

Subtraction of Two Signed Numbers

1. Rewrite Subtraction as Addition

- a. Keep the first number (the minuend) the same
- b. Change Subtraction to Addition
- c. Flip the sign of the second number (the subtrahend)

2. Add the Integers

- a. If the signs are the same, then ignore the signs and add the numbers
- b. If the signs are different, then ignore the signs and calculate

“Larger” – “Smaller”

- c. The Result will take the sign of the “Larger”

- “Larger refers to the larger of the numbers when signs are ignored”
 - “Smaller refers to the smaller of the numbers when signs are ignored”
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