

5.5 Order of Operations with Fractions

Brackets

Exponents

Division

Multiplication

Addition

Subtraction

ex. $2 \div \frac{1}{4} + 3 \times \frac{1}{2}$

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

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

$$= \frac{16}{2} + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= \frac{19}{2} \text{ or } 9\frac{1}{2}$$

ex. $\frac{1}{3} \times (9 - 2) - \frac{5}{6}$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{7}{1} - \frac{5}{6}$$

$$= \frac{7}{3} - \frac{5}{6}$$

$$= \frac{14}{6} - \frac{5}{6}$$

$$= \frac{9}{6}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } 1\frac{1}{2}$$

ex. $2\frac{1}{4} \div (1\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{1}{3})$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \div (2\frac{9}{12} + \frac{4}{12})$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \div 2\frac{13}{12}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \div 3\frac{1}{12}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \div \frac{37}{12}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \times \frac{12}{37}$$

$$= \frac{27}{37}$$

ex. $2\frac{3}{8} - \frac{2}{5} \times (\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{8})$

$$= 2\frac{3}{8} - \frac{2}{5} \times (\frac{6}{8} - \frac{1}{8})$$

$$= 2\frac{3}{8} - \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{5}{8}$$

$$= 2\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 2\frac{3}{8} - \frac{2}{8}$$

$$= 2\frac{1}{8} \text{ or } \frac{17}{8}$$

ex. Solve each problem by writing one equation and solving it.

Bev earns \$25 per hour. For time above 40 hours in a week she is paid time-and-a-half. How much is she paid in a 46 hour work week?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 40 \times 25 + (\cancel{46} - 40) \times 25 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \\
 &= 1000 + \frac{75}{1} \times \frac{3}{2} \\
 &= 1000 + 225 \\
 &= \boxed{\$1225}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\times 1\frac{1}{2}$

John eats one-fifth of a pizza and Jane eats one-quarter of the pizza. Dan eats half of what is left over after John and Jane eat. How much of the pizza did Dan eat?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \right] \times \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \left[1 - \left(\frac{4}{20} + \frac{5}{20} \right) \right] \times \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \left[\frac{20}{20} - \frac{9}{20} \right] \times \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \frac{11}{20} \times \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \frac{11}{40}
 \end{aligned}$$

Dan eats $\frac{11}{40}$ of the pizza.