

Fraction Addition and Subtraction

Given a string representing an expression of fraction addition and subtraction, you need to return the calculation result in string format. The final result should be **irreducible fraction**. If your final result is an integer, say `2`, you need to change it to the format of fraction that has denominator `1`. So in this case, `2` should be converted to `2/1`.

Example 1:

Input: `"-1/2+1/2"`

Output: `"0/1"`

Example 2:

Input: `"-1/2+1/2+1/3"`

Output: `"1/3"`

Example 3:

Input: `"1/3-1/2"`

Output: `"-1/6"`

Example 4:

Input: `"5/3+1/3"`

Output: `"2/1"`

Note:

1. The input string only contains `'0'` to `'9'`, `'/'`, `'+'` and `'-'`. So does the output.
2. Each fraction (input and output) has format `±numerator/denominator`. If the first input fraction or the output is positive, then `'+'` will be omitted.
3. The input only contains valid **irreducible fractions**, where the **numerator** and **denominator** of each fraction will always be in the range `[1,10]`. If the denominator is 1, it means this fraction is actually an integer in a fraction format defined above.
4. The number of given fractions will be in the range `[1,10]`.
5. The numerator and denominator of the **final result** are guaranteed to be valid and in the range of 32-bit int.

Solution 1

```
public String fractionAddition(String expression) {
    String[] fracs = expression.split("(?=[-,+])"); // splits input string into individual fractions
    String res = "0/1";
    for (String frac : fracs) res = add(res, frac); // add all fractions together
    return res;
}

public String add(String frac1, String frac2) {
    int[] f1 = Stream.of(frac1.split("/")).mapToInt(Integer::parseInt).toArray(),
        f2 = Stream.of(frac2.split("/")).mapToInt(Integer::parseInt).toArray();
    int numer = f1[0]*f2[1] + f1[1]*f2[0], denom = f1[1]*f2[1];
    String sign = "";
    if (numer < 0) {sign = "-"; numer *= -1;}
    return sign + numer/gcd(numer, denom) + "/" + denom/gcd(numer, denom); // construct reduced fraction
}

// Computes gcd using Euclidean algorithm
public int gcd(int x, int y) { return x == 0 || y == 0 ? x + y : gcd(y, x % y); }
```

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Solution 2

Keep the overall result in A / B , read the next fraction into a / b . Their sum is $(Ab + aB) / Bb$ (but cancel their greatest common divisor).

C++:

```
string fractionAddition(string expression) {
    istringstream in(expression);
    int A = 0, B = 1, a, b;
    char _;
    while (in >> a >> _ >> b) {
        A = A * b + a * B;
        B *= b;
        int g = abs(__gcd(A, B));
        A /= g;
        B /= g;
    }
    return to_string(A) + "/" + to_string(B);
}
```

Java:

```
public String fractionAddition(String expression) {
    Scanner sc = new Scanner(expression).useDelimiter("/|(?=[-+])");
    int A = 0, B = 1;
    while (sc.hasNext()) {
        int a = sc.nextInt(), b = sc.nextInt();
        A = A * b + a * B;
        B *= b;
        int g = gcd(A, B);
        A /= g;
        B /= g;
    }
    return A + "/" + B;
}

private int gcd(int a, int b) {
    return a != 0 ? gcd(b % a, a) : Math.abs(b);
}
```

Python 3:

Added this after @lee215 reminded me about Python 3's `math.gcd` with his solution in the comments.

```
def fractionAddition(self, expression):  
    ints = map(int, re.findall('[+-]?\d+', expression))  
    A, B = 0, 1  
    for a in ints:  
        b = next(ints)  
        A = A * b + a * B  
        B *= b  
        g = math.gcd(A, B)  
        A //= g  
        B //= g  
    return '%d/%d' % (A, B)
```

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Solution 3

```
public class Solution {
    public String fractionAddition(String expression) {
        List<String> nums = new ArrayList<>();
        int i = 0, j = 0;
        while (j <= expression.length()) {
            if (j == expression.length() || j != i && (expression.charAt(j) == '+' |
| expression.charAt(j) == '-')) {
                if (expression.charAt(i) == '+') {
                    nums.add(expression.substring(i + 1, j));
                }
                else {
                    nums.add(expression.substring(i, j));
                }

                i = j;
            }
            j++;
        }

        String result = "0/1";

        for (String num : nums) {
            result = add(result, num);
        }

        return result;
    }

    private String add(String s1, String s2) {
        String[] sa1 = s1.split("/");
        String[] sa2 = s2.split("/");
        int n1 = Integer.parseInt(sa1[0]);
        int d1 = Integer.parseInt(sa1[1]);
        int n2 = Integer.parseInt(sa2[0]);
        int d2 = Integer.parseInt(sa2[1]);

        int n = n1 * d2 + n2 * d1;
        int d = d1 * d2;

        if (n == 0) return "0/1";

        boolean isNegative = n * d < 0;
        n = Math.abs(n);
        d = Math.abs(d);
        int gcd = getGCD(n, d);

        return (isNegative ? "-" : "") + (n / gcd) + "/" + (d / gcd);
    }

    private int getGCD(int a, int b) {
        if (a == 0 || b == 0) return a + b; // base case
        return getGCD(b, a % b);
    }
}
```

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