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It will be perceived, from these examples, that the order in which we write the numbers is perfectly indifferent and arbitrary, provided the proper sign of each be preserved. The above expression can be equivalently written as $(12+2-5-3-1)$, or $(2-1-3-5+12)$, or $(2+12-3-1-5)$, or in similar different orders.

~~Ques~~ In order to generalise these operations, we make use of letters instead of real numbers.

For example, $[a-b+d-c-e]$, signifies, that we have numbers expressed by a and d , and that from these numbers, or from their sum, we must subtract the numbers expressed by the letters b, c, e which have before them the sign $-$.

IMPORTANT NOTES • The Chinese and Brahmagupta were the first mathematicians to treat negatives as a number.