



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 positioned below these two segments. The bottom row shows a single horizontal segment with brown dots at each end, labeled  $a + b + c - k$ .

$$a + b$$

$$k + c$$

$$a + b + c - k$$