
Using Algebra Tiles

You Can “Feel” *the Mathematics*

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TEKS & Algebra Tiles

Grade 7: 7.1(C), 7.2(C), 7.5A

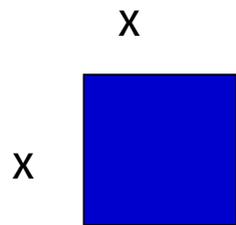
Grade 8: 8.14

Algebra I: A.4, A.10, C.3(B), C.4(B),
D.2(A)

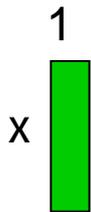
Algebra II: C.2(E)

3 Tiles

- Each tile represents an area.



Area of large square = $x(x) = x^2$



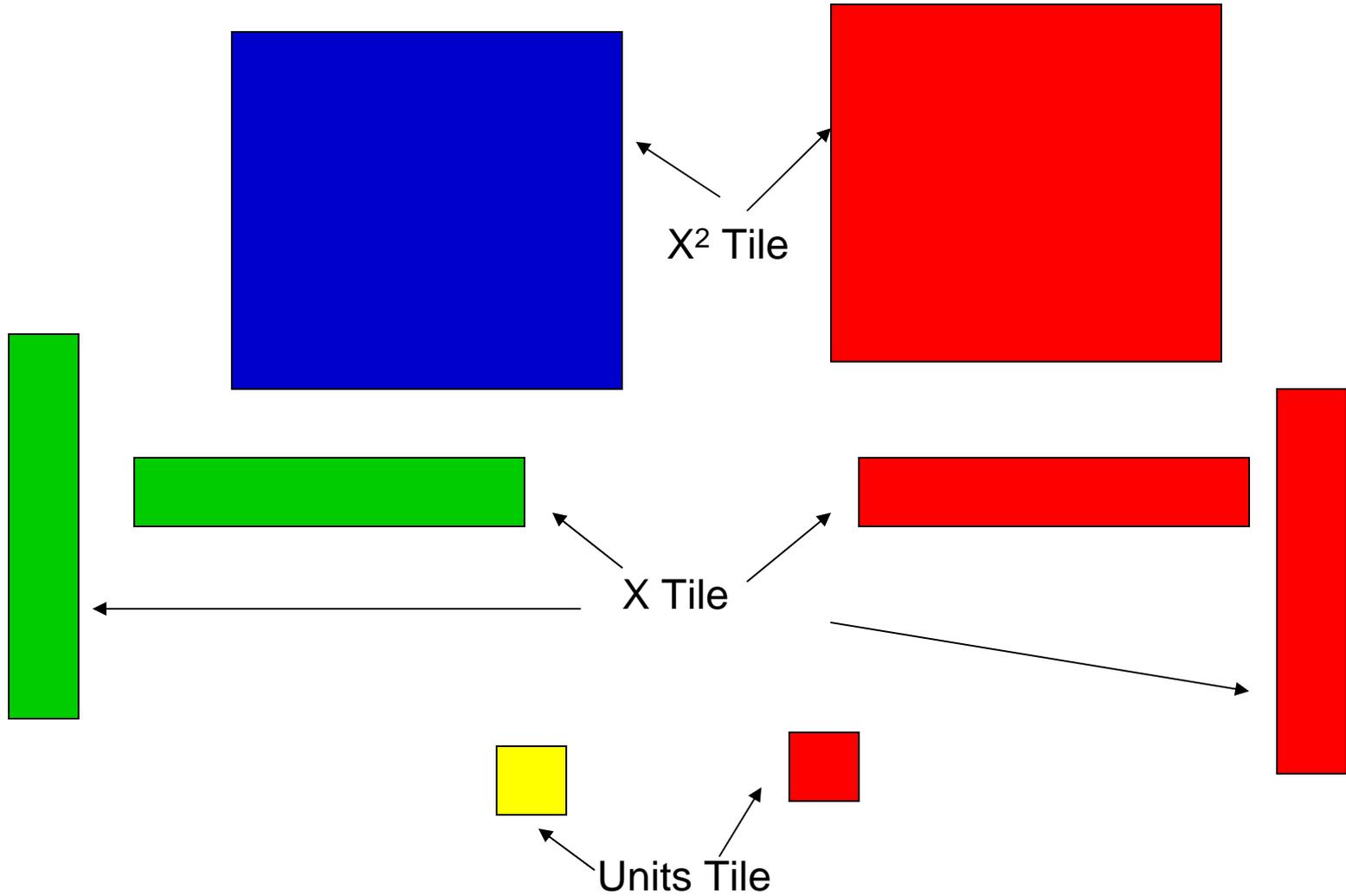
Area of rectangle = $1(x) = x$



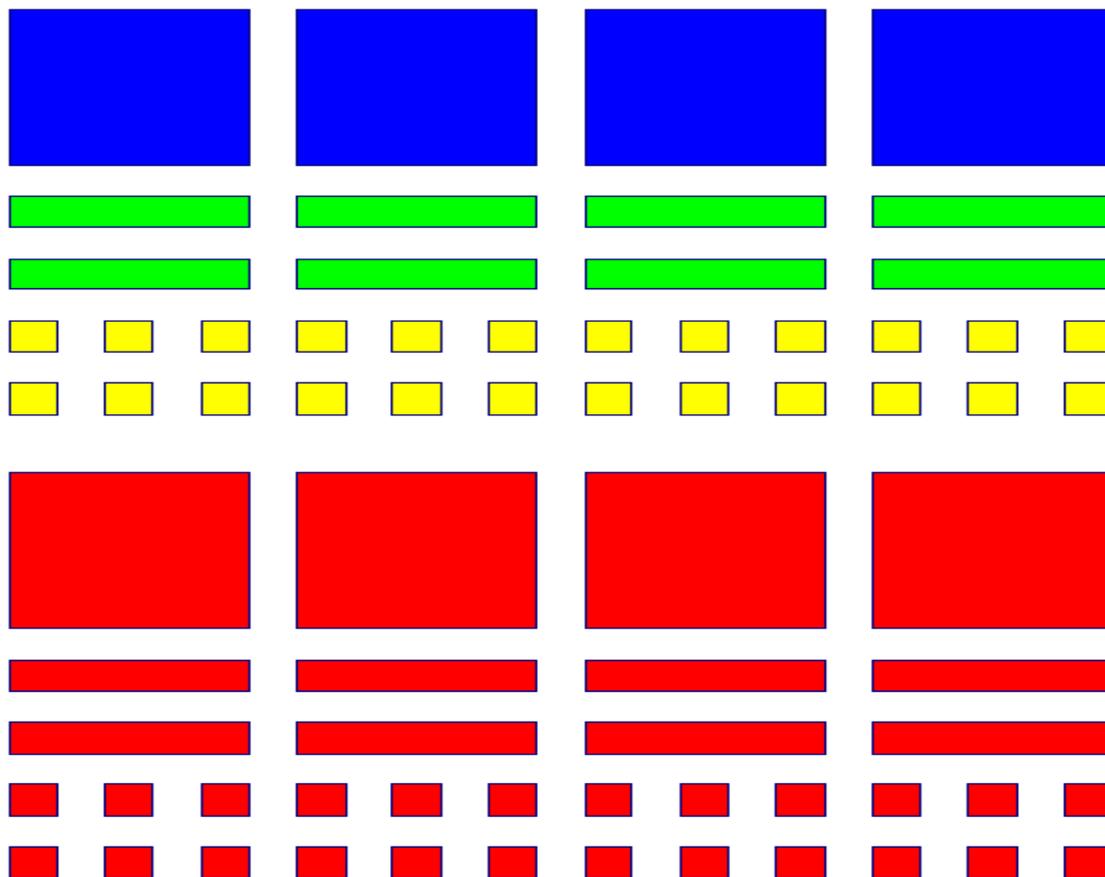
Area of small square = $1(1) = 1$

POSITIVE ALGEBRA TILES

NEGATIVE ALGEBRA TILES



Algebra Tiles Template



Big Ideas Using Algebra Tiles

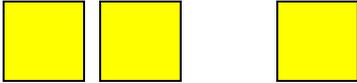
- A & S Integers; Zero Principle
- Modeling Linear Expressions
- Solving Linear Equations
- Simplifying Polynomials
- Solving Equations for Unknown Variable
- M & D Polynomials
- Completing the Square
- Investigations

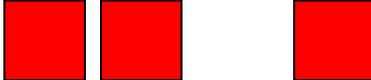
Additive Inverses

- A combined negative and positive tile of the same area produces a zero pair.



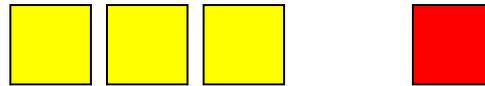
Use Algebra Tiles to Model Integer Addition

$$2 + 1 =$$


$$-2 + -1 =$$


Use Algebra Tiles to Model Integer Addition

$3 + -1 =$

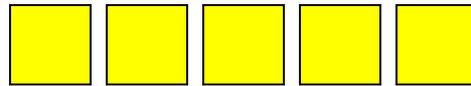


$3 + -3 =$

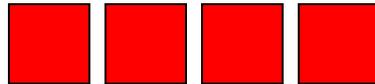


Use Algebra Tiles to Model Integer Subtraction

$$5 - 2 =$$

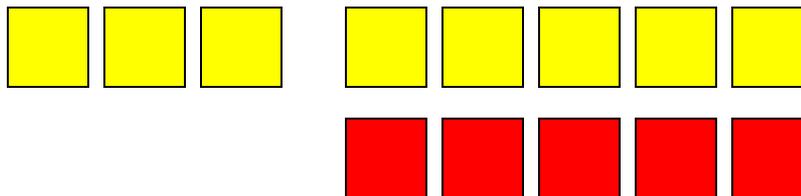


$$-4 - (-3) =$$

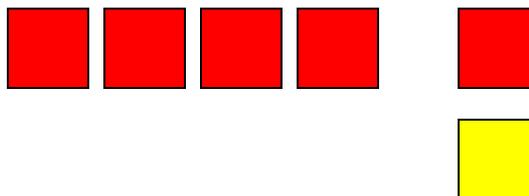


Use Algebra Tiles to Model Integer Subtraction

$$3 - (-5)$$



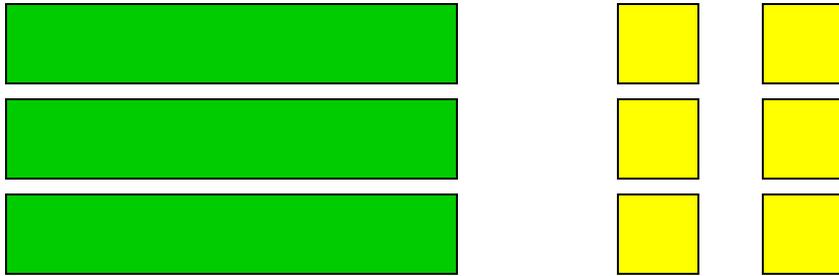
$$-4 - 1$$



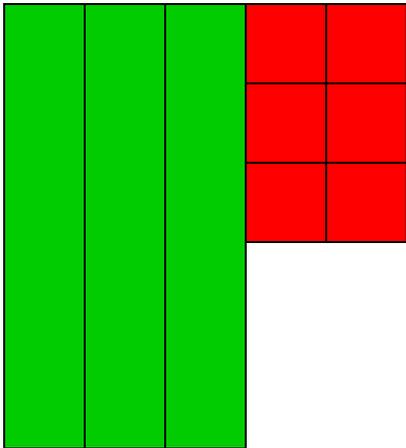
MODELING LINEAR EXPRESSIONS

Grouping with Algebra Tiles

- Ex: $3x$ means 3 rows of x



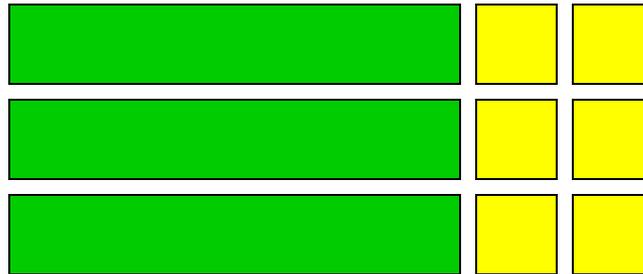
- $3x - 6$ means 3 rows of x and 6 negative units



****Try representing $2x^2 + X - 3$**

Distributive Property

$$3(X + 2)$$



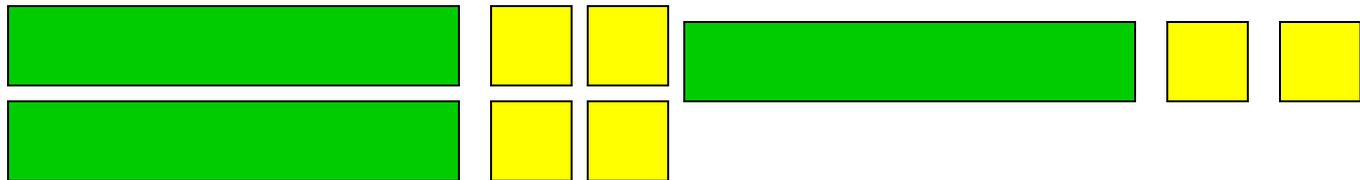
$$3(X - 4)$$

$$-2(X + 2)$$

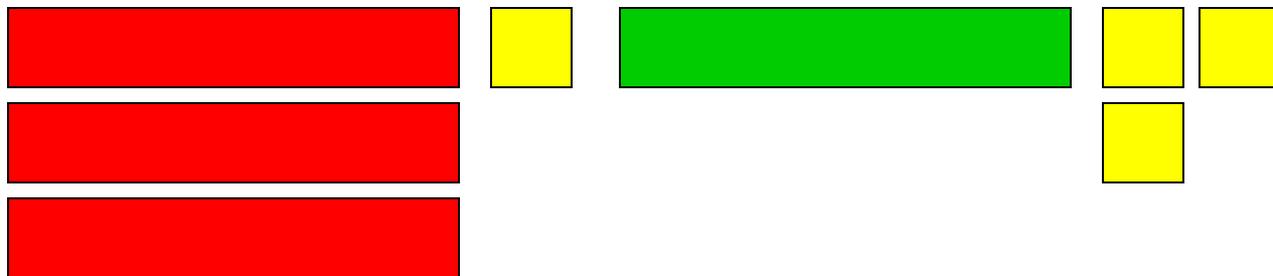
$$-3(X - 2)$$

Simplifying Polynomials

Simplify $2x + 4 + x + 2$.



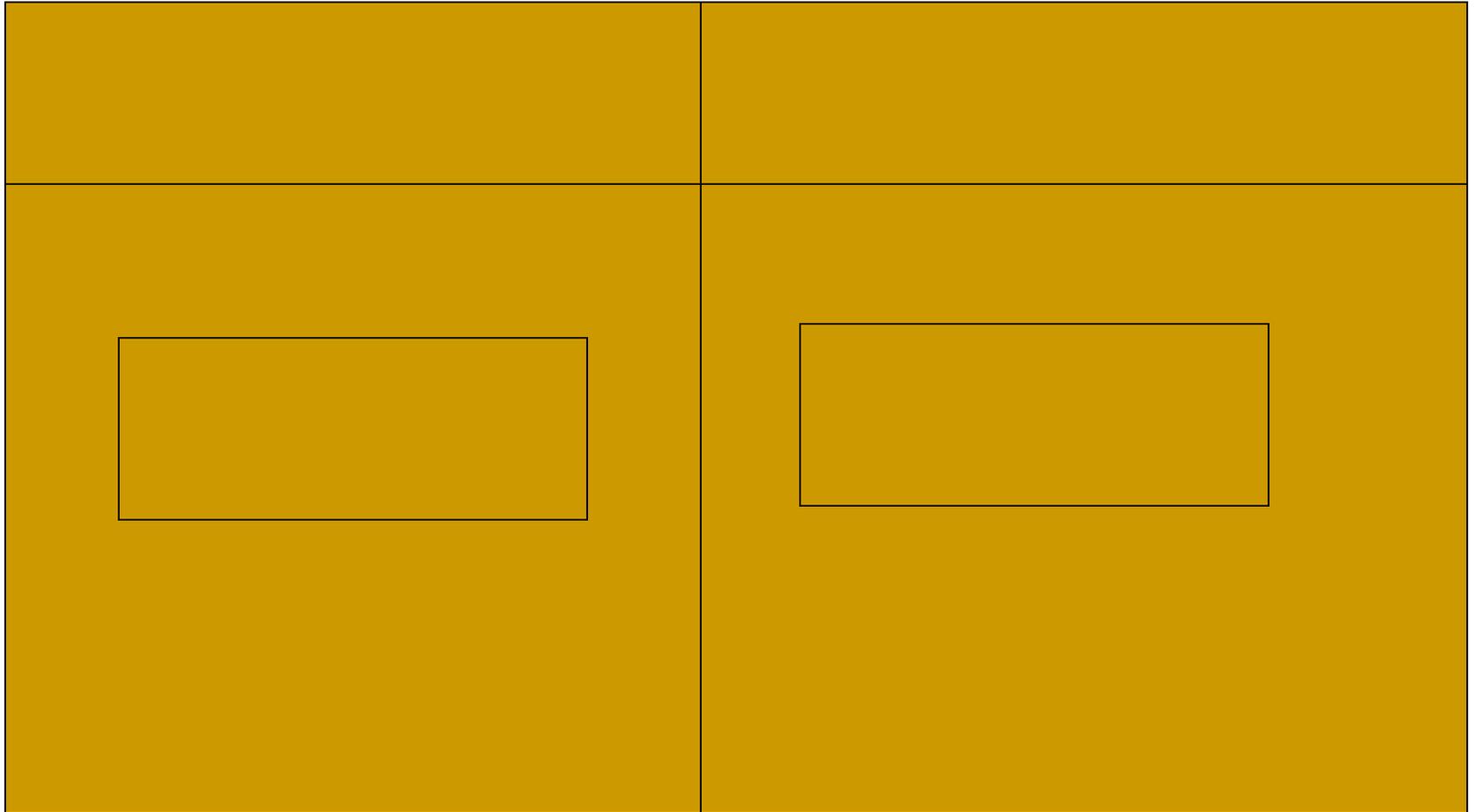
Simplify $-3x + 1 + x + 3$.



Simplify $(2x^2 - 2x + 3) - (3x^2 + 3x - 2)$.

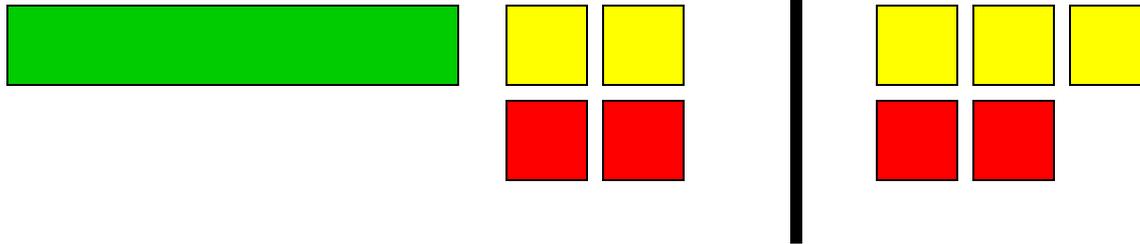
SOLVING EQUATIONS

Use Algebra Mats to Solve Equations



Use algebra tiles to find value of X.

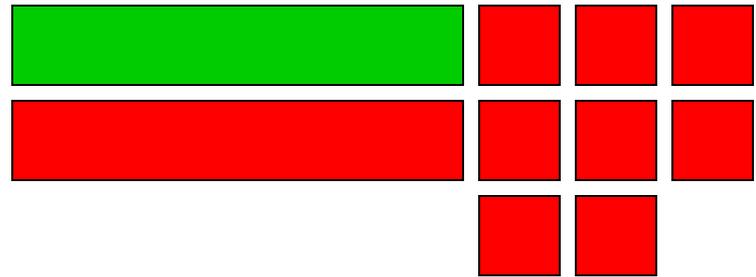
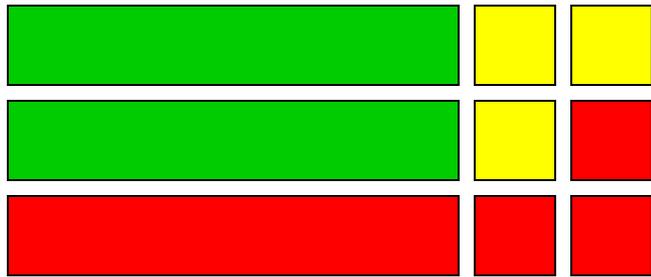
$$X + 2 = 3$$



Try $2X - 4 = 8$.

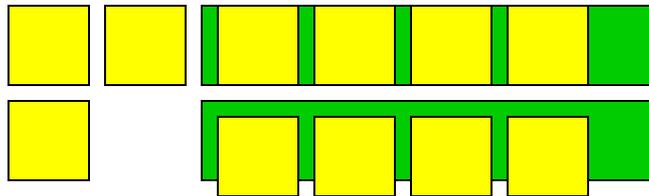
Use algebra tiles to find value of X.

$$2X + 3 = X - 5$$



Substitution

Evaluate $3 + 2x$ if $x = 4$

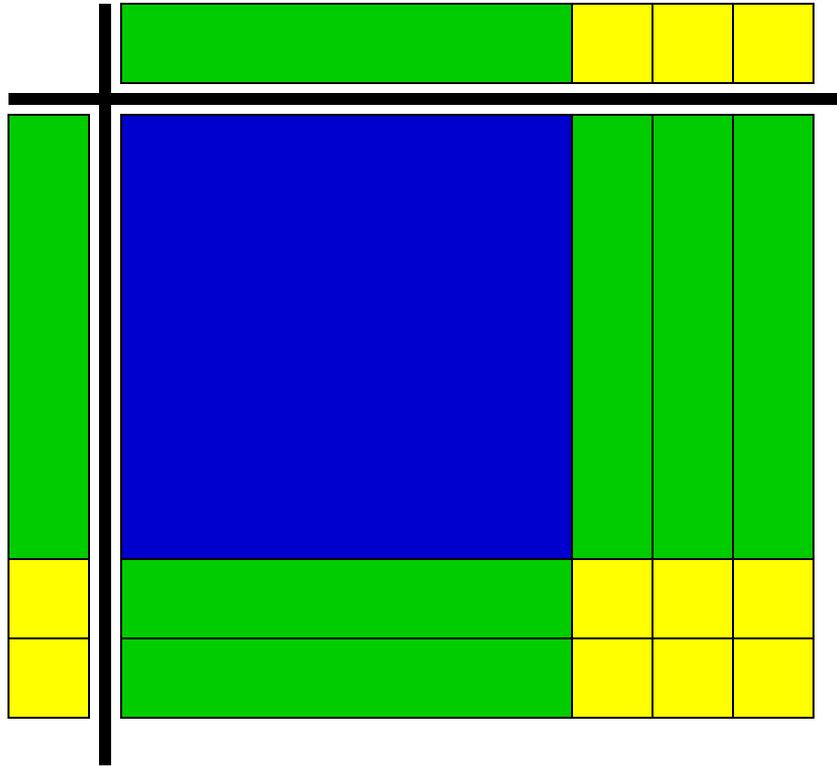


Evaluate $3 - 2x$ if $x = -4$

MULTIPLYING POLYNOMIALS

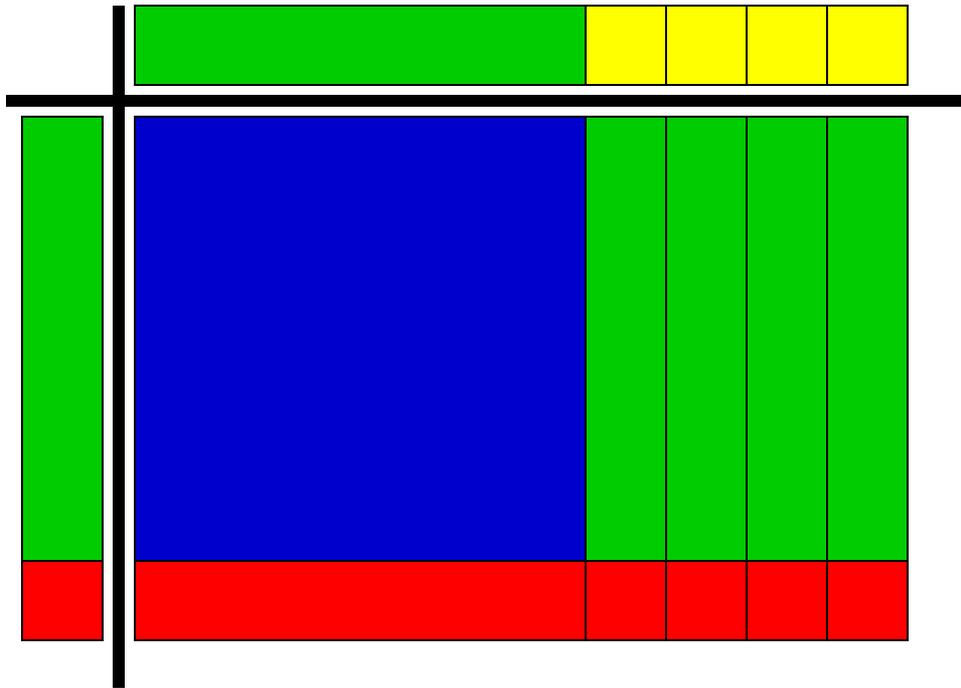
Multiplying Polynomials

$$(x + 2)(x + 3)$$



Multiplying Polynomials

$$(x - 1)(x + 4)$$



Multiplying Polynomials

$$(x + 2)(x - 3)$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 3)$$

FACTORING POLYNOMIALS

Factoring Polynomials

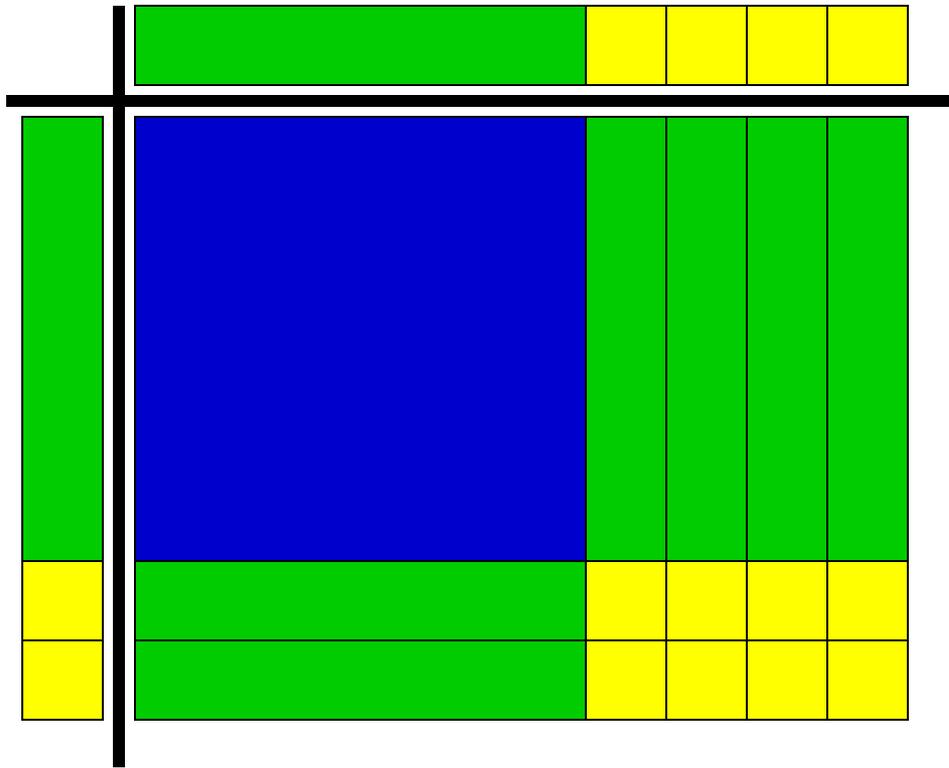
$$3x + 3$$



$$2x - 6$$

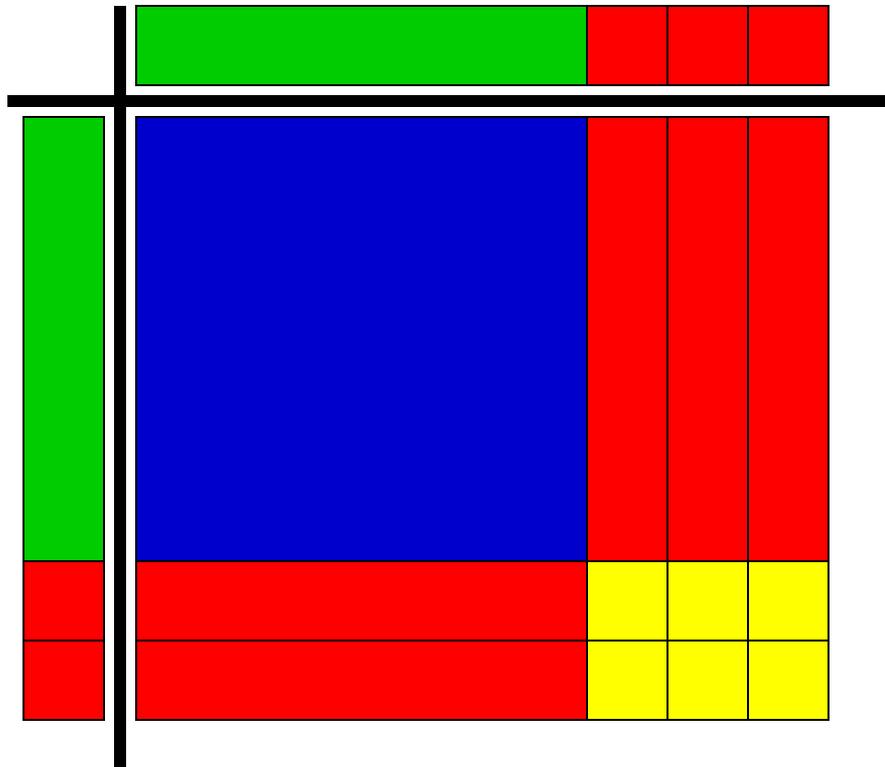
Factoring Polynomials

$$x^2 + 6x + 8$$



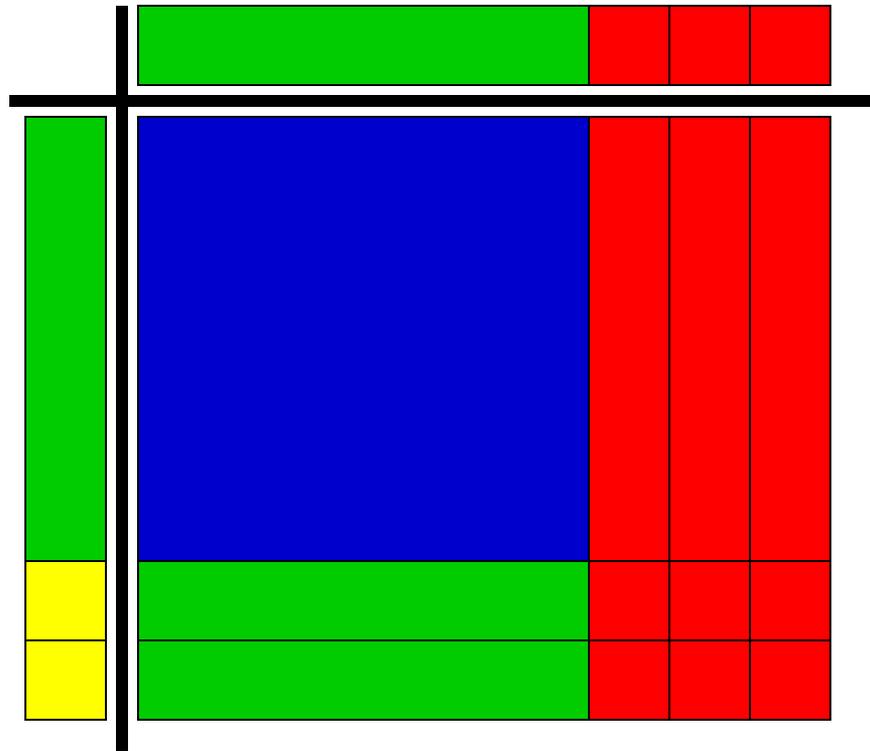
Factoring Polynomials

$$x^2 - 5x + 6$$



Factoring Polynomials

$$x^2 - x - 6$$



Factoring Polynomials

$$x^2 + x - 6$$

$$x^2 - 1$$

$$x^2 - 4$$

$$2x^2 - 3x - 2$$

$$2x^2 + 3x - 3$$

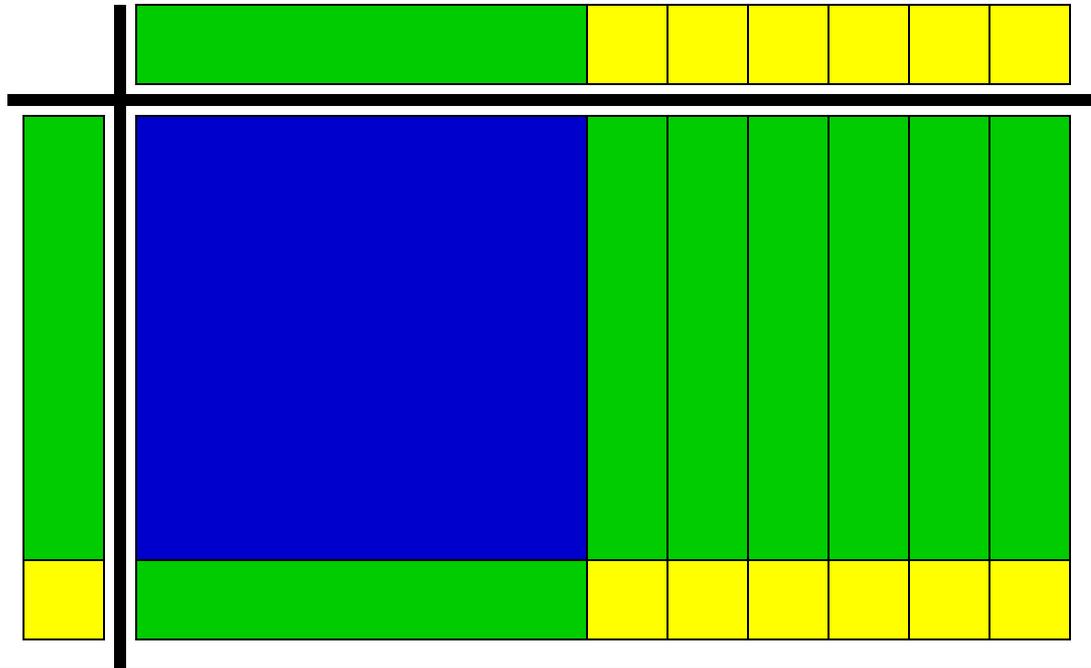
$$-2x^2 + x + 6$$

DIVIDING POLYNOMIALS

Dividing Polynomials

$$\frac{x^2 + 7x + 6}{x + 1}$$

$$x + 1$$



Dividing Polynomials

$$\frac{x^2 + 7x + 6}{x + 1}$$

$$x + 1$$

$$\frac{2x^2 + 5x - 3}{x + 3}$$

$$x + 3$$

$$\frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x - 2}$$

$$x - 2$$

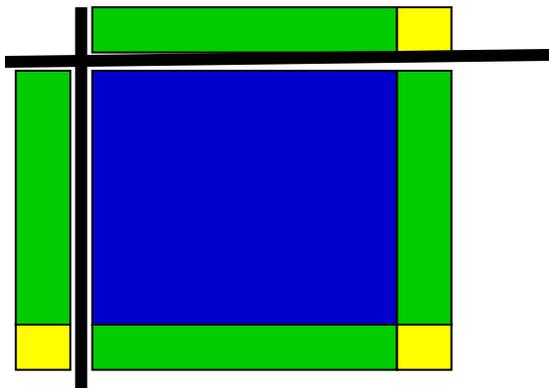
$$\frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x + 3}$$

$$x + 3$$

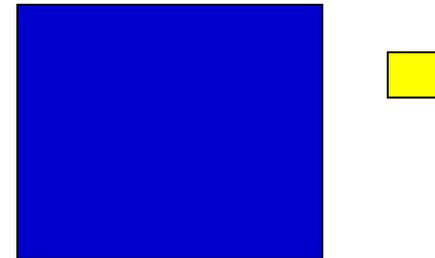
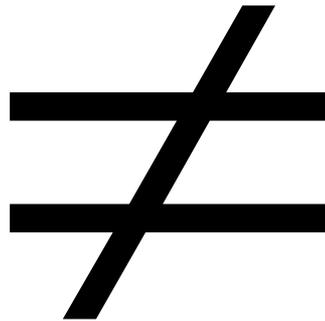
INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations with Algebra Tiles

- Use algebra tiles to show that $(x + 1)^2$ and $(x^2 + 1)$ are not equivalent.



$$\begin{aligned}(x + 1)^2 &= (x+1)(x+1) \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1\end{aligned}$$

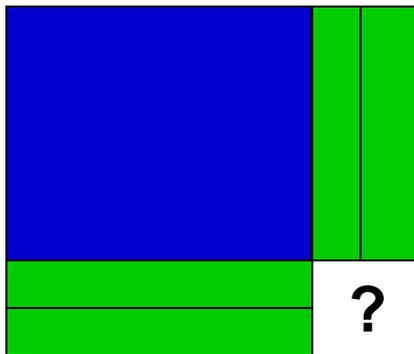


$$x^2 + 1$$

COMPLETING THE SQUARE

Using Algebra Tiles to Complete Square

- What is needed to create a perfect square trinomial for $x^2 + 4x + \square$?
- Use algebra tiles to create a square. What tiles will be needed to complete the square?



Completing the Square

- What is needed to create a perfect square trinomial for $x^2 - 6x + \square$?

