## Elementary Solutions - 1.3

15. 
$$\frac{3}{2} - (-\frac{3}{8})$$
 $\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{8}$ 
 $\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{4} + \frac{3}{8}$ 
 $\frac{12}{8} + \frac{3}{8}$ 
 $\frac{15}{8}$ 
17.  $-(-\frac{6}{5}) - (-\frac{4}{15})$ 
 $\frac{6}{5} + \frac{4}{15}$ 
 $\frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{4}{15}$ 
 $\frac{18}{15} + \frac{4}{15}$ 

$$\frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{4}{1}$$
 $\frac{18}{15} + \frac{4}{15}$ 
 $\frac{22}{15}$ 

$$\begin{array}{l}
19. \quad -\left(-\frac{5}{8}\right) - \left(\frac{5}{12}\right) - \frac{1}{3} \\
\frac{5}{8} - \frac{5}{12} - \frac{1}{3} \\
\frac{5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{3} - \frac{5}{12} \cdot \frac{2}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{8}{8} \\
\frac{15}{24} - \frac{10}{24} - \frac{8}{24} \\
\frac{15}{24} - \frac{18}{24} \\
\frac{-3}{24}
\end{array}$$

$$21. -\frac{3}{10} - (\frac{-2}{15})$$

$$-\frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{15}$$

$$-\frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{2}{15} \cdot \frac{2}{2}$$

$$-\frac{9}{30} + \frac{4}{30}$$

$$-\frac{5}{30}$$

$$23. -\frac{4}{5} - \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$-\frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$-\frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{5}$$

$$-\frac{16}{20} + \frac{15}{20}$$

$$-\frac{1}{20}$$

$$25. -\frac{5}{7} - (-\frac{3}{5})$$

$$-\frac{5}{7} + \frac{3}{5}$$

$$-\frac{5}{7} \cdot \frac{5}{5} + \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{7}$$

$$-\frac{25}{25} + \frac{21}{35}$$

$$-\frac{4}{35}$$

51. 
$$\frac{\frac{1}{6} - (-\frac{1}{3})}{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3}}$$
$$\frac{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{2}}{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{6}}$$
$$\frac{\frac{3}{6}}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

53. 
$$-\frac{11}{12} - (-1)$$

$$-\frac{11}{12} + 1$$

$$-\frac{11}{12} + 1 \cdot \frac{12}{12}$$

$$-\frac{11}{12} + \frac{12}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{12}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -(-\frac{1}{3}) - \frac{3}{5} \\
 \frac{1}{3} - \frac{3}{5} \\
 \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{3} \\
 \frac{5}{15} - \frac{9}{15} \\
 -\frac{4}{15}
\end{array}$$

57. 
$$\frac{1}{7} - (-\frac{5}{6})$$

$$\frac{1}{7} + \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{6}{6} + \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{7}{7}$$

$$\frac{6}{42} + \frac{35}{42}$$

$$\frac{7}{3} - \left(-\frac{-1}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{7}{3}-\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{7}{3} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{7}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{3}$$

$$\frac{28}{12} - \frac{3}{12}$$

61. Which continent has the lowest elevation?

Since -133 is lower than all the other elevations, continent A has the lowest elevation.

63. Find the difference between the highest and the lowest elevation for continent A.

65. Find the difference between the highest and the lowest elevation for continent C.

67. Find the sum of the continent's highest elevations.