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Adding Positive and Negative Rational Numbers

Rule 3: When adding one positive and negative number, find the difference between their absolute values and use the sign of the integer with the greatest absolute value.

Examples:

Simplify $(+9) + (-2)$

$$(+9) + (-2) = 7$$

Simplify

Simplify the following.

1. $(+4) + (-7)$

2. $(-2) + (+9)$

3. $+5 + (-6)$

4. $(-11) + (+3)$

5. $(-2) + (-15) + (+4)$

6. $(-15) + (+10)$

7. $\frac{-3}{8} + \frac{7}{8}$

8. $-1.5 + 1.4$

9. $\frac{5}{12} + \frac{-1}{12}$

10. $-2.6 + 4.0$

11. $(+0.3) + (-0.8) + (-0.5)$

12. $\frac{3}{5} + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)$

13. $\frac{5}{6} + \frac{-5}{9}$

14. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{-2}{5}$

15. $\frac{2}{7} + \frac{-3}{7} + \frac{1}{3}$