or subtract them,

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{6}{7} - \frac{4}{7} = \frac{2}{7}$$

The common denominator stays the same since it represents the number of parts to a whole

To get a common denominator list the multiples of the denominators for the fractions you are adding or subtracting

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5}$$

Denominator multiples:

Multiples of 3: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21...

Multiples of 5: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 ...

The first multiple that appears in both lists is 15. 15 is called the least common multiple (LCM), so we can use 15 as the common denominator.

Multiply the top and bottom of each fraction by whatever number makes the denominator the LCM

$$\text{In this case multiply } \frac{2}{3} \text{ by 5: } \frac{2 \times 5}{3 \times 5} = \frac{10}{15}$$

$$\text{In this case multiply } \frac{4}{5} \text{ by 3: } \frac{4 \times 3}{5 \times 3} = \frac{12}{15}$$

To add the fractions, add the numerators (top numbers) and keep the denominator the same.

$$\frac{10}{15} + \frac{12}{15} = \frac{22}{15}$$

Real World Application

Shari wants to make a laminated canoe paddle.



Three of the strips of wood that she will use to make a pin stripe are $\frac{1}{4}$ ", $\frac{7}{16}$ ", and $\frac{1}{4}$ ". How wide will the pin stripe be?

I have to find a common denominator before I add the fractions. Here is my calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{16} + \frac{1}{4} \\ & \text{FIND A COMMON DENOMINATOR} \\ & = \frac{1 \times 4}{4 \times 4} + \frac{7}{16} + \frac{1 \times 4}{4 \times 4} \\ & = \frac{4}{16} + \frac{7}{16} + \frac{4}{16} \\ & = \frac{15}{16} \end{aligned}$$

The pin stripe will be $\frac{15}{16}$ " wide.

Overall Level: 4 (most consistent)

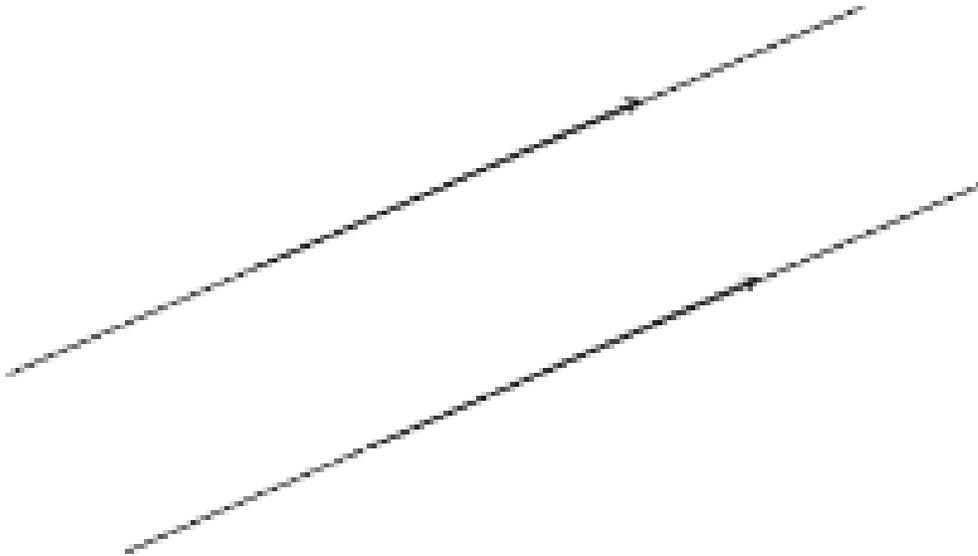
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Categories	Level 4 (80 – 100%)	Level 3 (70 – 79%)	Level 2 (60 – 69%)	Level 1 (50 – 59%)
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<p>Level 4</p> <p>The following have been demonstrated to a high degree:</p> <p>The explanation of adding fractions is clear and correct and would be useful as review or for someone who doesn't understand the process.</p>				
Thinking [5 marks]	Shows evidence of modelling the problem, drawing conclusions, or justifying reasoning with a high degree of effectiveness.	Shows evidence of modelling the problem, drawing conclusions, or justifying reasoning with considerable effectiveness.	Shows evidence of modelling the problem, drawing conclusions, or justifying reasoning with some effectiveness.	Shows evidence of modelling the problem, drawing conclusions, or justifying reasoning with limited effectiveness.
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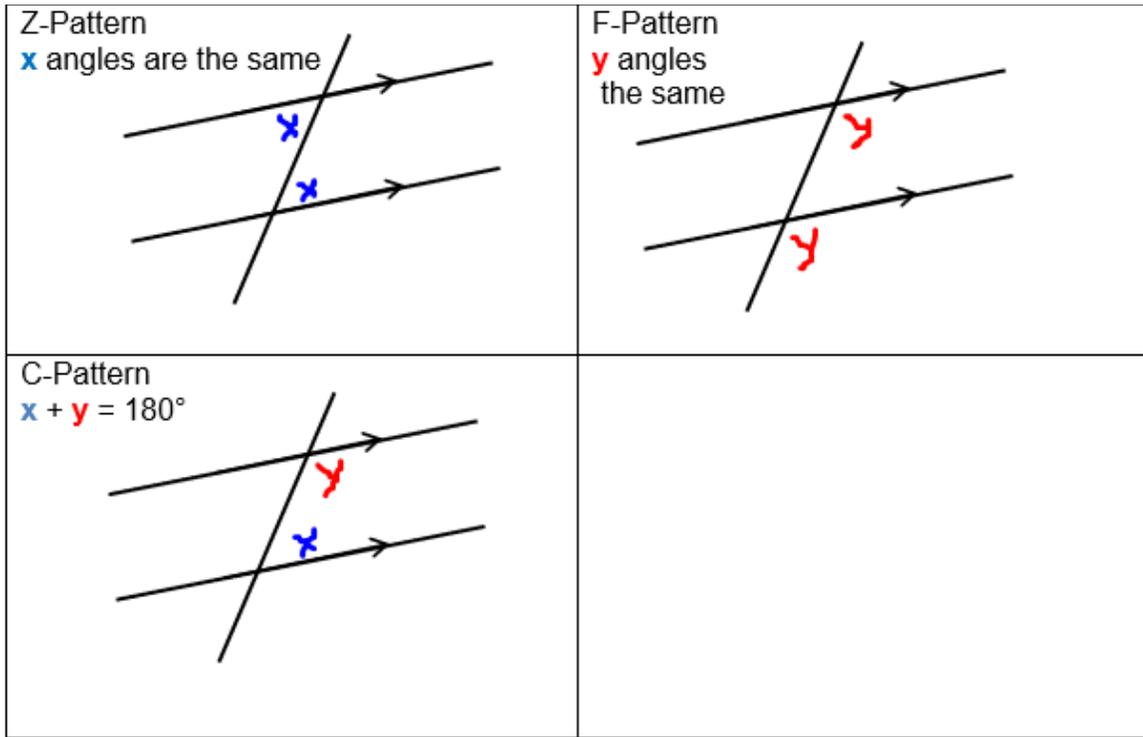
<p>Level 3</p> <p>The following have been demonstrated to a considerable degree:</p> <p>The problem is somewhat narrow in scope, but it has been interpreted correctly. The conclusion is fully justified by calculation.</p> <p>This could be strengthened using a diagram that shows why $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{16}$ are equivalent.</p>				
Application [5 marks]	Illustrates relevant and appropriate selection of facts, skills and procedures with a high degree of effectiveness.	Illustrates relevant and appropriate selection of facts, skills and procedures with considerable effectiveness.	Illustrates relevant and appropriate selection of facts, skills and procedures with some effectiveness.	Illustrates relevant and appropriate selection of facts, skills and procedures with limited effectiveness.
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<p>Level 4</p> <p>The following have been demonstrated to a high degree:</p> <p>The correct mathematical process (adding fractions) is selected.</p> <p>The calculation requires finding a common denominator and so involves the concept of the lowest common multiple.</p> <p>Adding thin pieces of wood to make a lamination is an appropriate application of adding fractions.</p>				
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<p>Level 4</p> <p>The following have been demonstrated to a high degree:</p> <p>Mathematical vocabulary is used correctly.</p> <p>Correct form is demonstrated in the calculation</p> <p>Math notation is used appropriately.</p> <p>Calculations are well organized, clear and complete</p>				

Journal Entry Topic: Parallel Lines Properties

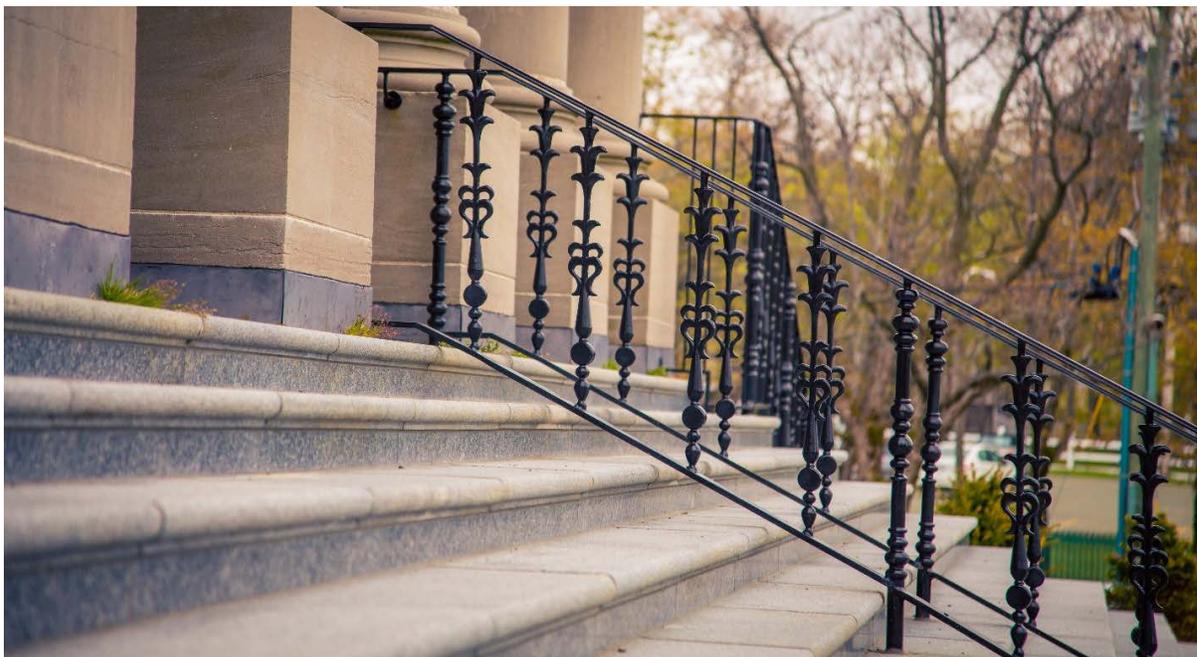
- The symbol for parallel on a diagram is arrows:
- The arrows tell us these lines are parallel.





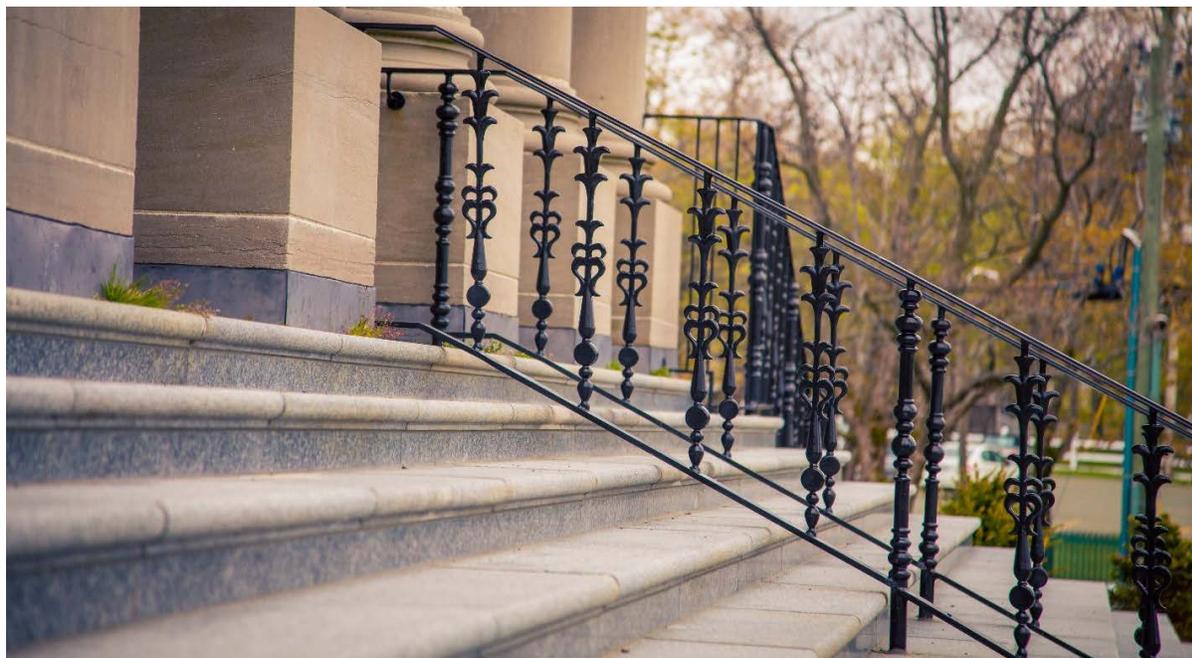
Real World Application

Andy wants to rebuild a wrought iron railing. He knows that the angles are not standard because the stair case is very old and does not conform to current guidelines.



He uses graphing software to determine the angle between the uprights and the rails and finds it is approximately 62°

He uses the C pattern to determine the angle at which the uprights meet the top rail, as shown.



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<p>Level 3.</p> <p>The three Z, F and C pattern rules are correct but they lack detail to explain the patterns in depth (i.e where is the F, Z & C)?</p> <p>They are mathematically correct.</p>				
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