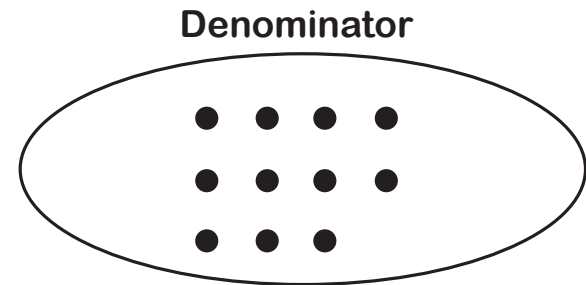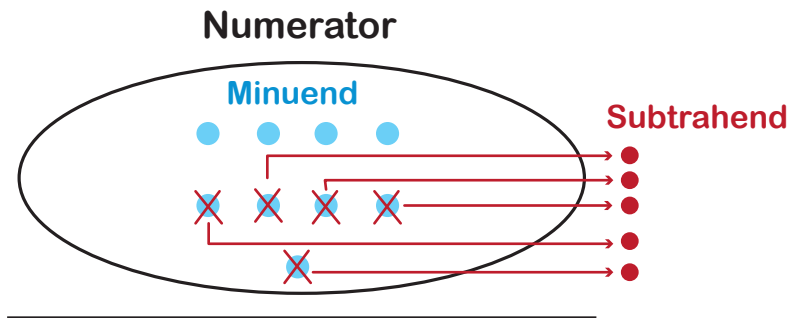Name _____   Date _____

Visually Subtracting Fractions

Model and solve the following expressions using the following steps:
1. Draw the minuend (the amount being subtracted from).
2. Subtract the subtrahend from the minuend (the amount being subtracted).
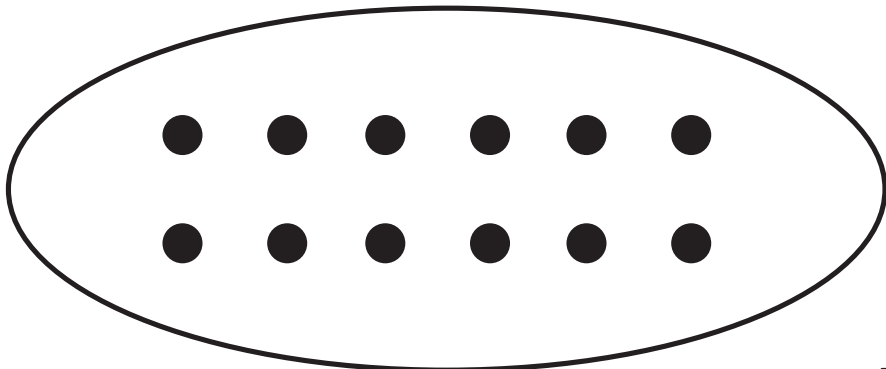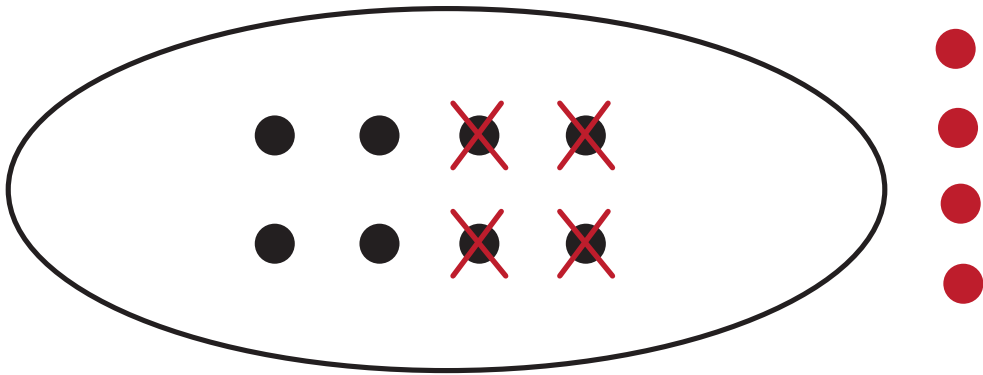3. Complete the difference sentence stem.

$$\frac{9}{11} - \frac{5}{11}$$

Numerator

Minuend   **Subtrahend**

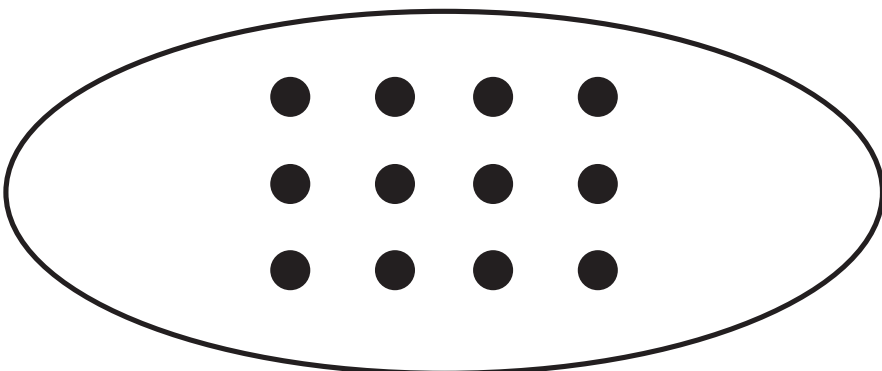**Denominator**

The difference is

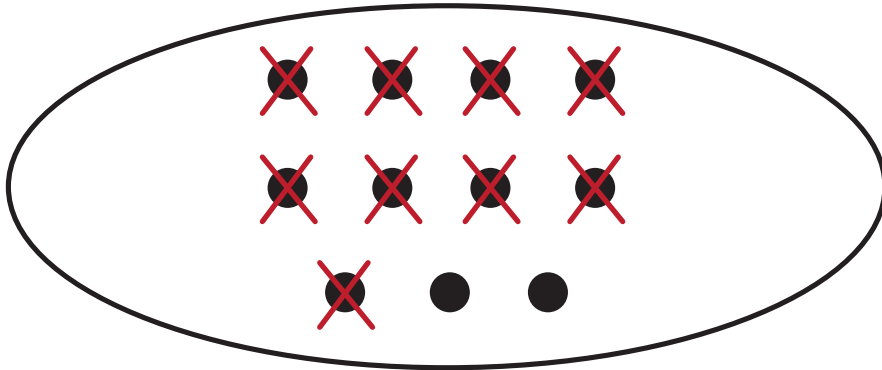$$\frac{4}{11}$$

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1) $$\frac{8}{12} - \frac{4}{12}$$
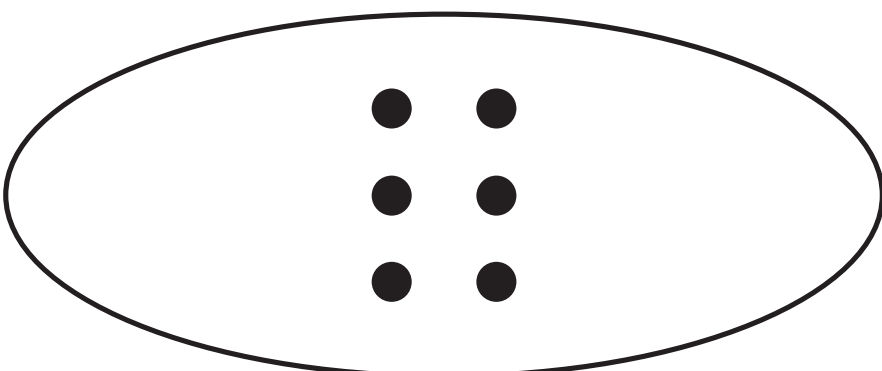
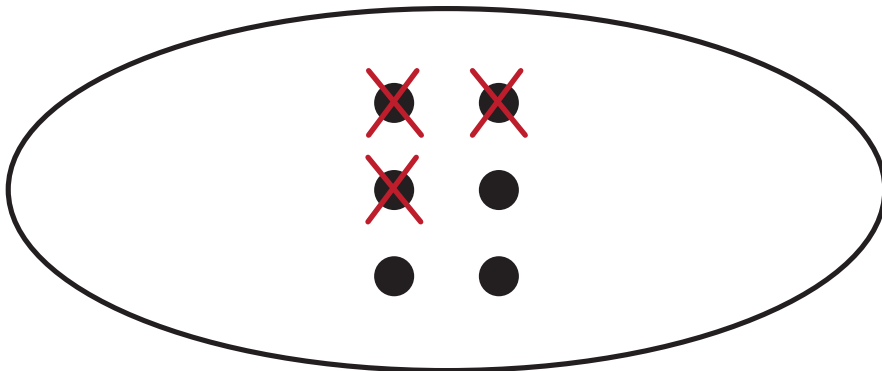The difference is

$$\frac{4}{12}$$

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Visually Subtracting Fractions

2) $\dfrac{11}{15} - \dfrac{9}{15}$
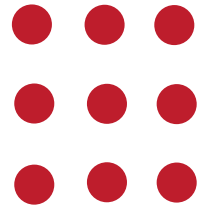
The difference is
$$\dfrac{2}{15}$$.

3) $\dfrac{6}{6} - \dfrac{3}{6}$

The difference is
$$\dfrac{3}{6}$$.

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