Section 8.1 (Like chapter 3 except includes negative whole numbers) Addition and Subtraction of Integers

The set of integers is the set of whole numbers and their negatives:

 $I = \{ \dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$

Illustrations can be done using:

- 1.Set Model
- 2.Measurement model (number line)
- 3.Patterns
- 4.Word Problems



The Properties of Integer addition:

- 1. Closure When two integers are added, the answer is always an integer.
- 2. Commutative Integers can be added in any order: a + b = b + a
- 3. Associative Addition of Integers can be regrouped: (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)
- 4. Identity is zero An integer's identity is preserved when zero is added: a + 0 = a
- 5. Additive Inverse (new property) For each integer, b, there is a unique integer, written (- b), such that b + (-b) = 0

Subtraction of Integers

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- 2.Measurement model (number line)
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- 4.Word Problems

Example using Patterns -- beginning with a familiar concept in whole numbers lead into a new concept with integers.

4 - 2 = 2Notice that the first column remained 44 - 1 = 3while the second column decreases by 14 - 0 = 4Thus the number subtracted is smaller by 1 so the answer is4 - (-1) = 5larger by 1.4 - (-2) = 6-(-2) = 6

There are three equivalent ways to view subtraction of integers:

- 1. Take away method
- 2. Adding the opposite: a b = a + (-b)
- 3. Missing addend: a b = c if and only if c + b = a.

Examples using Set Models:

Take away method:



2-5 = |-3| if and only if |-3|

+5=2

2-5 = (-3) is equivalent to 2 + (-5) = (-3)





Start with +2 vs. Start with +2 and insert -5

Then insert five + and -

Take away +5, leaving an answer equivalent to -3

Carefully read the 6th grade "Student Page Snapshot", in section 8.1 of your textbook, for illustrations of the different ways to Subtract Integers.