Advanced Real World Math Operations - Step-by-Step Lesson

## **Operations Review:**

1. Calculate: [-12(-0.8)] – [(-8) x 0.22]



## **Explanation**:

There are certain rules to solve problems like this. We can remember the order in which we do basic operations with the acronym **PEMDAS**. The first letter (left to right) indicates the first operation and we proceed from there.

**PEMDAS** stands for:

P (Parenthesis or Brackets) Performed first

E (Exponents)

M (Multiplication)

D (Division)

A (Addition)

S (Subtraction)

## Apply this to our problem:

Rule 1) First the brackets ([]) should be solved.

Rule 2) When two unlike signs are multiplied, you will get a negative sign.

Rule 3) When two like signs are multiplied, you will get a positive sign.

Step 3) [-12(-0.8)] – [(-8) x 0.22] (Brackets)

[9.6] – [–8 x 0.22] (Multiplication)
[9.6] – [–1.76] (Subtraction) (minus a minus, results in a plus)

9.6 + 1.76 = 11.36



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