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Sincerely,

David Ballard

**Dedication:** This book is dedicated to the students of tomorrow. It was written by a person who believes strongly in preparing for the future. You the student are the future of this great nation. It is upon your shoulders that the burden of freedom and prosperity will some day lie. Will you be prepared to do your part in keeping the United States of America the greatest nation in the world? Don't take this responsibility lightly. Nations don't quickly fall. They gradually crumble like an old building that is never maintained. We must maintain a high level of moral values, a great love for our fellow Americans and enough knowledge and wisdom to perform our duties as laborers together in our respective jobs, so as to create that weave of love, protection, and production, that allows us to survive and flourish together. Each of us are dependent upon others for survival. It is to those who live their lives in pursuit of making the lives of other better, that this book is dedicated. May each student of tomorrow be such a person.

To you I am greatly indebted,  
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Very Important Algebra Connections With Dimensional Analysis

page 1 To Add or Sub the names have to be the same.

In Algebra we call them like terms

$$\text{total } x^5 = \text{starting } x^5 + \text{gain in } x^5$$

Example #10  $11x = 5x + 6x$

page 37 The story must be all about one item because it is an addition problem.

Example #13 This story is all about speed.

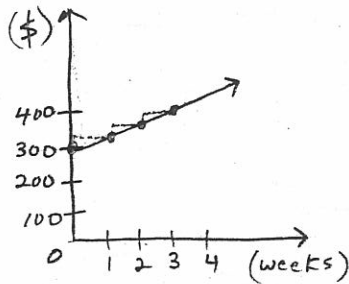
John's speed is 7 more than twice Kay's speed

$$J = 2K + 7$$

$$\text{total speed} = \text{starting speed} + \text{gain in speed}$$

page 41 This story is all about dollars. ( $\$ + \$ = \$$ )

Example #4 Rachael has \$300 and plans on saving \$30 per week



$$R = \$300 + \$30W$$

Annotations for the equation above:  
 -  $\$300$ : starting dollars  
 -  $\$30W$ : gain in dollars  
 -  $R$ : total dollars  
 -  $30W$ : dimensional analysis

$$y = b + mx$$

$$\text{(per)} \frac{\Delta \text{ dollars}}{\Delta \text{ week}} \cdot \frac{\text{weeks}}{1} = \Delta \text{ dollars}$$

page 63 This story is all about price.

Example #16 final price = starting price - loss in price

A percentage of the starting price.

$$\text{new price} = \text{original price} - \% \text{ of original price} \cdot \text{original price}$$

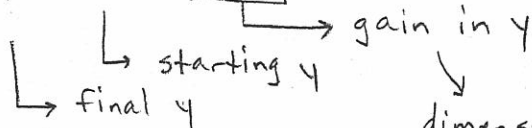
$$y = b - mx$$

Notice that the x and the y-int are the same on percentages.

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This story is all about  $y$ .

$$y = b + \boxed{m x}$$

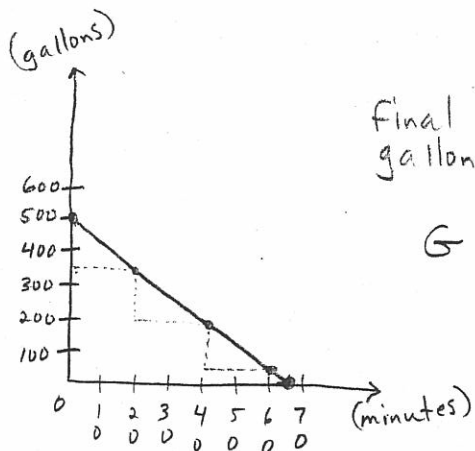


dimensional analysis

$$m = \text{slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \cdot \frac{x}{1} = \Delta y$$

Example #1 This story is all about the number of gallons of water in the pool.



$$\text{final gallons} = \text{starting gallons} - \text{loss of gallons}$$

$$G = 500 - \boxed{7.5 M}$$

dimensional analysis

$$(\text{per}) \leftarrow \frac{\Delta \text{gallons} \cdot \cancel{\text{minutes}}}{\cancel{\Delta \text{minutes}} \cdot 1} = \Delta \text{gallons}$$

MORE DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

AMOUNTS

$$\text{total amount} = \text{starting amount} + \frac{\text{amount}}{\text{item}} \cdot \frac{\# \text{ of items}}{1}$$

$$y = b + m x$$

$$\text{final distance} \equiv \text{beginning distance} + \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} \cdot \frac{\text{time}}{1}$$

→ If zero then  $d = r t$ .

PERCENTS

$$\text{part} = \% \text{ of that part} \cdot \text{whole}$$

$$\text{part} = \frac{\text{part}}{\text{whole}} \cdot \frac{\text{whole}}{1}$$

percent as a fraction

# Important Rules for Algebra I for this Text

## I. Sign Rules

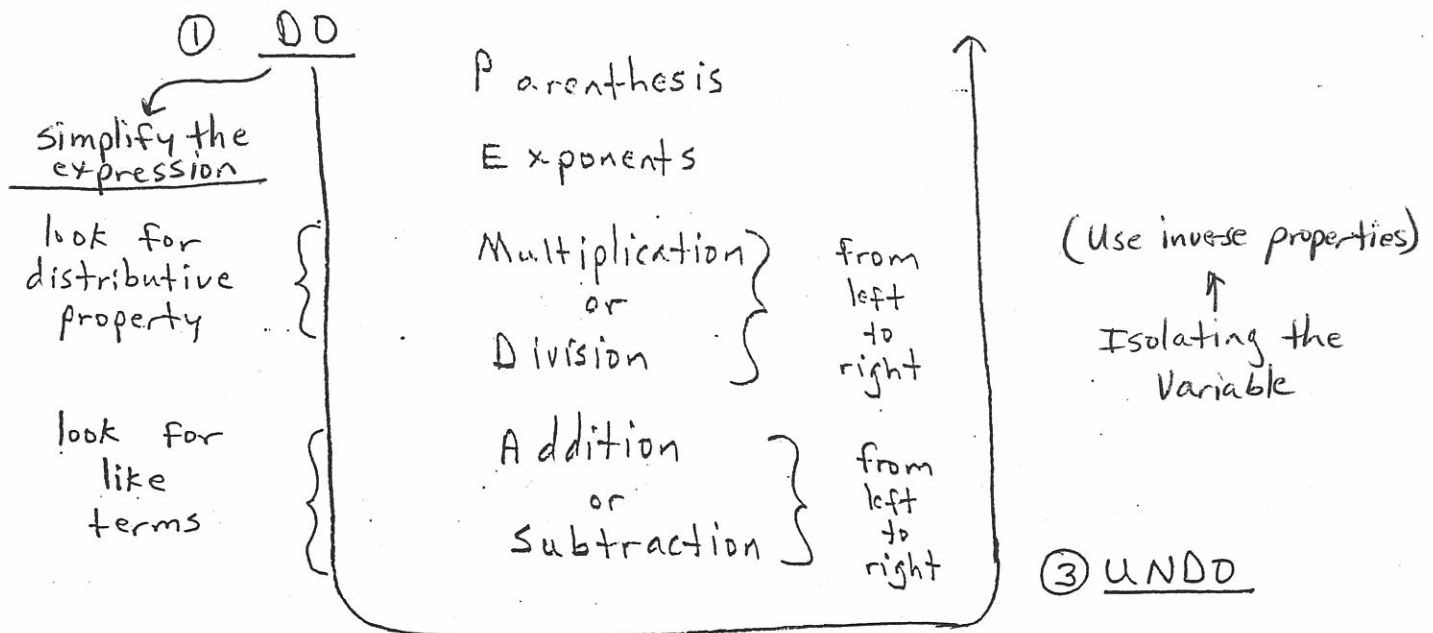
### A. Addition or Subtraction

1. Same sign  $\rightarrow$  Add & take the common sign
2. different signs  $\rightarrow$  subtract & take the larger sign

### B. Multiplication or Division

1. Same sign  $\rightarrow$  Answer is Positive
2. different signs  $\rightarrow$  Answer is Negative
3. Odd number of Negatives  $\rightarrow$  Answer is Negative
4. Even number of Negatives  $\rightarrow$  Answer is Positive

## II. Order of Operations



- ② Get the variable on one side of the equal sign. Remember to change the sign when you cross over the equal sign.