## Absolute Value:

## $|x|$

The distance a number is from zero.
It is always positive!
Can be used as grouping symbols.
Examples: $|3|=3$
$|-2|=2$


## 1. Same Sign Rule:

Mathematical: When adding two integers that are the same sign, the sum is the sign of the addends and you add the absolute values of the addends.
Think: "How many in all?"
Example:

## 2. Opposite Rule:

Mathematical: When adding two integers that are opposites, their sum is always zero.
Think: "Opposites create zero pairs!"
Example:

## 3. Different Sign Rule:

Mathematical: When adding two integers that are different signs (one positive and one negative), the sum is the sign of the addend with the larger absolute value and you subtract the absolute values of the addends.
Think: "What are there more of? How many more?"
Example:

Subtraction is the same as

## Adding the Opposite

## Subtracting a Negative

is the same as
Adding a Positive
Example:

$$
(+) \cdot(+)=(+)
$$

A positive times a positive equals a positive.

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(-) \bullet(-)=(+)
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A negative times a negative equals a positive.

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(+) \cdot(-)=(-)
$$

A positive times a negative equals a negative.

$$
(-) \bullet(+)=(-)
$$

A negative times a positive equals a negative.
OR

Even Rule: If there is an even number of negative factors, the product will be POSITIVE
Odd Rule: If there is an odd number of negative factors, the product will be NEGATIVE

Subtracting a Positive
is the same as
Adding a Negative
Example:

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(+) \div(+)=(+)
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A positive divided by a positive equals a positive.

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(-) \div(-)=(+)
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A negative divided by a negative equals a positive.

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(+) \div(-)=(-)
$$

A positive divided by a negative equals a negative.

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(-) \div(+)=(-)
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A negative divided by a positive equals a negative.
Examples:

