

## Chapter 4

## Expressions + Equations

## 4-1 (p. 173) The Distributive Property

To multiply a sum or difference by a number, multiply each term inside the parenthesis by the number outside the parenthesis.

Examples:

$$A) a(b+c) = ab + ac$$

B) this one seems a bit backwards, but the concept is the same.

$$(9-3)8 = 9 \cdot 8 - 3 \cdot 8$$

$$72 - 24$$

$$48$$

Example 1 (p. 173)

$$a. \quad 5(12+4)$$

$$5 \cdot 12 + 5 \cdot 4$$

$$60 + 20$$

$$80$$

$$b. \quad (20-3)8$$

$$20 \cdot 8 - 3 \cdot 8$$

$$160 - 24$$

$$136$$

Your Turn:

$$1A. \quad (6+3)4$$

$$6 \cdot \square + 3 \cdot \square$$

$$24 + \square$$

$$36$$

$$1B. \quad 4(9-2)$$

$$4 \cdot 9 - \square \cdot \square$$

$$36 - \square$$

$$\square$$

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Go to pg. 175 - you will be using the distributive property more often this way:

Example 3

a.  $4(x+5)$   
 $4x + 4 \cdot 5$   
 $4x + 20$

You don't have to write this step out... as long as you understand it.

b.  $(y+10)6$   
 $6y + 60$

Your Turn:

3A  $2(a+5)$   
 $2a +$

3B  $(b+6)3$   
 $3b +$

Example 4 - using subtraction/negative

a.  $3(m-4)$   
 $3m - 12$

b.  $-9(n-7)$   
 $-9n - 63$   
 $-9n + 63$

remember the integer rules

$$-9 \cdot 7 = -63$$

recognize this as a "plussy-plussy"

Your Turn:

4A  $4(d-3)$   
 $4d -$

4B  $-7(e-4)$   
 $-28$   
 $+$

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## Simplifying Algebraic Expressions

There are 4 terms!  
(Terms are separated by addition and subtraction)

The 3 is called a coefficient.

These are "like terms"  
X can be thought of as 1X because there is "one X."

These are constants

$$\textcircled{6x} - 2y + \textcircled{x} - \underline{5}$$

- How many terms? 4
- Circle the like terms.
- Which variable can be understood better by using the identity property? X
- Underline any constants.

simplified:  $7x - 2y - 5$

Your turn:

$$8t - 4 + 2y + t + 3$$

- How many terms?
- Circle the like terms.
- Which variable can be understood better by using the identity property?
- Underline any constants.

simplified:  $9t - 1 + 2y$

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\* An algebraic expression is in simplest form if it has no like terms and no parenthesis.

\* Use the distributive property to combine like terms.



Look at these carefully!

p. 181

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } 4x + 6 + 2x &= 4x + 2x + 6 && \text{commutative p.} \\ &= (4+2)x + 6 && \text{distributive p.} \\ &= 6x + 6 && \text{simplify} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } 5n + 2 - n - 6 &= 5n + 2 + (-n) + (-6) && \text{definition of subtraction (flip)} \\ &= 5n + 2 + (-1n) + (-6) && \text{identity p.} \\ &= 5n + (-1n) + 2 + (-6) && \text{commutative p.} \\ &= (5 + -1)n + 2 + (-6) && \text{distributive p.} \\ &= 4n + -4 \\ &\text{or better shown} \\ &4n - 4 \end{aligned}$$

You highlight!

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } 6y - 3(x - 2y) &= 6y + (-3)[x + (-2y)] && \text{definition of subtraction (flip)} \\ &= 6y + (-3x) + (-3 \cdot -2)y && \text{distributive p.} \\ &= 6y + (-3x) + 6y && \text{simplify} \\ &= 6y + 6y + (-3x) && \text{commutative p.} \\ &= (6+6)y + (-3x) && \text{distributive p.} \\ &= 12y + -3x \\ &\text{or better shown} \\ &12y - 3x \end{aligned}$$



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## 4-4 Solving Equations by Multiplying or Dividing

Example 1 (p. 193)

$$\begin{array}{r} 5c = 120 \\ \underline{5} \quad \underline{5} \\ c = 24 \end{array}$$

Check your work!  
 $5 \cdot 24 = 120$  ☺

Remember that you are "un-doing" the coefficient.

Your TURN

$$1A \quad \frac{-54}{6} = \frac{6x}{6}$$
$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} = x$$

CYW:  $-54 = 6 \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

$$1B \quad \frac{7a}{7} = \frac{63}{7}$$
$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} = a$$

CYW:  $7 \cdot \boxed{\phantom{00}} = 63$

Example 4 (p. 195)

$$\frac{4}{1} \cdot \frac{y}{4} = -8 \cdot 4$$
$$y = -32$$

check your work!  
 $\frac{-32}{4} = -8$  ☺

Your TURN

$$4A \quad -2 \cdot 7 = \frac{x}{-2} \cdot \frac{-2}{1}$$
$$\boxed{\phantom{00}} = x$$

CYW:  $7 = \frac{\boxed{\phantom{00}}}{-2}$

Your TURN

Example 5

$$\frac{-5}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{5} x = \frac{-6}{1} \cdot \frac{-5}{3}$$

$$x = 10$$

CYW:  $\frac{-3}{5} \cdot \frac{10}{1} = \frac{-6}{1}$  ☺

$$5A \quad \frac{6}{7} m = \frac{-24}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$m = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

CYW  $\frac{6}{7} \cdot \frac{\boxed{\phantom{00}}}{1} = \frac{-24}{1}$