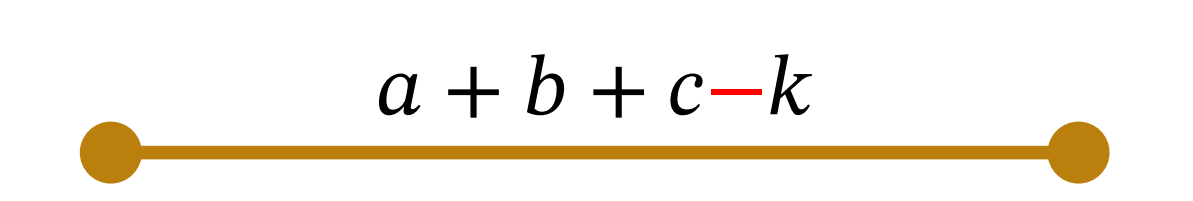




A diagram illustrating the addition of two segments. The top row shows two separate horizontal segments, each with a brown dot at each end. The first segment is labeled $a + b$ and the second is labeled $k + c$. A green segment is shown between the two dots of the second segment. A horizontal black line is below the segments.

$$a + b$$

$$k + c$$



A diagram showing a single horizontal segment with brown dots at each end, representing the combined length. The label $a + b + c - k$ is centered above the segment, with the $-k$ part in red. A horizontal black line is above the segment.

$$a + b + c - k$$