

Accelerated Math Notes
Properties of Numbers
(Lesson 1 - 4+)

In Algebra, properties are statements that are true for any numbers.

Identity Property of Addition

Any number added to zero will stay the same. It maintains its identity.

Ex. $3 + 0 = 3$

Ex. $a + 0 = a$

Identity Property of Subtraction

Subtracting zero from any number ensures that the number will remain the same. It maintains its identity.

Ex. $9 - 0 = 9$

Ex. $a - 0 = a$

Identity Property of Multiplication

Any number multiplied by one will stay the same. It maintains its identity.

Ex. $3(1) = 3$

Ex. $a(1) = a$

Commutative Property of Multiplication

You can change the order of the factors and the product will stay the same.

Ex. $3(5) = (5)3$

Ex. $ab = ba$

Identity Property of Division

Any number divided by one will stay the same. It maintains its identity.

Ex. $9 \div 1 = 9$

Ex. $a \div 1 = a$

Commutative Property of Addition

You can change the order of the addends and the sum will stay the same.

Ex. $9 + 6 = 6 + 9$

Ex. $a + b = b + a$

Associative Property of Multiplication

You can change the grouping of the factors and the product will stay the same.

Ex. $(3 \cdot 5)(2) = (3)(5 \cdot 2)$ Ex. $(ab)c = a(bc)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15(2) \quad 3(10) \\ 30 = 30 \end{array}$$

Associative Property of Addition

You can change the grouping of the addends and the sum will stay the same.

Ex. $(9 + 6) + 2 = 9 + (6 + 2)$

$$15 + 2 \quad 9 + 8$$

$$17 = 17$$

Ex. $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

Multiplicative Property of Zero

When any number is multiplied by zero, the product is zero.

Ex. $6(0) = 0$

Ex. $a(0) = 0$

Distributive Property

This property combines two operations to make equivalent expressions like this:

Ex. $8(3 + 4) = 8(3) + 8(4)$
 $= 24 + 32$
 $= 56$

Ex. $a(b+c) = ab + ac$

Be able to name property shown:

- 1) $(15 + 12) + 8 = 15 + (12 + 8)$ Assoc. +
- 2) $5(0) = 0$ Mult Prop 0
- 3) $5(1) = 5$ Mult Identity
- 4) $5(9) = 9(5)$ Comm X
- 5) $13 + 0 = 13$ Identity +
- 6) $2(3 + 6) = 2(3) + 2(6)$ Distributive

Be able to test a hypothesis:

Hypothesis: There is an associative property of subtraction.

Think...What would that look like?

$$\begin{array}{r} (24 - 12) - 2 \stackrel{?}{=} 24 - (12 - 2) \\ 12 - 2 \qquad \qquad 24 - 10 \\ 10 \qquad \qquad \neq \qquad 14 \end{array}$$

No Hyp. False

→ called a counterexample

Be able to use properties to do mental math:

$$8(53) = 8(50+3) \\ 8(50) + 8(3)$$

Distributive

$$8(2\frac{1}{4}) = 8(2 + \frac{1}{4}) \\ 8(2) + 8(\frac{1}{4}) \\ 16 + 2 \quad (1P)$$

Distrib.

$$25 \times 63 \times 4 =$$

$$25 \times 4 \times 63$$

comm x

$$(25 \times 4) \times 63$$

Assoc.

series of properties.

$$100 \times 63$$

$$6300$$

Use properties to simplify an algebraic expression:

$$(5 + a) + 7 = (a + 5) + 7$$

Properties
Comm +

$$\hookrightarrow = a + (5 + 7)$$

Assoc +

$$\checkmark = a + 12$$

Arithmetic

(Using facts/properties to get to a conclusion is called deductive reasoning.)

Use properties to simplify each of the following:

$$6(7x) = (6 \cdot 7)x \\ 42x$$

assoc. x

$$7(a + 0) = 7(a) \\ 7a$$

Identity Add

Best form

$$4(x \cdot 1) = 4x$$

Ident. x

$$9 + (y + 2) = y + 11 \\ 11 + y$$

True or False? If false give a counterexample.

Division of integers is commutative.

$$9 \div 2 \stackrel{?}{=} 2 \div 9$$

$$4\frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{2}{9}$$

False

Subtraction of integers is associative.

False

See previous slide