Introduction to Math for Political Scientists

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But addition and subtraction have some cool (grool?) rules

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$$(a \pm b) \pm c = a \pm (b \pm c)$$

Multiplication

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Or I could just do



Division

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- Just fancy multiplication.
- I have these four things one of ten times.

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 - Note that this works for division: $\frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c}$

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$$(10-48 \div 12 * 2)^2 + 3^2 * (8-6)$$