2 + 3          3 + 2                    7 + (-3)          Note:  7 + (-3) = 7 − 3

                                        -3 + 7

The Commutative Property
        for Addition

        a + b =



-10  -9  -8  -7  -6  -5  -4  -3  -2  -1  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10
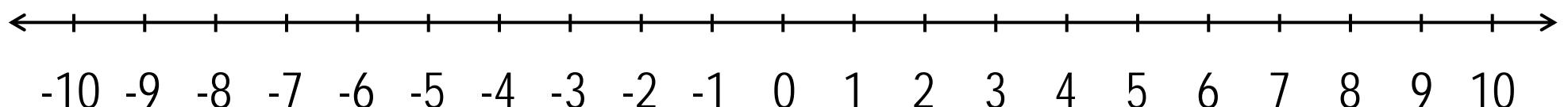
$2 + 3 + 4$    $(2 + 3) + 4$    $2 + (3 + 4)$    $2 + 3 + 4$

$4 + 2 + 3$

The Associative Property
for Addition

$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

-10  -9  -8  -7  -6  -5  -4  -3  -2  -1  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10