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$$(2+4) \times 7 \\ = 6 \times 7 = 42$$

## Section 3.6 Order of Operations with Rational Numbers

- B** Do the operations in brackets first
- E** Next, evaluate any Exponents
- D** } Then, Divide and Multiply in order from left to right
- M** }
- A** } Finally, Add and Subtract in order from left to right
- S** }

Ex)  $4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$

Ex)  $2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$

### Order of Operations

Example # 1

$$(-8) \div 2 - 7 \times 3 \\ = -4 - 21 \\ = -25$$

Divide First  
Then, multiply  
To subtract, add the opposite

Example # 2

$$(-4 + 5) + 4^2 \times 2 \\ = 1 + 16 \times 2 \\ = 1 + 32 \\ = 33$$

Brackets First  
Then evaluate the power  
Then multiply

### Order of Operations with Fractions

Example #1  $\left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{7}{8}\right) \div \left(-\frac{5}{16}\right)$

$$= \left(\frac{6}{8} - \frac{7}{8}\right) \div \left(-\frac{5}{16}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{8} \times \frac{16}{5}$$

$$= \frac{2}{5}$$

subtract in the brackets first Use a common denominator of 8

To divide, multiply by the reciprocal

$$\div \frac{a}{b} \rightarrow \times \frac{b}{a}$$

Look for common factors

Both factors are negative, so the product is positive.

Example #2  $\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}$

$$= -\frac{1 \times 2}{9 \times 2} + \frac{1 \times 9}{2 \times 9}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{18} + \frac{9}{18} \quad \begin{array}{l} -2+9 \\ 9-2=7 \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{7}{18}$$

Multiply First

Look for common factors

Add.

Use a common denominator of 18.

Example # 3  $(2\frac{1}{3}) + (1\frac{1}{4}) \times (-\frac{2}{3})$

$$= \frac{7}{3} + \frac{5}{4} \times (-\frac{2}{3})$$

$$= \frac{7}{3} - \frac{5}{6}$$

$$= \frac{28}{12} - \frac{10}{12} = \frac{18}{12} = \frac{3}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$$

Convert mixed numbers to Improper fractions

Multiply first

+/- Use a common denominator of 12

Always Reduce

### Error Questions

1. A student's solution to a problem, to the nearest hundredth, is shown below. The solution is incorrect. Identify the errors. Provide a correct solution.

Q  $(-8)^2 \div (-2) - 3 \times (-6)$

Ans  $= 64 \div (-2) - 3 \times (-6)$   
 $= 64 \div (-2) + 18$   
 $= 64 \div (-20)$

$$(7 \times 2) + 5 = 14 + 5 = 19$$

Answer:  $64 \div (-2) - 3 \times (-6)$   
 $= -32 + 18$   
 $= -14$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 32} \\ \underline{-18} \\ 14 \end{array}$$

$$(7 \times 2) + 5 = 14 + 5 = 19$$

2. Two students were asked to evaluate:

$$(-8) - 2(24 \div (-8))^2$$

Here are their calculations.

Student 1

$$\begin{aligned} & (-8) - 2(24 \div (-8))^2 \\ & = (-10)(24 \div (-8))^2 \\ & = (-10)(-3)^2 \\ & = (-10)(9) \\ & = -90 \end{aligned}$$

Student 2

$$\begin{aligned} & (-8) - 2(24 \div (-8))^2 \\ & = (-8) - 2(-3)^2 \\ & = (-8) - (-6)^2 \\ & = -8 - 36 \\ & = -44 \end{aligned}$$

Why did both these students get incorrect answers? What is the correct answer?

Answer:

Student 1

$$\begin{aligned} & (-8) - 2(24 \div (-8))^2 \\ & = (-10)(24 \div (-8))^2 \\ & = (-10)(-3)^2 \\ & = (-10)(9) \\ & = -90 \end{aligned}$$

Student 2

$$\begin{aligned} & (-8) - 2(24 \div (-8))^2 \\ & = (-8) - 2(-3)^2 \\ & = (-8) - (-6)^2 \\ & = -8 - 36 \\ & = -44 \end{aligned}$$

Correct Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} & -8 - 2 \times [24 \div (-8)]^2 \\ & = -8 - 2 \times [-3]^2 \quad (-3) \times (-3) \\ & = -8 - 2 \times 9 \\ & = -8 - 18 \\ & = -26 \end{aligned}$$

① Quiz 3.4 Tomorrow (x/÷ BEDMAS)

② P.116 Q7

③ Ch.3 Test on Wednesday next week