

INTEGER RULES – STUDY GUIDE

ADDITION

SAME SIGNS

⇒ ADD the absolute values.

⇒ Keep the sign the same.

$$5 + 2 = +7$$

$$-3 + (-5) = -8$$

DIFFERENT SIGNS

⇒ SUBTRACT the absolute values.

⇒ Keep sign of the number with the larger absolute value.

$$(-3) + 8 = +5$$

$$6 + (-10) = -4$$

SUBTRACTION

⇒ ADD the OPPOSITE of the second integer. “Keep, Change, Change”

⇒ Follow the rules for addition.



$$7 - 4$$

$$7 + (-4) = 3$$

$$9 - (-6)$$

$$9 + (+6) = +15$$

$$-12 - 2$$

$$-12 + (-2) = -14$$

$$-10 - (-4)$$

$$-10 + (+4) = -6$$

MULTIPLICATION

SAME SIGNS

⇒ Product is ALWAYS POSITIVE

$$(8)(4) = +32$$

$$(-5)(-4) = +20$$

DIFFERENT SIGNS

⇒ Product is ALWAYS NEGATIVE

$$(9)(-5) = -45$$

$$(-3)(2) = -6$$

DIVISION

SAME SIGNS

⇒ Quotient is ALWAYS POSITIVE

$$\frac{24}{4} = +6$$

$$\frac{-36}{-4} = +9$$

DIFFERENT SIGNS

⇒ Quotient is ALWAYS NEGATIVE

$$\frac{50}{-5} = -10$$

$$\frac{-28}{7} = -4$$