

# 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 (l zero too!) :  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$

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

$\mathbb{R}$  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

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5 + 3 & = & 3 + 5 \\ 8 & & 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5 \cdot 3 & = & 3 \cdot 5 \\ 15 & & 15 \end{array}$$

## 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

$$(7 + 8) + 2 = 7 + (8 + 2)$$

$$15 + 2 = 7 + 10$$

$$17$$

$$(5 \cdot \frac{1}{3}) \cdot 3 = 5 \cdot (\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3)$$

$$(\frac{5}{3}) \cdot 3 = 5 \cdot 1$$

$$5$$

## ADDITIVE IDENTITY

Simply states that there is an additive called zero

$$0 + 5 = 5$$

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

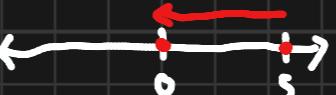
## INVERSE PROPERTY OF ADDITION

for any real number  $a$ ,

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

$-a$  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

$$1 \times 3 = 3 \quad (-5) \times 1 = -5$$

## INVERSE PROPERTY OF MULTIPLICATION

for any real number  $a \neq 0$

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

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

"always returns 1"

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

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

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

# 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

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

$$0/5 = 0$$

"Black holes are where God divided by zero"  
 $\frac{7}{0}, \frac{8}{0}, \frac{-1}{0}$   
undefined  
↑  
no good answer



Steven Wright

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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

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

$$\underbrace{4 \cdot 8}_{\text{distributive}} + 4 \cdot 3$$

$$32 + 12 \\ = 44$$

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

$$\underbrace{5 \cdot 9}_{\text{distributive}} - 5 \cdot 4$$

$$45 - 20 \\ = 25$$

# 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 ( $1 \times 10, 2 \times 5$  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 factors 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:

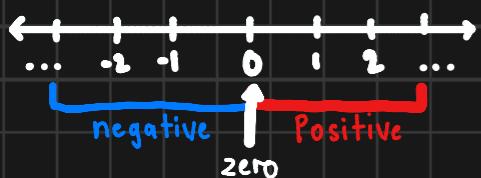
12: 12 24 36 48 60 72

8: 8 16 24 32 40 48

# UNIT 3: THE ORDER OF OPERATIONS

## INTRODUCTION TO INTEGERS

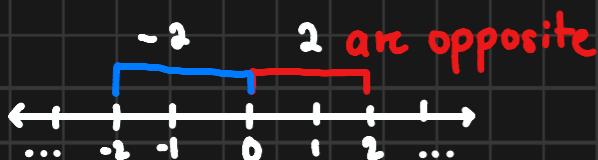
An Integer is any whole number positive, negative, or zero



## 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

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot a + (-b) &= a - b \\ \cdot -a + b &= a - b \end{aligned}$$

Rule 2: Adding two negatives = negative

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot a + b &= a + b \\ \cdot (-a) + (-b) &= a + b \end{aligned}$$

## EXAMPLE

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

$$14 + (-4) + (-3) = 7$$

## SUBTRACTING NEGATIVE NUMBER

positive - positive = subtract normally

$$\cdot 10 - 10 = 0$$

positive - negative = becomes addition

$$\cdot 10 - (-10) = 20$$

negative - positive = more negative

$$\cdot -10 - 10 = -20$$

negative - negative = becomes addition

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

## MULTIPLYING & DIVIDING w/ DIFFERENT SIGNS

