

8.3 Notes: Multiplying Integers

Multiply the following pairs of numbers:

$(+4) \times (+2) = +8$

$(-6) \times (+2) = -12$

$(-2) \times (-3) = +6$

$(+3) \times (-5) = -15$

$(+7) \times (+1) = +7$

$(+8) \times (-3) = -24$

$(-4) \times (-3) = +12$

$(+0) \times (+2) = 0$

$(-3) \times (-3) = +9$

What do you notice about the products of each question? We can use your observations to make a *sign rule*.

*\* multiplying has a sign rule, but*

*adding and subtracting do not*

Sign Rule:

$(+) \times (+) = (+)$

$(+) \times (-) = (-)$

$(-) \times (-) = (+)$

$(-) \times (+) = (-)$

*\* if there is an even # of (-) multiplied, then the answer is (+)*

What happens if there are more than 2 numbers being multiplied together?

$(-4) \times (-3) \times (+2) \times (-1) = -24$

$(-2) \times (-3) \times (-4) \times (-1) = +24$

$(-1) \times (-1) \times (-1) \times (-1) \times (-1) \times (-1) \times (-1) \times (-1) \times (-1) = -1$

$\underbrace{(-1) \times (-1)}_{+} \times \underbrace{(-1) \times (-1)}_{+} \times \underbrace{(-1) \times (-1)}_{+} = +1$

Model each of the following situations with an integer multiplication:

*"time is always positive"*

1. Jerry can climb stairs at a rate of 6 steps per second. If it takes him 9 seconds to climb a flight of stairs, how many steps did he go up?

$(+6) \times (+9) = +54$

2. Every month, Joey spends \$70 on his cell phone plan. Represent this over the course of a year using integer multiplication.

$(+12) \times (-70) = -840$