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Distributive property of multiplication

For any rational numbers a, b and c ,

$$a \times (b+c) = (a \times b) + (a \times c)$$

or

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac$$

verification of the distributive property of multiplication:

let us consider $a = \frac{-3}{4}$, $b = \frac{2}{3}$ and $c = \frac{-5}{6}$

$$a \times (b+c) = \frac{-3}{4} \times \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{-5}{6} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-3}{4} \times \left(\frac{4-5}{6} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-3}{4} \times \frac{-1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}$$