

Subtraction of Integers



The method of finding the difference between two integers is known as subtracting integers. Depending on whether the numbers are positive, negative, or a mix, the value may increase or decrease.



Let us understand with some examples:

Example: Subtract the following:

- (i) 15 from 7 (ii) -7 from 3 (iii) 3 from -7

Solution:

(i) $7 - 15 = 7 + (\text{additive inverse of } 15) = 7 + (-15) = -8$

(ii) $3 - (-7) = 3 + (\text{additive inverse of } -7) = 3 + 7 = 10$

(iii) $-7 - 3 = (-7) + (\text{additive inverse of } 3) = (-7) + (-3) = -10$