

Task. The numerator of a fraction is 6 less than the denominator. If 3 is added to the numerator, the fraction is equal to $2/3$. What is the original fraction?

Solution. Let n be the numerator and d be the denominator for the fraction. Then

$$n = d - 6.$$

Moreover, by assumption

$$\frac{n + 3}{d} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Substituting $n = d - 6$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d - 6 + 3}{d} = \frac{2}{3} &\Rightarrow \frac{d - 3}{d} = \frac{2}{3} &\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{3}{d} = \frac{2}{3} &\Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{d} = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} &\Rightarrow d = 9. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $n = d - 6 = 9 - 6 = 3$.

Thus the fraction is

$$\frac{n}{d} = \frac{3}{9}.$$

Answer. $\frac{3}{9}$.