Section Overview



Lesson 1-1

Sets of Numbers

Dunderstanding subsets of real numbers and ways to express them is critical in the study of algebra.



Sets of Numbers		
Number Line:	<+ + ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	
Words:	real numbers greater than 0 and less than or equal to 3	
Interval Notation:	(0, 3]	
Set-Builder Notation:	${x \mid 0 < x \le 3}$	

Properties of Real Numbers

Knowing the properties of real numbers helps students simplify expressions and calculate more quickly.

Property	Example
Additive Identity Property	5 + 0 = 5
Mutiplicative Identity Property	5 • 1 = 5
Additive Inverse Property	3 + (-3) = 0
Mutiplicative Inverse Property	$\frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = 1$
Distributive Property	3(4+5) = 3(4) + 3(5)

Property	Example
Closure Property	7.4 + 3.2 = 10.6 ∈ ℝ
Commutative Property	3 + 2 = 2 + 3
Associative Property	$2(3 \cdot 4) = (2 \cdot 3)4$
Product Property of Square Roots	$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{16} = 4$
Quotient Property of Square Roots	$\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{2}{3}$

Simplifying Algebraic Expressions

Lessons 1-4, 1-5

P) Simplifying and evaluating expressions are essential algebra skills.

Evaluating and Simplifying Expressions

Evaluate
$$x^{2} + 2x$$
 for $x = 3$.
 $x^{2} + 2x$
 $(3)^{2} + 2(3)$

Simplify by using properties of exponents.

$$\left(\frac{ab^4}{b^7}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2b^8}{b^{14}} = \frac{a^2}{b^6}$$

Simplify by combining like terms.

$$3\boldsymbol{x}^2 + 2\boldsymbol{x}^2 = 5\boldsymbol{x}^2$$

Scientific notation: **Simplify** $\frac{2.3 \times 10^{-6}}{4.6 \times 10^{-2}}$.

 $\frac{2.3 \times 10^{-6}}{4.6 \times 10^{-2}} = 0.5 \times 10^{-4} = 5.0 \times 10^{-5}$

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