Math 4. Handout Distributive property Decimals

Distributive property of an expression:

$$(a+b) \cdot (c+d) = ?$$

Let's do the substitution:

a + b = u

Now let's use the distributive property:

 $(a+b)\cdot(c+d) = u(c+d) = uc + ud$

Now let's put back (a + b) instead of u:

uc + ud = (a + b)c + (a + b)d

Finally, let's use the distributive property again:

$$(a+b)c + (a+b)d = ac + bc + ad + bd$$

$$(a+b) \cdot (c+d) = ac + bc + ad + bd$$

Decimals:



• A **decimal number** is a **number** with a **decimal point** in it.

• The **number** to the left of the **decimal** is an ordinary whole **number**.

• The first **number** to the right of the **decimal** is the **number** of tenths (1/10's).

• The second is the **number** of hundredths (1/100's) and so on.

