Distributive Property Using Area

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Write the expression that represents the area of each rectangle.



Find the area of each box in the pair.



Write the expression that represents the total length of each segment.



Write the area of each rectangle as the product of *length*×*width* and also as a sum of the areas of each box.



This process of writing these products as a sum uses the **distributive property**.

Use the distributive property to re-write each expression as a sum. You may want to draw a rectangle on a separate page to follow the technique above.

14. 4(x+7) =_____ 16. -2(x+4) =_____ 18. a(a-1) =_____ 20. -4(a-4) =_____ 15. 7(x-3) =_____ 17. x(x+9) =_____ 19. 3m(m+2) =_____ 21. a(a-12) =_____



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