



Subtraction of Rational Numbers

Today's Standard

7.NS.A1c - Understand subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse, $p - q = p + (-q)$. Show that the distance between two rational numbers on the number line is the absolute value of their difference, and apply this principle in real-world contexts.

| Cues | Notes |
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| What is the additive inverse? | Additive inverse: The opposite of a number. |
| How do you subtract rational numbers? | Subtracting rational numbers: $p - q = p + (-q)$. |
| What is absolute value? | Absolute value: The distance of a number from zero on the number line, always positive. |
| How is distance calculated on a number line? | Distance calculation: The absolute value of the difference between two numbers. |
| Real-world applications of rational number subtraction | Examples: Temperature changes, financial calculations, map distances. |

Summary

Understanding subtraction of rational numbers involves adding the additive inverse and using absolute value to determine distances on the number line. This concept has various real-world applications.