

Adding & Subtracting Decimals

Line up the decimals. You can add some zeros (gray) to the keep the columns lined up. Bring the decimal straight up when you're done.

$13.99 + 4.7 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13.99 \\ + 4.70 \\ \hline 18.60 \end{array}$$

$9 + 1.004 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9.000 \\ + 1.004 \\ \hline 10.004 \end{array}$$

$.47 + 81.02 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 81.02 \\ + .47 \\ \hline 81.49 \end{array}$$

Line up the decimals. You MUST add zeros (gray) when there's empty spaces in the top number. Bring the decimal straight down when you're done.

$13.9 - .13 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 13.90 \\ - .13 \\ \hline 13.77 \end{array}$$

$67.8 - .003 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 67.800 \\ - .003 \\ \hline 67.797 \end{array}$$

$81.02 - .47 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 81.02 \\ - .47 \\ \hline 80.55 \end{array}$$

A big mistake that students make when subtracting is they switch the numbers. You can only do that for addition.