

1.1.2 Signed Arithmetic

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KEY WORDS reciprocal

<!-- Session 2 native-skill companion -->

Objective

Practise signed arithmetic within the labelled native lessons. Public original tasks; locally authored answer guidance.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Signed numbers, place value and operation order · Foundation

Larger numbers lie farther right on the number line. Adding a negative moves left; subtracting a negative moves right. Multiply or divide signs first, then magnitudes. Evaluate brackets, powers and roots before multiplication/division, then addition/subtraction, working left to right within equal priority.

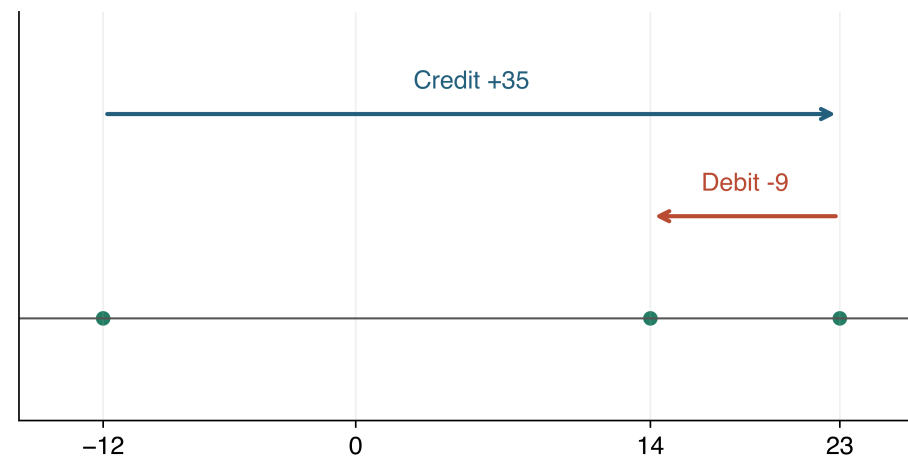
$$-12 + 35 - 9 = 14, \quad 18 \div 3 \times 2 = 12$$

The balance is $-12 + 35 - 9 = 14$ yuan. Also $-4 - (-7) = 3$ and $(-6) \times (-3) = 18$. The reciprocal of -4 is $-1/4$, since their product is 1. For $18 \div 3 \times 2$, work left to right to obtain 12. In 3.047, the 4 means four hundredths and the 7 means seven thousandths. For decimal multiplication, first calculate 24×35 : $24 \times 30 + 24 \times 5 = 720 + 120 = 840$. The original 2.4×0.35 has three decimal places in total, giving 0.840. For $5.04 \div 0.12$ multiply both numbers by 100 to get $504 \div 12$; $12 \times 40 = 480$ leaves 24, so the answer is 42. To order negative fractions, $-3/4 = -0.75$ and $-4/5 = -0.8$, hence $-4/5 < -3/4$. The symbols $\leq$ and $\geq$ include equality; $\neq$ means unequal.

Subtraction is not commutative: $3 - 8$ and $8 - 3$ differ. A negative sign outside a square is not inside its base: $-3^2 = -9$, but $(-3)^2 = 9$. Zero has no reciprocal.

Use a signed starting balance, a positive credit and a negative debit. A shop buying for 48 yuan and selling for 60 makes 12 yuan profit; reversing the prices gives a 12-yuan loss. Estimate the sign before calculating.

The balance moves from -12 to +14



Original native-lesson illustration; labels belong to its worked example.

2 Practice

2.1 (Foundation) Find $-12 + 35 - 9$.

2.2 (Foundation) Find $-4 - (-7)$.

2.3 (Foundation) Evaluate $18 \div 3 \times 2$.

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Decide whether this claim is true. Justify with a concrete calculation or counterexample: Multiplication must always be performed before division, even when division is farther left.
