

R.1 Fractions.

Definition. In a fraction $\frac{a}{b}$, a is called the **numerator** and b is called the **denominator**. A fraction is **simplified** (or **reduced to its lowest terms**) when the numerator and denominator have no common factors other than 1.

A fraction where $a < b$ is called **proper fraction**, a fraction where $a > b$ is called **improper fraction**. An improper fraction can be written as a mixed number.

Procedure. *Simplification of Fractions.*

Step1.- *Find the prime factorization of the numerator.*

Step2.- *Find the prime factorization of the denominator.*

Step3.- *Cancel common factors.*

Problem 1. *Simplify each fraction.*

1.- $\frac{3}{9}$

2.- $\frac{60}{105}$

3.- $\frac{80}{125}$

Problem 2. *Convert each mixed number to a improper fraction.*

1.- $1\frac{7}{8}$

2.- $2\frac{13}{15}$

3.- $3\frac{3}{32}$

Problem 3. *Write each fraction as a mixed number.*

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

2.- $\frac{32}{7}$

Problem 4. *Find each product.*

1.- $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4}$

2.- $2\frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{8}$

3.- $\frac{5}{12} \cdot \frac{4}{15}$

Problem 5. Find each quotient.

$$1.- 5\frac{3}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{4}$$

$$2.- 4\frac{4}{5} \div \frac{8}{15}$$

$$3.- \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{5}{5}}$$

Problem 6. Find each addition or subtraction.

$$1.- \frac{5}{12} - \frac{1}{8}$$

$$2.- 5\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3.- 2\frac{1}{3} + 1\frac{1}{8}$$

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1.1 Sets of Numbers and the Real Number System.

Definition. A **Set** is a collection of elements listed within braces. The set $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$ consists of five elements, namely $a, b, c, d,$ and e . A set that contains no elements is called an **empty set** (or **null set**). The symbols $\{ \}$, or ϕ are used to represent the empty set.

Definition. The following number sets are important:

- Natural Numbers: $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- Whole Numbers: $\mathbb{W} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- Integers $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
 The numbers -3, -2, -1 are the opposite or negative of 3, 2, 1.

- Rational Numbers:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{Q} &= \{\text{quotient of two integers, denominator not } 0\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } b \neq 0 \right\}\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{a}{b}$ is a quotient of integers. e.g. $\frac{1}{5}, \frac{4}{3}, 7$ (since $7 = \frac{7}{1}$)

- Irrational Numbers: $\mathbb{I} = \{\text{All the numbers that can not be written as a quotient of integers}\}$
 e.g. $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \pi, \dots$
- all these numbers can be represented on a number line called the **Real number line**

Real numbers:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{R} &= \{\text{Irrational and Rational numbers}\} \\ &= \{\text{all the numbers that can be represented on a real number line}\}\end{aligned}$$

Definition. The Ordering of Real Numbers.

- For any two real numbers a and b , a is less than b ($a < b$) if a is to the left of b on the number line.
- For any two real numbers a and b , b is greater than a ($b > a$), if $a < b$.

Problem 1. Tell whether each statement is true or false (use the number line).

1.- $-2 < 4$

2.- $6 > -3$

3.- $-9 < -12$

4.- $-4 \geq -1$

Problem 2. Use either $>$, $<$, or $=$ in each of the following.

1.- $\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \text{ --- } \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3}$

2.- $5 \div \frac{2}{3} \text{ --- } \frac{2}{3} \div 5$

3.- $\frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \text{ --- } \frac{5}{8} \div \frac{1}{2}$

4.- $2\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \text{ --- } 2\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$

Definition. Two numbers that are the same distance from 0 but on opposite sides of 0 on the number line are called **opposite** of each other. Symbolically, we denote the opposite of a real number a as $-a$.

Problem 3. Finding the opposite of a real Number.

a) Find the opposite of 5.

b) Find the opposite of $-\frac{4}{7}$.

c) Evaluate $-(0.46)$.

d) Evaluate $-\left(-\frac{11}{3}\right)$

Definition. The **absolute value** of a number a , written $|a|$, can be considered the distance between the number a and 0 on a number line. E.g.

The absolute value of 3 written $|3|$, is 3 since it is 3 units from 0 on a number line. Similarly the absolute value of -3 written $|-3|$ is also 3 since -3 is 3 units from 0.

Problem 4. Use either $<$, $>$, or $=$ in each of the following.

1.- $\left|-\frac{6}{2}\right| \text{ --- } \left|-\frac{2}{6}\right|$

2.- $4 \text{ --- } \left|-\frac{9}{2}\right|$

3.- $|-4| \text{ --- } -3$

Problem 5. Calculate the following.

1.- $|4 - 9| =$

2.- $-|4 - 9| =$

Problem 6. Find an expression for $|x|$.

Problem 7. Give three real numbers that satisfy all the stated criteria.

1.- greater than 4 and less than 6.

2.- less than -2 and greater than -6 .

3.- greater than $|-2|$ and less than $|-6|$.

4.- greater than $|-3|$ and less than $|3|$.

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1.2 Order of Operations.

Definition. A **variable** is a symbol or letter such as x , y , and z , used to represent an unknown number. **Constants** are values that are not variable such as the numbers 3, -1.5 , $\frac{2}{7}$, and π . An algebraic **expression** is a collection of variables and constants using algebraic operations. For example $\frac{3}{x}$, $y + 7$, and $t - 1.4$ are algebraic expressions.

The symbols used to show the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division are:

Operation	Symbol	Translation
Addition	$a + b$	sum of a and b ; a plus b ; b added to a ; b more than a ; a increased by b ; the total of a and b
Subtraction	$a - b$	difference of a and b ; b subtracted from a ; a decreased by b ; b less than a
Multiplication	axb , $a \cdot b$, $a(b)$, $(a)(b)$, $(a)b$	product of a and b ; a times b ; a multiplied by b
Division	$a \div b$, $\frac{a}{b}$, a/b	quotient of a and b ; a divided by b ; b divided into a ; ratio of a and b ; a over b ; a per b .

Definition. The expression a^n is called exponential expression, the number a is the base, and the number n is the exponent:

$$a^n = \overbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdots a}^{n\text{-times}}$$

Problem 1. Find the value of each exponential expression.

a.- -6^2

b.- $(-6)^2$

c.- $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$

d.- $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$

e.- $(.4)^3$

Procedure. Order of Operations.

Step 1 If possible simplify parentheses from inside to outside and above or below fractions bars.

Step 2 Apply all exponents.

Step 3 Do Multiplications or Divisions in the order in which they occur, working from left to right.

Step 4 Do Additions or Subtractions in the order in which they occur, working from left to right.

Problem 2. Find the value of each expression.

a.- $6 - |-2| + \sqrt{15 - 6}$.

b.- $5 + 3 \cdot [1 + (2 \cdot 3)] + 1$.

c.- $\frac{5 - [3(6 \div 3) - 2]}{5^2 - 4^2 \div 2}$.

d.- $3^2 \cdot 2^2 + 2^2 + 3^2$.

Problem 3. Find the value of each expression if $x = 6$ and $y = 9$

a.- $4x + 7y$

b.- $\frac{4x - 2y}{x + 1}$

c.- $2x^2 + y^2$

Problem 4. Translate each English phrase into an algebraic expression.

- a) The quotient of x and 5
- b) Seven less than n
- c) Eight more than the absolute value of w
- d) The product of a and the square root of b
- e) The difference of twice a and b

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1.3 1.4, 1.5 Addition , Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division of Real Numbers.

Definition. Substraction. For any real numbers a and b ,

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

a minus b means a plus the opposite of b .

Procedure. *Operations with Signed Numbers.*

- *Addition/Subtraction*
like signs Add the absolute values of the numbers. The result is given the same sign as the numbers,

$$(+)(+) = +$$

$$(-)(-) = -$$

e.g.

$$+5 + 2 = +7$$

$$-5 - 2 = -7$$

(we omit the + sign at the beginning of an expression, before a - sign, or after the = sign so, $+5 + 2 = +7$ is the same as $5 + 2 = 7$)

Unlike signs Subtract them (largest absolute value number - smallest absolute value number) and then give the result the sign of the number having the largest absolute value, *e.g.*

$$-2 + 5 =$$

Subtract them ($5-2=3$ largest absolute value number - smallest absolute value number) since 5 has the largest absolute value between 2 & 5, then $-2 + 5 = +3$

$$2 - 5 =$$

Subtract them ($5-2=3$ largest absolute value number - smallest absolute value number) since 5 has the largest absolute value between 2 & 5, then $2 - 5 = -3$

- *Multiplication/Division*
like signs The product or quotient of two numbers with like signs is positive.

$$(+)(+) = + \quad \text{or} \quad (+)/(+) = +$$

$$(-)(-) = + \quad \text{or} \quad (-)/(-) = +$$

$$(5)(2) = +10 \quad 15/3 = 5$$

$$(-5)(-2) = +10 \quad -15/-3 = 5$$

unlike signs The product or quotient of two numbers with unlike signs is negative.

$$(+)(-) = - \quad \text{or} \quad (+)/(-) = -$$

$$(-)(+) = - \quad \text{or} \quad (-)/(+) = -$$

$$(+5)(-2) = -10 \quad 15/-3 = -5$$

$$(-5)(+2) = -10 \quad -15/3 = -5$$

Definition. For any number a ,

- $a \cdot 0 = 0$
- $\frac{a}{b} = n$, if and only if $n \cdot b = a$.

Problem 1. Calculate the following.

1.- $\frac{3}{12} \div \left(-\frac{5}{8}\right)$

2.- $\left(-\frac{3}{8}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)$

3.- $-\frac{7}{12} \div (-2)$

4.- Suppose that a represent a positive number and b represent a negative number. Find whether the given expressions are positive or negative:

$$a - b \quad b - a \quad a + |b| \quad b - |a|$$

Problem 2. If a represents any real number except 0, find $\frac{0}{a}$, $\frac{a}{0}$.

Proposition. Let a be positive real number, then the following operations are true.

$$\begin{aligned} +(+a) &= +1(+a) = a \\ +(-a) &= +1(-a) = -a \\ -(+a) &= -1(+a) = -a \\ -(-a) &= -1(-a) = -a \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. Simplify.

1) $+3 - (-2) =$

2) $-(+2) + (-3) =$

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1.6 Properties of the Real Number System.

Properties of Addition and Multiplication:

\forall means “for every”, \exists means “there exists”, \in “belongs to”, \ni “such that”, \mathbb{R} Real numbers set.

- Commutative Property:

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} \\ x + y &= y + x \\ x \cdot y &= y \cdot x\end{aligned}$$

- Associative Property:

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \\ x + (y + z) &= (x + y) + z \\ x \cdot (y \cdot z) &= (x \cdot y) \cdot z\end{aligned}$$

- Identity Property:

$$\begin{aligned}\exists 0 \in \mathbb{R} \ni \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ x + 0 &= x \\ \exists 1 \in \mathbb{R} \ni 1 \neq 0 \text{ and } \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ x \cdot 1 &= x\end{aligned}$$

0 is called the identity element of addition, and 1 is called the identity element of multiplication.

- Inverse Property:

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists -x \in \mathbb{R} \ni \\ x + (-x) &= 0 \\ \forall x \in \mathbb{R} / \{0\} \exists \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{R} \ni \\ x \cdot \frac{1}{x} &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$-x$ is called the opposite of x or the additive inverse element, and $\frac{1}{x}$ the reciprocal of x or the multiplicative inverse element.

- Distributive Property:

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \\ x \cdot (y + z) &= x \cdot y + x \cdot z\end{aligned}$$

Problem 1. Complete each statement. Use a commutative property.

1.- $x + 9 =$

2.- $(-12)(4) =$

3.- $5x =$

Problem 2. Complete each statement. Use an associative property.

1.- $(9 + 10) + (-3) =$

2.- $-5 + (2 + 8) =$

3.- $10 \cdot [(-8) \cdot (-3)] =$

Problem 3. Decide whether each statement is an example of a commutative property, an associative property, or both.

1.- $2(4 \cdot 6) = (2 \cdot 4)6$

2.- $(2 \cdot 4)6 = (4 \cdot 2)6$

3.- $(2 + 4) + 6 = 4 + (2 + 6)$

4.- Simplify $8 + 4y + 10$

Problem 4. Use an identity property to complete each statement.

1.- $9 + 0 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2.- $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} + (-7) = -7$

3.- $\frac{1}{4} \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \frac{3}{12}$

4.- $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \cdot 1 = 5$

Problem 5. Complete the statement so that they are examples of either an identity property or an inverse property. Tell which property is used.

1.- $-6 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 0$

2.- $\frac{4}{3} \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 1$

3.- $-\frac{1}{9} \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 1$

4.- $275 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 275$

5.- Simplify $5m - 3 - 5m$

Problem 6. Use distributive property to rewrite each expression.

1.- $2(p + 5)$

2.- $-4(y + 7)$

3.- $5(m - 4)$

4.- $9 \cdot k + 9 \cdot 5$

5.- $3a - 3b$

6.- $7(2y + 7k - 9m)$

7.- $-(3k - 5)$

8.- $-(2 - r)$

9.- *Simplify* $4x + x$

Problem 7. *Fill in the blanks with the correct responses.*

1.- *The identity element for addition is _____.*

2.- *The identity element for multiplication is _____.*

3.- *Every number has a(n) _____ inverse.*

4.- *Every number except _____ has a(n) _____ inverse.*

5.- *The sum of a number and its _____ is 0.*

6.- *The _____ of a number and its _____ is 1.*

7.- *The additive inverse of a is _____.*

8.- *The multiplicative inverse of a ($a \neq 0$) is _____.*

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Review: Simplifying Expressions.

Definition. -

- A term is an expression separated by the + or – sign.
- Terms with exactly the same variables including the same exponents are called like terms.
- A factor is an expression separated by the · sign.
- The numerical factor of a term is called the coefficient of the term.
- An algebraic expression with more than one term is called *polynomial*.
- A polynomial with exactly three terms is called *trinomial*, a polynomial with exactly two terms is called a *binomial*, an algebraic expression with exactly one term is called a *monomial*.

Problem. *Simplify each expression.*

1.- $2 - 3x - 2x + y$

2.- $2y^2 + 4 - x^2 + 5x + 3y^2 - 5x^2 + 8$

3.- $\frac{3}{5}x - 3 - \frac{7}{4}x - 2$

4.- $\frac{1}{2}y - 4 + \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{5}y$

Problem. *Use the distributive property to remove parentheses.*

1.- $-2(x + y - z)$

2.- $2(3x - 2y + \frac{1}{4})$

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

4.- $-3(-x + 4 + 2y)$

5.- $-\frac{1}{2}(2x - 4)$

Problem. *Simplify.*

1.- $4 + (3x - 4) - 5$

2.- $4 - (y - 5) - 2x + 1$

3.- $-6x + 7y - (3 + x) + (x + 3)$

4.- $4(x - 1) + 2(3 - x) - 4$

5.- $-5(2y - 8) - 3(1 + x) - 7$

2.1 The Addition & Multiplication Properties of Equality.

Definition. .

- A statement that shows two algebraic expressions are equal is called an **equation**.
- An equation having variables with exponent equal to 1, is called a **linear equation**.
- A linear equation written in the form $ax + by = c$ is called a linear equation in its **standard form**, where a , b , and c are real numbers, with $a \neq 0$.
- Solving an equation means find the value of the variable(s) which makes the equation a true statement.
 To solve an equation, we add or multiply the same number to each side of this equation. The addition and multiplication properties justify this step.
- Equations that have exactly the same solutions are **equivalent equations**.

Proposition. Addition Property of Equality. *If a , b , and c are real numbers, then the equations*

$$a = b \quad \text{and} \quad c + a = b + c$$

are equivalent equations. That is, we can add to each side of an equation the same number without changing the equation solution.

Proposition. Multiplication Property of Equality. *If a , b , and c ($c \neq 0$) are real numbers, then the equations*

$$a = b \quad \text{and} \quad c \cdot a = b \cdot c$$

are equivalent equations. That is, we can multiply each side of an equation by the same nonzero number without changing the equation solution.

Problem 1. *Answer the questions.*

1.- *Is $x = \frac{1}{2}$ a solution of $x + 3 = 3x + 2$?*

2.- *Is $x = 3$ a solution of $3x - 3 = 9$?*

Problem 2. *Solve each equation and check your solution.*

1.- $x - 4 = 13$

2.- $5 + x = 18$

3.- $\frac{9}{2}m + 1 = \frac{7}{2}m$

4.- $-(5 - 4r) + 3(-r + 1) = 1$

5.- $-3(m - 4) + 2(5 + 2m) = 29$

6.- $2(x - 6) = 2x - 12$ *Special Case*

7.- $3x + 6(x + 1) = 9x - 4$ *Special Case*

Problem 3. Solve (apply the multiplication property).

1.- $3x = 15$ and check by substituting back in the given equation.

2.- $-6p = -14$

3.- $3r = -12$

4.- $-2m = 16$

5.- $\frac{y}{5} = 5$

6.- $\frac{p}{4} = -6$

7.- $-\frac{5}{6}t = -15$

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2.2 Solving linear equations.

(variable on only one side of the equation)

Problem 1. *Solve each equation.*

1.- $2(3x - 4) - 4x = 12$

2.- $3(4 - x) + 5x = 9$

3.- $1 + (x + 3) + 6x = 6$

4.- $5x + 3x - 4x - 7 = 9$

5.- $3 - 2(x + 3) + 2 = 1$

(with the variable on both sides of the equation).

Problem 2. *Solve each equation.*

1.- $5y - 7y + 6y - 9 = 3 + 2y$

2.- $7m - (2m - 9) = 39$

3.- $2(4 + 3r) = 3(r + 1) + 11$

4.- $2 - 3(2 + 6z) = 4(z + 1) + 18$

5.- $\frac{1}{4}x - 4 = \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{3}{4}x$

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2.3 Linear Equations: Clearing Fractions and Decimals.

Problem 1. Solve each equation.

1) $\frac{1}{5}x - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{3}$

2) $0.05x + 0.25 = 0.2$

3) $\frac{1}{6}x - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{5}x - 1$

4) $\frac{x-2}{5} - \frac{x-4}{2} = 2 + \frac{x+4}{10}$

5) $2.5x + 3 = 1.7x - 6.6$

6) $0.20(x+4) - 0.45(x+9) = 12$

2.4 Application of Linear Equations: Introduction to Problem Solving.

Procedure. Solving word problems.

Step1.- Identify the main unknown quantity or variable.

Step2.- Identify any other unknown quantities.

Step3.- Translate the problem into an equation.

Step4.- Solve the equation.

Step5.- Answer the question of the problem.

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Problem 1. The sum of a number and negative eleven is negative fifteen. Find the number.

Problem 2. Forty less than five times a number is fifty-two less than the number. Find the number.

Problem 3. Twice the sum of a number and six is two more than three times the number. Find the number.

Problem 4. *The sum of two consecutive odd integers is -188 . Find the integers.*

Problem 5. *Ten times the smallest of three consecutive integers is twenty-two more than three times the sum of the integers. Find the integers.*

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2.8 Linear Inequalities.

Definition. Two algebraic expressions related by the signs $<$, \leq , $>$ or \geq are called inequalities. E.g.

$$2x + 3 \leq 4 \quad 4x > 3x - 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 1.5 \leq 2.3x + 4.5$$

Problem 1. Graph each of the inequalities and use interval notation.

- a) $x < 3$
- b) $x \leq 3$
- c) $x > 3$
- d) $x \geq 3$
- e) $-2 < x < 3$
- f) $-2 \leq x \leq 3$

Proposition. Addition Property of Inequality.

For any real numbers a , b and c , the inequalities

$$a < b \quad \text{and} \quad a + c < b + c$$

have exactly the same solution. In other words, the same number may be added to each side of an inequality without changing the solutions.

Proposition. Multiplication Property of Inequality.

For any real numbers a , b and c ($c \neq 0$),

- If c is positive, then the inequalities

$$a < b \quad \text{and} \quad ac < bc$$

have exactly the same solution. In other words, each side of an inequality the same positive number may be multiplied by the same positive number without changing the solutions.

- If c is negative, then the inequalities

$$a < b \quad \text{and} \quad ac > bc$$

If the number is negative, we must reverse the direction of the inequality symbol.

Problem 2. Solve the following inequalities, graph each solution.

- a) $x + 5(x + 1) > 4(2 - x) + x$
- b) $8 - 6t \geq 2t + 24$

c) $-4r + 3(r + 1) < 2r$

d) $-6 \leq 2z + 4 \leq 12$

e) $\frac{3(x-2)}{5} > \frac{5(2-x)}{3}$

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3.1 The Rectangular Coordinate System.

Definition. .

- A linear equation in two variables is an equation that can be put in the form

$$ax + by = c \quad (\text{the standard form of a linear equation in two variables})$$

where a , b , and c are real numbers and a and b are not both 0.

A solution of a linear equation in two variables requires two numbers, one for each variable. A pair of numbers such as (x, y) is called an **ordered pair**. (pair because the two numbers, and ordered, because in general case is not the same (x, y) and (y, x)).

- A graph of an equation is an illustration of a set of points whose coordinates satisfy the equation.

Problem 1. .

- Write the following solution as an ordered pair: $x = 5$ and $y = 7$
- Decide whether the ordered pairs $(0, 10)$, $(2, -5)$, satisfy the equation: $5x + 2y = 20$
- Complete the given ordered pairs for the given equation: $y = 2x - 9$

$$(5, \quad)$$

$$(\quad , 2)$$

- Complete the table of ordered pairs for the equation: $2x - 3y = 12$

x	0	
y		0

- Plot the points $(4, 5)$, $(-1, 3)$, $(3, -1)$, $(\pi, 1.1)$.

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3.2-3.3 Linear Equations in Two Variables, x and y intercepts, Horizontal and Vertical Lines.

There are infinitely many ordered pairs that satisfy an equation in two variables.

For example, we find ordered pairs that are solutions of the equation $x + 2y = 7$ by choosing as many values of x or y as we wish and then completing each ordered pair.

For example, if we choose $x = 1$, then we find that $y = 3$, so that the ordered pair $(1, 3)$ is a solution of the equation $x + 2y = 7$.

Definition. -

- The intercept point between the graph of a linear equation and the x -axis (i.e. when $y = 0$) is called the x -intercept of the graph.
- The intercept point between the graph of a linear equation and the y -axis (i.e. when $x = 0$) is called the y -intercept of the graph.

Procedure. *Graphing a Linear Equation Finding Intercepts.*

- 1) Find the x -intercept by letting $y = 0$ in the given equation and solving for x . Then $(x, 0)$ is the x -intercept.
- 2) Find the y -intercept by letting $x = 0$ in the given equation and solving for y . Then $(0, y)$ is the y -intercept.

Proposition. .

- If a and b are real numbers, the graph of a linear equation of the form

$$ax + by = 0$$

goes through the origin $(0, 0)$.

- The graph of the linear equation $y = k$, where k is a real number, is the horizontal line going through the point $(0, k)$.
- The graph of the linear equation $x = k$, where k is a real number, is the vertical line going through the point $(k, 0)$.

Problem 1. *Find the intercepts and graph.*

- a) $5x + 2y = 10$
- b) $3x + y = 0$
- c) $2x = y$
- d) $y = -5$

e) $x = 2$

Problem 2. *The cost C , of playing tennis in the Casa Blanca Tennis Club includes an annual \$200 membership fee plus \$10 per hour, h , of court time.*

- *Write an equation for the annual cost of playing tennis in terms of hours played.*
- *Graph the equation for up to and including 300 hours.*
- *Estimate the cost for playing 200 hours in a year.*
- *If the annual cost for playing tennis was \$1200, estimate how many hours of tennis were played.*

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3.4 Slope of a Line.

Definition. Slope Formula. The **slope** of the line through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is defined as

$$m = \frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Proposition. Positive, Negative, Zero and Undefined Slopes.

- A line with positive slope rises from left to right.
- A line with negative slope falls from left to right.
- A horizontal line ($y = k$) has a slope equal to zero.
- A vertical line ($x = k$) has a undefined slope.

Problem 1. Find the slope of each of the following lines.

- a) Through $(6, -2)$ & $(5, 4)$
- b) With equation $3x + 2y = 6$
- c) With equation $y = -1$
- d) With equation $x - 4 = 0$

Proposition. Slope of Parallel and Perpendicular Lines.

- Two lines such that $m_1 = m_2$ are parallels
- Two lines such that $m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$ are perpendicular

Problem 2. Write parallel, perpendicular or neither for each pair of lines.

1)

$$x + y = 6$$

$$x + y = 1$$

2)

$$3x - y = 4$$

$$x + 3y = 9$$

Problem 3. *Mario earns \$10.00/hr working for a landscape company. Oscar earns \$15.00/hr working for an in-hour nursing agency.*

- a) *Find the slope of the line representing Mario's earnings.*
- b) *Find the slope of the line representing Oscar's earnings.*

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3.5 Equations of a Line: Slope-Intercept Form

Definition. Slope-Intercept form.

The slope-intercept form of the equation of a line with slope m and y -intercept $(0, b)$ is

$$y = mx + b$$

Procedure. *Finding the slope and the y -intercept of a Line from its Equation.*

Solve the equation for y

The slope is given by the coefficient of x

The y -intercept is the independent term, b , that is $(0, b)$

Problem 1. *Find the slope and y -intercept of each line and graph the line.*

1) $y = -\frac{7}{2}x + 1$

2) $3x + 2y = 9$

3) $x + 3 = 7$

Problem 2. *Find the equation (in the form $ax + by = c$) of the line with the given slope and value of b .*

1) $m = -1; b = 8$

2) $m = 3; b = 0$

3) $m = 0; (0, 2)$

4) *Through $(-1, 3)$, with slope -2*

5) *Through the points $(-3, 1)$ and $(2, 4)$*

Summary of Linear Equations:

$ax + by = c$	Standard Form
$x = k$	Vertical line Slope is undefined x -intercept is $(k, 0)$
$y = k$	Horizontal line Slope is zero y -intercept is $(0, k)$
$y = mx + b$	Slope-intercept form Slope is m y -intercept is $(0, b)$
$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$	Slope equation Line goes through (x_1, y_1) & (x_2, y_2)

4.1 Exponents: Multiplying and Dividing Common Bases.

Definition. In the expression

$$a^n = \overbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdots a}^{n\text{-times}}$$

a is called the base, and n is called the exponent or power. The above expression means “the product of a by itself n -times”.

Proposition. *Rules for Exponents. For any integers m and n :*

- 1) $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$ *-Product Rule*
- 2) $a^0 = 1$ ($a \neq 0$) *-Zero Exponent*
- 3) $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ ($a \neq 0$) *-Negative Exponent*
- 4) $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ ($a \neq 0$) *-Quotient Rule*
- 5) *Power Rules*
 - a) $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
 - b) $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$
 - c) $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$ ($b \neq 0$)
- 6) $\frac{a^{-m}}{b^{-n}} = \frac{b^n}{a^m}$ *-Negative to positive exponent*

Problem 1. *Evaluate/Simplify each exponential expression.*

- 1) $(-2)^5$
- 2) -2^5
- 3) -4^2
- 4) $(-4)^2$
- 5) $y^3 \cdot y^2$
- 6) $\frac{x^5}{x^2}$

7) $\frac{x^3}{x^5}$

8) $-(x^0)$

9) $\left(\frac{2}{3}m^{13}n^8\right)(24m^7n^2)$

10) $\left(\frac{1}{4}c^6d^6\right)(28c^2d^7)$

11) $\frac{w^{12}w^2}{w^4w^5}$

12) $\frac{z^3z^{11}}{z^4z^6}$

13) $\frac{t^{3+2m}}{t^{2m}}$

4.2 More Properties of Exponents.**Problem 1.** *Simplify each exponential expression.*

1) $(-5xyz)^2$

2) $\left(\frac{w}{z}\right)^7$

3) $\left(\frac{2y^3}{x}\right)^4$

4) $\left(\frac{2x^7y^2}{4xy}\right)^3$

5) $(2c^3d^2)\left(\frac{c^6d^8}{4c^2d}\right)^2$

6) $\frac{(21x^5y)(2x^8y^4)}{14xy}$

7) $(3x^4z^{10})^2(2x^2z^8)$

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4.3 Definition of b^0 and b^{-n} .

Problem 1. *Simplify each exponential expression.*

1) $(8x)^0$

2) ab^0

3) 4^{-3}

4) $\frac{4^2}{4^5}$

5) $4^{-1} - 3^{-1}$

6) $\frac{x^{-2}}{x^5}$

7) $(2x^{-3}y^{-2})(x^4y^0)$

8) $\frac{32x^4y^{-2}}{4x^{-2}y^0}$

9) $\frac{21x^{-3}z^2}{7xz^{-3}}$

10) $\frac{x^{-4}}{x^{-1}}$

11) $\frac{x^{-3}}{y^{-2}}$

12) $\frac{4h^{-5}}{m^{-2}k}$

13) $\frac{8^4 \cdot m^9}{8^5 \cdot m^{10}}$

14) $\frac{3^9 \cdot (x^2y)^{-2}}{3^3 \cdot x^{-4}y}$

4.5 Addition and Subtraction of Polynomials

Definition. -

- **Terms** are algebraic expressions separated by the plus or minus sign.
- The numerical factor in a term is called the numerical **coefficient**.
- The **degree of a term with one variable** is the exponent on the variable.
 For example, $3x^4$ has degree 4, $6x^{17}$ has degree 17, $5x$ has degree 1, and -7 has degree 0 (since -7 can be written as $-7x^0$).
- An algebraic expression with more than one term is called **polynomial**.
- A **polynomial in x** is a polynomial with terms of the form ax^n where a is any real number and n is a whole number.
 For example $16x^8 - 7x^6 + 5x^4 - 3x^2 + 4$ is a polynomial in x .
- A polynomial is written in **descending powers of the variable or just descending order**, if the exponents on x decrease from left to right.
 On the other hand,

$$2x^3 - x^2 + \frac{4}{x}, \quad 5\sqrt{x} - 2x, \quad \text{and} \quad x^{-2} + 4 - x^2$$

are not polynomials in x , on the these expression n is not a whole number.

- A polynomial in x is **complete** if written the polynomial is descending order, the exponents on x decrease always by 1.
- The **degree of a polynomial** is the highest degree in any nonzero term of the polynomial. For example $3x^4 - 5x^2 + 6$ has degree 4.
- A polynomial with exactly three terms is called **trinomial**, a polynomial with exactly two terms is called a **binomial**, an algebraic expression with exactly one term is called a **monomial**.

Problem 1. *Classifying Polynomials.*

- $3x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x - 5$
- $9x^2 - 5x + 2x^3$
- $3x^2 + 2x + 6 - 5x^{-1}$

Problem 2. *Find each sum.*

- $(2x^4 - 6x^2 + 7) + (-3x^4 + 5x^2 + 2)$
-

$$4x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x$$

$$6x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x$$

- $(\frac{7}{2}y^2 - \frac{11}{3}y + 8) - (-\frac{3}{2}y^2 + \frac{4}{3}y + 6)$

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4.6 Multiplication of Polynomials.

Problem 1. -

- *Multiplication of Monomials.*

1) $(3x^4)(4x^2)$.

2) $\left(\frac{1}{3}a^4b^3\right)\left(\frac{3}{4}b^7\right)$.

- *Multiplying a Monomial and a Polynomial.*

1) $5m^2(2m + 7)$

2) $-4y^2(3x^3 + 2y^2 - 4y + 8)$

- *Multiplying two binomials.*

1) $(4x + 3)(2x + 1)$

2) $(3k - 2)(2k + 1)$

- *Multiplying any two polynomials.*

1) $(m^3 - 2m + 1)(2m^2 + 4m + 3)$

2) $(6p^2 + 2p - 4)(3p^2 - 5)$

- *Multiplying Polynomials Vertically.*

1)

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 4x - 5 \\ x - 4 \end{array}$$

2)

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - x^2 + x + 1 \\ x - 2 \end{array}$$

Procedure. *Multiplying Binomials by the FOIL method.*

Step1.- *Multiply the two First terms of each binomial to get the first term of the answer.*

Step2.- *Find the Outer product and the Inner product and add them*

(mentally, if possible) to get the middle term of the answer.

Step3.- *Multiply the two Last terms of the binomials to get the last term of the answer.*

Problem 2. *Using the FOIL method.*

1) $(x - 2)(x + 1)$

2) $(4x - 1)(2x + 3)$

Special Products.

Proposition. .

- *Square of a Binomial (Squaring a Binomial).*

$$(x \pm y)^2 = x^2 \pm 2xy + y^2$$

- *Product of the Sum and Difference of Two Terms.*

$$(x + y)(x - y) = x^2 - y^2$$

Problem 3. *Find the product.*

1) $(2x - 3)^2$

2) $(6a - 3)(6a + 3)$

4.7 Division of Polynomials

- *Dividing a Polynomial by a Monomial.*

To divide a polynomial by a monomial, divide each term of the polynomial by the monomial:

$$\frac{a + b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} \quad (c \neq 0)$$

Problem 4. *Divide.*

1) $\frac{12m^6 + 18m^5 + 30m^4}{6m^2}$

2) $\frac{12p^5 + 8p^4 + 3p^3 - 5p^2}{3p^3}$

- *Dividing a Polynomial by a Polynomial.*

Problem 5. *Divide.*

1) $\frac{p^3 - 2p^2 - 5p + 9}{p + 2}$ 2) $(x^3 - 8) \div (x - 2)$ 3) $\frac{2m^5 + m^4 + 6m^3 - 3m^2 - 18}{m^2 + 3}$

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5.1 Greatest Common Factor and Factoring by Grouping.

1) Factoring out the GCF.

Definition. Writing an algebraic expression as the product of two or more expression (with degree less than the original one) is called factoring the algebraic expression.

E.g.

$$15x^2 - 6x = 3x(5x - 2)$$

$15x^2 - 6x$ is the algebraic expression and $(3x)(5x - 2)$ is its factored form.

Some expression cannot be factored, we call such expressions **prime expressions**.

Definition. The greatest common factor is the largest term that is a factor of all terms in the polynomial. The greatest common factor is also called the greatest common divisor.

Problem 1. Factor out the greatest common factor.

a) $-12p^3q - 8p^2q^2 + 4pq^3$.

b) $9a^4b - 18a^5b + 27a^6b$.

c) $-10x^4y^3z^2 + 8x^3y^2z - 20x^2y$.

2) Factoring by Grouping.

Procedure. Factoring by grouping.

- Group the terms so that each group has a common factor
- Use the distributive property to factor each group of terms
- If possible, factor a common binomial factor from the results of previous step
- If step 2 doesn't result in a common binomial factor, try grouping the terms of the original polynomial in a different way.

Problem 2. Factor by grouping.

a) $3ax + 12a + 2bx + 8b$.

b) $16w^4 - 40w^3 - 12w^2 + 30w$.

c) $4a^2b + 12a^2 - 8ab - 24a$.

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5.2-5.4 Factoring Trinomials.

Procedure. *Factoring Trinomials of the form $x^2 + bx + c$, where $a = 1$.*

- List all pairs of integers whose product is c
- Choose the pair whose sum is equal to b
- Suppose that x_1 and x_2 is such pair
- Form the product $x^2 + bx + c = (x + x_1)(x + x_2)$

Problem 1. *Factor the trinomials.*

- a) $x^2 - 2x - 15$
- b) $x^2 - 9x - 22$
- c) $-x^2 - 7xy + 18y^2$.

Procedure. *Factoring Trinomials of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 1$.*

- List all pairs of integers whose product is $a \cdot c$
- Choose the pair whose sum is equal to b
- Suppose that x_1 and x_2 is such pair
- Split the middle term $bx = x_1x + x_2x$, then
- $ax^2 + bx + c = ax^2 + x_1x + x_2x + c$, and then factor by grouping

Problem 2. *Factor the trinomial.*

- a) $2x^2 + 7x + 3$.
- b) $2x^2 - 8x^3 + 3x$.
- c) $10x^2 + 13x - 3$.

Proposition. *Factoring Perfect Square Trinomials.*

$$\boxed{(x \pm y)^2 = x^2 \pm 2xy + y^2}$$

Problem 3. *Factor the perfect square trinomials.*

- a) $25x^2 - 30x + 9$.
- b) $5w^2 + 50w + 45$.
- c) $x^2 + 14x + 49$.

Proposition. *Factoring a Difference of Two Squares.*

$$x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$$

Problem 4. *Factor if possible.*

a) $x^2 - 100$.

b) $4y^4 - 121z^2$.

c) $w^4 - 16$.

5.5 Factoring a Sum and Difference of Two Cubes.

Proposition. *Factoring a Difference or Sum of Two Cubes.*

$$x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2) \quad \text{and} \quad x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

Problem 1. *Factor if possible.*

a) $27 - 8y^3$.

b) $27 + 8y^3$.

c) $x^3 - 64y^3$.

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5.6 General Factoring Summary.

Problem 1. *Factor the following expressions.*

a) $abx^2 - 3ax + 5bx - 15.$

b) $d^4 - \frac{1}{16}.$

c) $\frac{1}{9}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{4}.$

d) $(2x - 7)^2 - 3(2x - 7) - 40.$

e) $4x + 6pa - 8a - 3px.$

f) $x^2 - y^2 - 6y - 9.$