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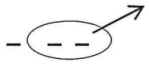
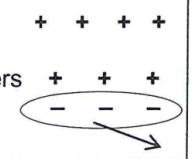
(-3) – (-2) = -1  Place 3 (–) counters and remove 2 (–) counters.	(4) – (-3) = 7 Place 4 (+) counters and then remove 3 (–) counters. Since there are no (–) counters to remove, add **zero pairs** first. 
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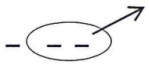
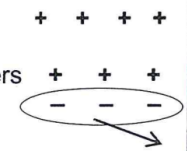
(-3) – (-2) = -1  Place 3 (–) counters and remove 2 (–) counters.	(4) – (-3) = 7 Place 4 (+) counters and then remove 3 (–) counters. Since there are no (–) counters to remove, add **zero pairs** first. 
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