

# Order of Operations

Order of operations is a set of rules used to ensure you get the correct answer every time you solve a math problem. If there is more than one operation of the same family (multiplication/division) or (addition/subtraction), solve in order from left to right.

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Parenthesis  
(grouping symbols)

$$\sqrt{[3 - (-1)]^2 + (-4)(-3) \div 3}$$
$$= \sqrt{[4]^2 + (-4)(-3) \div 3}$$

note:  
[], |, ()  
are grouping  
symbols

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Exponents  
(powers)

$$\sqrt{[4]^2 + (-4)(-3) \div 3}$$
$$= \sqrt{16 + (-4)(-3) \div 3}$$

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Multiplication

$$\sqrt{16 + (-4)(-3) \div 3}$$
$$= \sqrt{16 + 12 \div 3}$$

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Division

$$\sqrt{16 + 12 \div 3}$$
$$= \sqrt{16 + 4}$$

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Addition

$$\sqrt{16 + 4} =$$
$$\sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

simplification:

$$\sqrt{4 \cdot 5}$$
$$= (4 \cdot 5)^{1/2}$$
$$= 4^{1/2} \cdot 5^{1/2}$$
$$= \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{5}$$
$$= 2\sqrt{5}$$

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Subtraction

Final Answer:

$$2\sqrt{5}$$

There is no subtraction step for this problem

