

Properties of \mathbb{R} (§1.2)

Division is multiplication by the inverse (reciprocal)

Properties of Zero: Multiplication $a \cdot 0 = 0$
 Division by Zero $a/0 = \text{undefined}$ (nothing else accepted)
 Zero \div Anything $0/a = \text{Zero}$

Distributive Prop. $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

Absolute Value (§1.2)

Distance (\therefore no sign) from zero regardless of direction (sign)

Simplifying/Evaluating

Opposite (§1.2)

Same number, opposite sign

Simplifying/Evaluating

Real Number (Integer) Operations (§1.2)

Subtraction redefined (see above; must be able to show subtraction as addition)

Addition

Same sign – Add #'s & keep like sign

Opposite Sign – Subtract & keep sign of larger

Mult/Division

$+$ • $+$ = $+$ $-$ • $-$ = $+$

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All operations using **fractions**, **mixed numbers** and **decimals** (w/out calculator)

Order of Operations (§1.1, §1.2)

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Multiplication & Division Left to Right order

Addition & Subtraction Left to Right order

Including Absolute Values, Fractions, Decimals

Denominator ends up as zero – UNDEFINED } Must work the problems in their entirety,
Numerator ends up as zero -- ZERO } regardless of final solution.

Evaluation (§1.1)

Parentheses for variables & plug in

Use order of operations (see above)

Roots & Radicals (§1.2 & §7.2)

$\sqrt[n]{a} = b$ **b** used as a factor **n** times equals **a**

$a^{1/n} = b$ same as above; another way to write root

Negative # to odd exponent is negative } Neg under odd index is OK, Neg under even
Negative # to even exponent is positive } index is No \mathbb{R} solution

Even Index, Radicand can't be negative or No Real Solution

Odd Index, Radicand is negative, Root is Negative

$-a^n \neq (-a)^n$ Example: $-2^2 = -(2 \cdot 2) = -4$ while $(-2)^2 = -2 \cdot -2 = 4$

Translation of Mathematical & Algebraic Expression and Algebraic Equations (§1.1)

Know words for operators

Addition: sum, total, plus, increased by, added to, greater than,
years older than

Subtraction: subtract, less, difference of, decreased by, take away,
subtracted from, years younger than, less than

Multiplication: multiply, product, twice, times, at, of, repeated addition

Translation of Mathematical & Algebraic Expression and Algebraic Equations (§1.1)

Division: divided by, ratio, quotient, divide

Exponents: squared, cubed, raised to the power of (or a portion of this)

Equals: any form of “to be” (is, was, were, etc.), yields, equals

Parentheses: 4 phrasings

Define variable if used

Simplifying Algebraic Expressions (§1.2)

Vocabulary Associated With

Term (like vs unlike meaning), Constant, Variable, Numeric Coefficient

Can't be solved

Can't be cleared

Use distributive property

Combine like terms (use skills with fractions, decimals, mixed #'s, integers)

Rectangular Coordinate System & Graphing (§1.3)

Plotting & Labeling Ordered Pairs & Quadrant Information

Linear Equations in 2 Variables

Plot by plug & chug (finding solutions)

Non-Linear Equations

2nd Degree Equations/Quadratic

Recognize: Shape, Up/Down, Vertex, Symmetry

Absolute Value

Recognize: Shape, Up/Down, Vertex, Symmetry

Solving Equations (§1.4)

Clearing of Fractions & Decimals (not solving, just clearing)

Know how to properly do a check

Solving using distributive prop., simplification, add. prop. & mult. prop.

Give solution set as $x = \#$ or $\{\#\}$ or Null Set or All Reals

Know the indicators for Identities & Contradictions & Solutions as a Result

Identity Indicator is $\#1 = \#1$ and the solution is All Reals

Contradiction Indicator is $\#1 \neq \#2$ and the solution is Null Set

Word Problems (§1.5)

Know how to show setup!!

Always give units with answer

Linear Equation Problems

Total Cost = baseline + Cost per Use

Percent Increase/Decrease

Solving Equations for 1 Variable (§1.5)

Focus on the variable of interest

Simplify, Addition Property, Multiplication Property

Exponent Rules (§1.2 & §1.6)

Definition

$$a^r = a \cdot a \cdot a \dots \cdot a$$

Difference between $-a^r$ & $(-a)^r$

Negative Exponent

$$a^{-r} = 1/a^r$$

Zero Exponent

$$a^0 = 1$$

Product Rule

$$a^r a^s = a^{r+s}$$

Quotient Rule

$$a^r/a^s = a^{r-s}$$

Power Rules

$$(a^r)^s = a^{r \cdot s}$$

$$(ab)^r = a^r b^r$$

$$(a/b)^r = a^r/b^r$$

Scientific Notation (§1.7)

Standard Form to Scientific Notation

Correct Sci Note: 1 # to left of decimal x factor of 10

Negative exponents for #'s < 1 and Positive exponents for #'s > 1

Scientific Notation to Standard Form

As we usually see #'s written

Multiplying & Dividing Using Exponent Rules

Make sure end in CORRECT SCI NOTE

Add/Subtract Sci Note

Key is same factor of 10

Functions (§2.1)

F(n) vs. Relation

Domains & Ranges

Evaluation using f(x) notation:

Find g(2)