

Simplify the following : $\frac{2}{3}\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{5}\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right) - \frac{3}{5}$

Solution:

First we need to open up brackets

$$\frac{2}{3}\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{5}\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right) - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{1}{5} * \frac{1}{3} - \frac{3}{5}$$

Then grouping terms with x , and fractions whit out x . And then summarize fractions by finding the common denominators.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5}\right)x - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{15} - \frac{3}{5} = \left(\frac{5 * 2 + 3 * 1}{15}\right)x + \frac{-1 * 5 + 1 - 3 * 3}{15} \\ &= \frac{13}{15}x + \frac{-13}{15} = \frac{13}{15}(x - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Answer: $\frac{13}{15}(x - 1)$