

change to addition

$$7 - (-4) = -7 + (+4) = -3$$

change sign

The diagram illustrates the rule for subtracting a negative number. It shows the equation $7 - (-4) = -7 + (+4) = -3$. Two blue arrows originate from the text 'change to addition' at the top. One arrow points to the minus sign between 7 and (-4), and the other points to the plus sign between -7 and (+4). Two blue arrows originate from the text 'change sign' at the bottom. One arrow points to the minus sign between 7 and (-4), and the other points to the plus sign between -7 and (+4).