

# INTEGER RULES

## ADD

***neg + neg = add & keep it negative***

Example:  $-5 + (-9) = -14$

you will also see it written like this

$-5 - 9$

In other words

***-5 + (-9) IS THE SAME AS -5 - 9***

***pos + pos = add & keep it positive***

Example:  $2 + 3 = 5$

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***pos + neg or neg + pos =  
subtract & keep the sign of the "larger" #***

Example:  $-10 + 7 = -3$

Example:  $6 + (-2) = 4$

## SUBTRACT

***Integer subtraction is "sign changing"***

Example:  $-(-5) = 5$

Example:  $17 - (-3) = 20$

**Rule: Change the sign & then follow the  
add rules.**

this is what you do when you are

Subtracting a negative number

If you have a positive number minus a negative  
number, It is the same as pos + pos

Example:  $7 - (-2) = 7 + 2$

join the double negatives to make a +

- - or - (-) = +

## MULTIPLY

***neg x neg = positive***

Example:  $(-8)(-7) = 56$

***pos x pos = positive***

Example:  $(3)(4) = 12$

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***neg x pos = negative***

Example:  $(-6)(9) = -54$

***pos x neg = negative***

Example:  $(2)(-9) = -18$

## DIVIDE

***neg ÷ neg = positive***

Example:  $\frac{-40}{-5} = 8$

***pos ÷ pos = positive***

Example:  $\frac{20}{5} = 4$

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***neg ÷ pos = negative***

Example:  $\frac{-36}{12} = -3$

***pos ÷ neg = negative***

Example:  $\frac{24}{-12} = -2$