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## Here's How:

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1. **Adding Rules:** SAME SIGN SUM (if they have the same sign, add the #'s together)  
DIFFERENT SIGN DIFFERENCE (if different signs, find difference of #'s)

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SAME SIGN:  $5 + 4 = 9$   
 $(-7) + (-2) = -9$

DIFFERENT SIGN: Sum of a negative and a positive number:

Think Subtraction then use the sign of the larger #

$(-7) + 4 = -3$   
 $6 + (-9) = -3$   
 $(-3) + 7 = 4$   
 $5 + (-3) = 2$

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2. **Subtracting Rules:** REMEMBER: SAME CHANGE OPPOSITE

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Keep first number the same, Change operation to addition,  
then change the second number to its Opposite value

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

*(Change double negatives to a positive)*

$(-5) - (-3) = (-5) + 3 = -2$   
 $(-3) - (-5) = (-3) + 5 = 2$

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3. **Multiplying & Dividing Rules:** (two negatives cancel out to a positive)

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Positive x Positive = Positive:  $3 \times 2 = 6$        $12 \div 3 = 4$   
Negative x Negative = Positive:  $(-2) \times (-8) = 16$        $(-12) \div (-3) = 4$   
Negative x Positive = Negative:  $(-3) \times 4 = -12$        $(-12) \div 3 = -4$   
Positive x Negative = Negative:  $3 \times (-4) = -12$        $12 \div (-3) = -4$

# Adding

Same signs:

- add the absolute value
- keep the common sign

Different signs:

- subtract the absolute value
- keep the sign of the number with the greatest absolute value

# Subtracting

Change all problems to addition.

- add the opposite