Option 2: Make mixed #s improper fractions, subtract numerators, keep denominator, turn answer back into a mixed #

Option 1: Rename/Borrow from the whole number and add that to the fraction using a common denominator. Then…

You have 2 options:

Subtract whole #s, subtract numerators, keep denominators, simplify answer.

Can you subtract the fractions?

Find the LCM of the denominators to get the LCD. Change the numerators accordingly. Then…

Do the fractions have common denominators?

**SUBTRACT**

**ADD**

Do the fractions have common denominators?

Find the LCM of the denominators to get the LCD. Change the numerators accordingly. Then…

Add whole #s, add numerators, keep denominators, simplify answer.

Is the problem addition or subtraction?