

SUBTRACTING DECIMALS

Subtracting decimals is the same as subtracting whole numbers except that it is necessary to use the decimal points to line up the numbers. The decimal point must appear in the answer.

Example: $7.2 - 4.03$

1st Step

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.20 \\ - 4.03 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

← Add 0 to hold the place.

Align decimals.

2nd Step

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 7.20 \\ - 4.03 \\ \hline 3.17 \end{array}$$

Subtract. Trade when necessary.