Frequently Used Gestures in Graspable Math

Tap, drag, and hold terms in Graspable Math to rewrite mathematical expressions into equivalent ones:

- 1. Click or tap: apply an operation (e.g. "+") or resolve parentheses ("(").
- 2. *Tap* + *drag*: drag terms where you want them to go to trigger the corresponding transformation. GM indicates valid places to drop a term with blue rectangles.

Operations, Commutative Property, Factoring

Commute Terms Commute Negative Terms Perform Operations I Drag terms to commute. In GM, a + or - is picked up with the term, so Tap on operators or drag terms onto each other to add, subtract, multiply, etc you can commute with negative terms. 6+2-4 2+7+3 or 2+7+32 + 106 - 4 + 2**Perform Operations II Combining Signs Order of Operations** Tap the division bar or drag terms onto each Tap the left sign to resolve "+-" and "-+". When tapping an operator that can't be other to divide. applied, GM will shake the terms. *5* **⊕** 2·3 ((5)+(2·3)) **Decompose and Factor Numbers** Picking Up Multiple Terms I Picking Up Multiple Terms II Select "keypad" mode and tap on a number Pick up groups of terms by their operator or Pick up groups of terms by dragging down a to replace it with an equivalent expression. brackets around them, or fraction bar. term until more terms snap to it.

Distributive Property, Rearranging Equations

Distribute a Term

Drag a term into parentheses to distribute. Automatically simplifies in advanced settings

$$2.3 + 2a$$
 or $6 + 2a$

Distribute a Negative Sign

Tap on the negative sign to distribute.

$$2x \ominus (x-3)$$

$$2x-x+3$$

Distribute Multiple Terms

Drag one sum in another to distribute. Double-tap "(" instead to skip line 2 below.

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

$$x\cdot(x-2)+2\cdot(x-2)$$

$$x^2-2x+2x-4$$

Factor a Term

Drag common terms onto each other to apply the distributive property.

$$2 \cdot (3 + a)$$

Finding Greatest Common Factors

When numbers don't match, GM finds their greatest common factor.

$$6x + 8y$$

$$2.3x + 2.4y$$

Factoring Multiple Terms

You can factor groups of terms, too.

$$x \cdot (x-2) + 2 \cdot (x-2)$$

$$(x+2)\cdot(x-2)$$

Equations:

Do the Same to Both Sides I

Tap the "=" and enter an operation to apply to both sides in the keypad.

$$a+2 = 5$$

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$$a+2-2=5-2$$

Equations:

Do the Same to Both Sides II

Drag a term to the other side of the equation to apply the inverse.

$$a+2=5$$
 $a+2-2=5-2$

$$a + 2 = 5$$

$$a = 5 - 2$$

(auto-simplify setting on)

Equations: Invert Power I

Drag the exponent across the "=" to invert it.

$$\chi^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{4}$$

Equations: Invert Power II

Drag the base across the "=" to apply the logarithm to both sides.

$$2^{x} = 16$$

$$x = log_2(16)$$

Equations: Swap Sides

Drag one side of the equation above the "=" to swap sides.

$$a + 2 = 5$$

$$5 = a + 2$$

Fractions and Powers

Turn Fraction into Decimal

Tap on the fraction bar to compute. If the result is not an integer, double-tap.

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or

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Adding Fractions I

Tap or drag to add fractions with common denominators.

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3

<u>6</u>

Adding Fractions II

To rewrite fractions to have the same denominator, drag one denominator onto the other one. (Short-cut: double-tap "+")

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{2}{2\cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{2}{2\cdot 3} + \frac{3}{2\cdot 3}$$

Canceling Fractions

Drag matching terms on top of each other to cancel them out.



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 $\frac{a}{h}$

Nested Fractions

Drag a fraction out of the denominator to invert it.



 $a \cdot \frac{c}{b}$

Distribute Denominator

Drag and addend out of the numerator or the denominator onto the numerator.



or



$$\frac{3}{3} + \frac{5}{3}$$

Multiply Powers

Tap the "*" or drag to multiply powers.



or



73+5

Split Powers

Drag an addend out of an exponent to split a power. (You may use keypad mode to replace an exponent with a sum first.)



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Distribute Exponents

Drag an exponent into a product to distribute it.



 $2^{3} \cdot a^{3}$

Factor Exponents

Drag an exponent over matching exponents to pick them up, then drop them next to the product.

 $(2a)^{3}$

Move Powers Across Fractions

Drag a power across the fraction bar to invert the exponent.

2b²

$\textbf{Negative Exponent} \rightarrow \textbf{Fraction}$

Drag a power with a negative exponent down and drop it to create a fraction.



 $\frac{1}{x}$