

RWM101: Foundations of Real World Math



FOUR TYPES OF NUMBERS

\mathbb{N} Natural numbers : all positive whole numbers : $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \dots\}$

\mathbb{Z} Integers : all pos & neg whole number (& zero too!) : $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$

\mathbb{Q} Rational numbers : all pos & neg fractions (including integers) : $\mathbb{Q} = \{a/b, \text{ where } a \text{ \& } b \text{ are integers}\}$

\mathbb{R} Real numbers : all positive & negative numbers : \mathbb{R}

UNIT 1: NUMBER PROPERTIES

COMMUTATIVE LAW OF ADDITION & MULTIPLICATION

Tells us that the order you use to add or multiply numbers does not matter

if a and b are real numbers, then

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

When you change order it does not matter

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 + 3 = 3 + 5 \\ 8 \qquad 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \cdot 3 = 3 \cdot 5 \\ 15 \qquad 15 \end{array}$$

ASSOCIATIVE LAW OF ADDITION & MULTIPLICATION

Tell us that no matter how we group or "associate" the numbers we add or multiply, the outcome remains the same

if a, b, c are real numbers, then

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

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

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{array}{r} (7 + 8) + 2 = 7 + (8 + 2) \\ 15 + 2 = 7 + 10 \\ 17 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (5 \cdot \frac{1}{3}) \cdot 3 = 5 \cdot (\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3) \\ (\frac{5}{3}) \cdot 3 = 5 \cdot 1 \\ 5 \end{array}$$

ADDITIVE IDENTITY

Simply states that there is an additive called zero

$$0 + 5 = 5$$

$$0 + (-7) = -7$$

INVERSE PROPERTY OF ADDITION

for any real number a ,

"always returns 0"

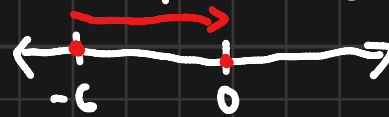
$$a + (-a) = 0$$

$-a$ is the additive inverse of a

$$5 + (-5) = 0$$



$$-6 + 6 = 0$$



MULTIPLICATIVE IDENTITY PROPERTY

States that if you multiply any number by 1, the answer is simply the number you started with

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

$$(-5) \times 1 = -5$$

INVERSE PROPERTY OF MULTIPLICATION

for any real number $a \neq 0$

$$a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$$

"always returns 1"

$\frac{1}{a}$ is the multiplicative inverse of a

$$5 \times \frac{1}{5} = 1$$

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

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} = 1$$

UNIT 1: NUMBER PROPERTIES

MULTIPLICATION BY ZERO

Multiplying with zero is always zero, why?
One way to consider 5 plates with zero cookies

$$0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 5, \text{ which is } 5 \times 0 = 0$$

DIVISION BY ZERO IS UNDEFINED

Any number divided by zero, the answer is undefined

$$5/0 = \text{undefined}$$

$$0/5 = 5$$

"Black holes are where God divided by zero"



Steven Wright

$$\frac{7}{0}, \frac{8}{0}, \frac{-1}{0}$$

undefined
↑
no good answer

$$\frac{1}{0.1} = 10$$

$$\frac{1}{0.01} = 100$$

$$\frac{1}{0.000001} = 1,000,000$$

$$\frac{1}{0} = +\infty? \quad \#$$

$$-\frac{1}{0.1} = -10 \quad \frac{1}{0} = -\infty? \quad \#$$

$$-\frac{1}{0.01} = -100$$

$$-\frac{1}{0.000001} = -1,000,000$$

DISTRIBUTIVE PROPERTY

encoded in the distributed law. This property tells how to distribute a multiplication across a sum (we write the sum in parenthesis)

abstract statement of distributed law:

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

as its name suggest, we are distributing the multiplied number a to each number in the sum

$$4(8 + 3) \rightarrow 4(11) \rightarrow 44$$

distributive

$$4 \cdot 8 + 4 \cdot 3$$

$$32 + 12$$

$$= 44$$

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$$4 \cdot 8 + 4 \cdot 3$$

$$5(9 - 4) \rightarrow 5(25) = 25$$

$$5 \cdot 9 - 5 \cdot 4$$

$$45 - 20$$

$$= 25$$

UNIT 2: COMMON MULTIPLES & COMMON FACTORS

GREATEST COMMON FACTOR

WHAT IS A FACTOR?

Its a number that divides another number exactly with no remainder or multiples

factors of 10: \rightarrow because $(1 \times 10, 2 \times 5 \text{ all } = 10)$
1, 2, 5, 10

so, the factors of 10 is 1, 2, 5, 10

GCF?

Is the largest number that divides 2 or more numbers exactly with no remainder
or simpler "It's the biggest factor they share"

EXAMPLE

GCF of 12 & 18:

12: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12

18: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 18

Common factor: 1, 2, 3, 6

Greatest: 6

PRIME FACTOR

Is a number that has only 2 factor 1 and itself

3 \rightarrow factors are 1 & 3

5 \rightarrow factors are 1 & 5

7 \rightarrow factors are 1 & 7

COMPOSITE (NOT PRIME)

Numbers with more than 2 factors

4 \rightarrow 1, 2, 4 (three factors) - not prime

8 \rightarrow 1, 2, 4, 8 (four factors) - not prime

6 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 6 (four factors) - not prime

LEAST COMMON MULTIPLE

WHAT IS A MULTIPLE?

A multiple of a number is the result of multiplying that number by an integer

its a multiple of another number n
when $m = n \times$ (another integer)

multiples of 3:

$$3 = 3 \times 1$$

$$6 = 3 \times 2$$

$$9 = 3 \times 3$$

$$12 = 3 \times 4$$

LCM?

Collection of numbers is the smallest (or least) multiple shared by every number in the collection

EXAMPLE

LCM of 12 & 8:

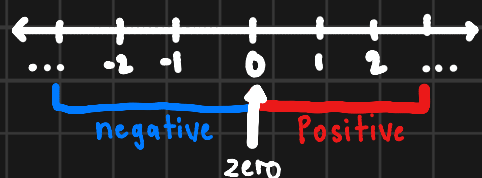
12: 12 24 36 48 60 72

8: 8 16 24 32 40 48

UNIT 3: THE ORDER OF OPERATIONS

INTRODUCTION TO INTEGERS

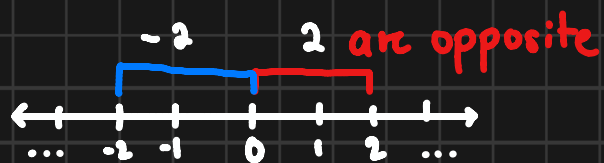
An Integer is any whole number positive, negative, or zero



NEGATIVE NUMBER

OPPOSITE

The opposite of a number is the number that is the same distance from zero on the number line, but opposite side of zero



OPPOSITE NOTATION

$-a$ means the opposite of the number a
The notation $-a$ is read opposite of a

ADDING NEGATIVE NUMBER

Rule 1: Adding negative = subtraction

- $a + (-b) = a - b$
- $-a + b = a - b$

Rule 2: Adding two negatives = negative

- $a + b = a + b$
- $(-a) + (-b) = a + b$

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{array}{lll} 9 + (-4) = 5 & -3 + (-5) = -8 & 14 + (-4) + (-3) = 7 \\ 0 + (-7) = -7 & 10 + (-7) = -3 & \end{array}$$

SUBTRACTING NEGATIVE NUMBER

positive - positive = subtract normally

- $10 - 10 = 0$

positive - negative = becomes addition

- $10 - (-10) = 20$

negative - positive = more negative

- $-10 - 10 = -20$

negative - negative = becomes addition

- $-10 - (-10) = -10 + 10 = 0$

MULTIPLYING & DIVIDING w/ DIFFERENT SIGNS

