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Subtracting Whole Numbers and Decimals

R 1-7

When you subtract whole numbers, you line up the numbers at the right. When you subtract decimals, you must line up the **decimal points**. Subtract $48.643 - 37.75$. Estimate first: $49 - 38 = 11$. Then, solve.

Step 1

Line up the decimal points.

$$\begin{array}{r} 48.643 \\ - 37.75 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Step 2

Write a zero to line up the places on the right.

$$\begin{array}{r} 48.643 \\ - 37.75\mathbf{0} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Step 3

Subtract. Bring down the decimal point.

$$\begin{array}{r} 71514 \\ 48.643 \\ - 37.750 \\ \hline 10.893 \end{array}$$

Estimate. Then subtract to find the exact difference.

1. $\begin{array}{r} 100.6 \\ - 9.2 \\ \hline \end{array}$

2. $\begin{array}{r} 22.30 \\ - 15.24 \\ \hline \end{array}$

3. $\begin{array}{r} 288.45 \\ - 109.80 \\ \hline \end{array}$

4. $\begin{array}{r} 3.04 \\ - 1.01 \\ \hline \end{array}$

5. $\begin{array}{r} 2,404 \\ - 1,835 \\ \hline \end{array}$

6. $\begin{array}{r} 0.038 \\ - 0.029 \\ \hline \end{array}$

7. $\begin{array}{r} 612.28 \\ - 478.32 \\ \hline \end{array}$

8. $\begin{array}{r} 30,290.1 \\ - 22,350.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$

9. $\begin{array}{r} 0.555 \\ - 0.444 \\ \hline \end{array}$

10. Explain how you would subtract $5 - 0.25$.
