

# **ADDING AND SUBTRACTING DECIMALS**

**Adding and Subtracting decimals  
is similar to adding and  
subtracting whole numbers.**

**Decimals up to ten thousandths have  
four digits after the decimal point.**

**Example:** 0.0001



Here are the steps for adding and subtracting decimal numbers up to ten thousandths.

Example 1. Add  $0.25 + 0.03 + 0.0756$

Step 1: Arrange the digits in columns and align the decimal points.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2.25 \\ 0.03 \\ + 0.0756 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Here are the steps for adding and subtracting decimal numbers up to ten thousandths.

**Example 1.** Add  $0.25 + 0.03 + 0.0756$

**Step 2:** Insert zeros in empty decimal place values (if needed) so that all of the numbers have the same number of decimal places.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2.2500 \\ 0.0300 \\ + 0.0756 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Here are the steps for adding and subtracting decimal numbers up to ten thousandths.

Example 1. Add  $0.25 + 0.03 + 0.0756$

Step 3: Add or subtract as with whole numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2.2500 \\ 0.0300 \\ + 0.0756 \\ \hline 2.3556 \end{array}$$