

YOU SEE, DR. ZIMMER, THE SCIENTIST THAT SUPPLIED ME WITH THE JET PACK\*, HAS ASKED TO MONITOR THE FUEL TANKS, SINCE I AM THE FIRST PERSON TO TEST THE PACK.



\*OPERATION COMICS #4

SINCE I MAY USE THE LEFT JET MORE TO TURN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESSURE IN THE FUEL TANKS DOESN'T STAY EQUAL.

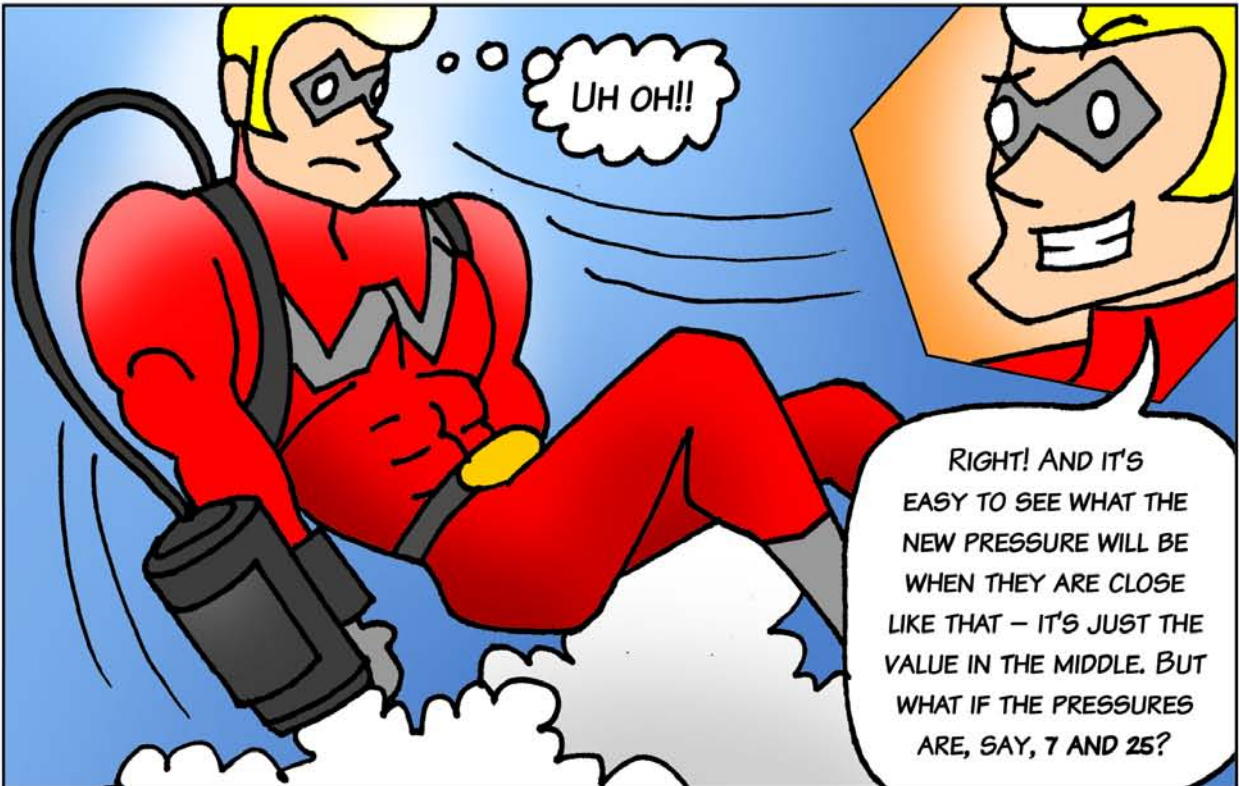


IF I NOTICE THIS ON THE GAUGES ON THE HAND JETS, I CAN EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE BY HITTING A SWITCH ON THE BASE OF THE PACK.

SO IF ONE IS AT 15 AND THE OTHER IS AT 13, THEY WILL EQUALIZE TO 14.

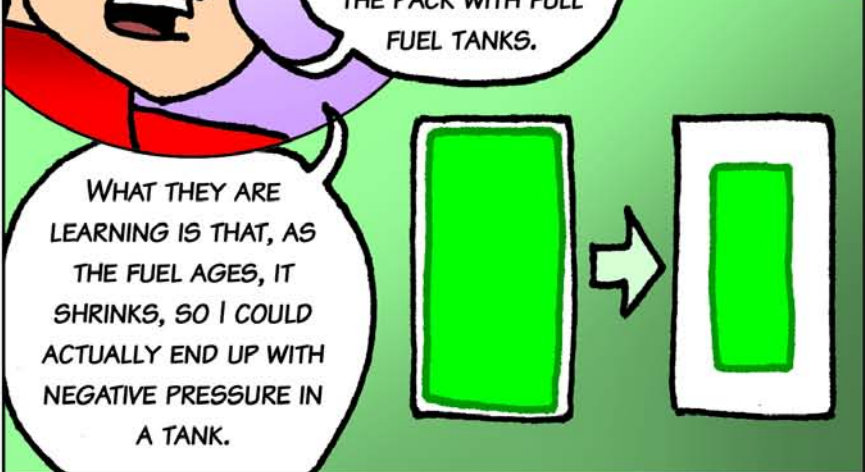
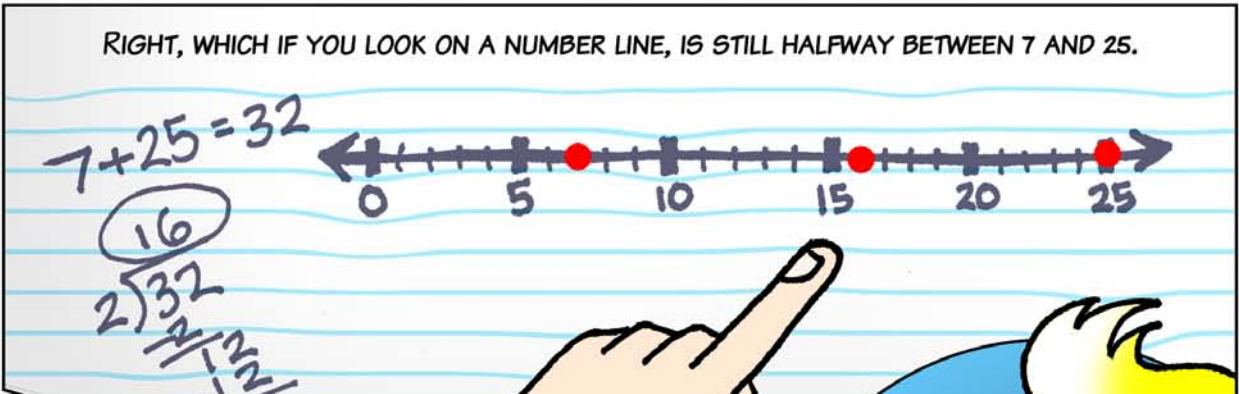
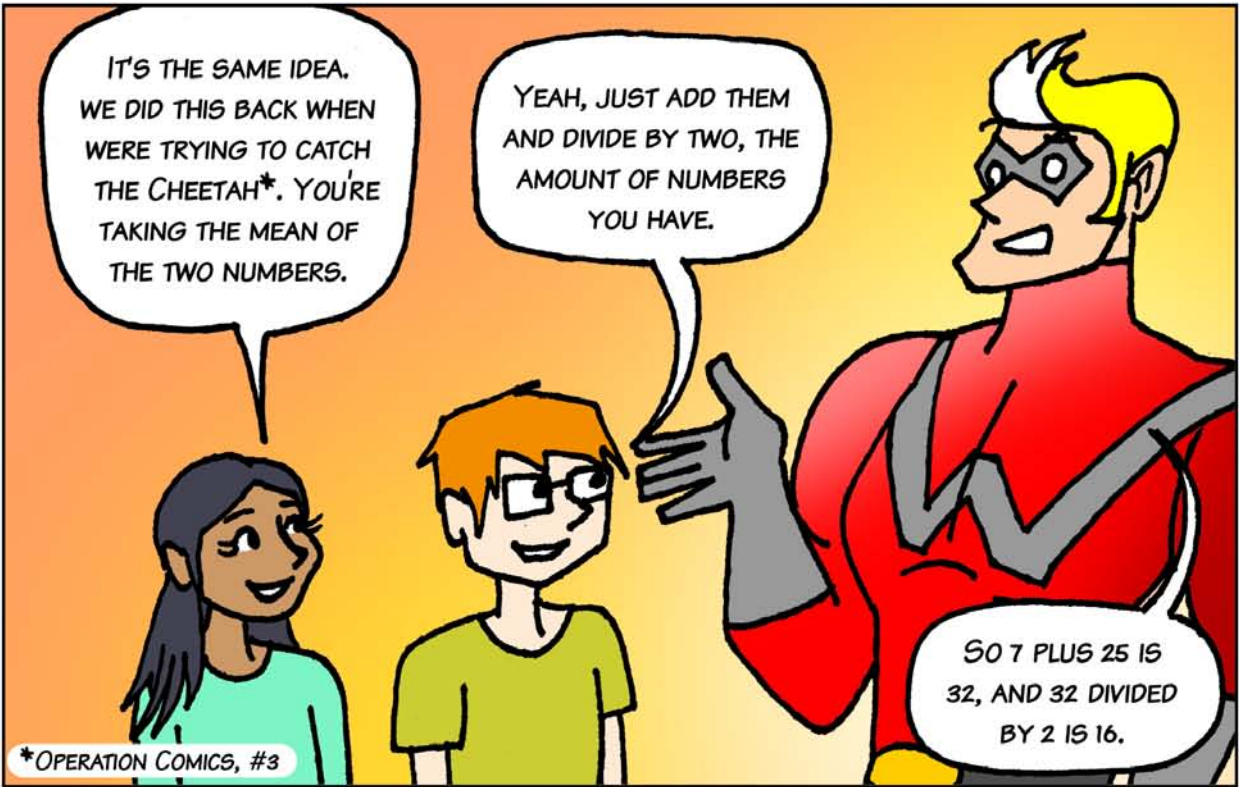


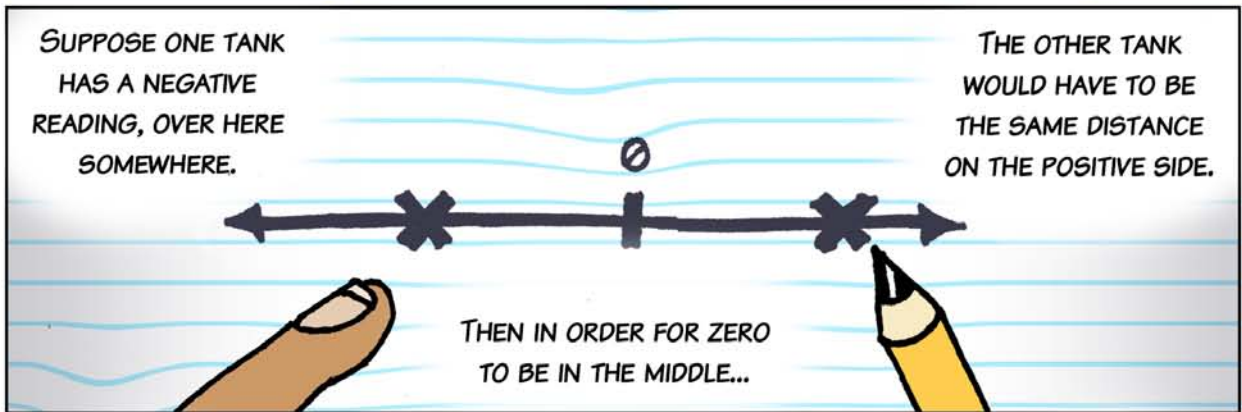
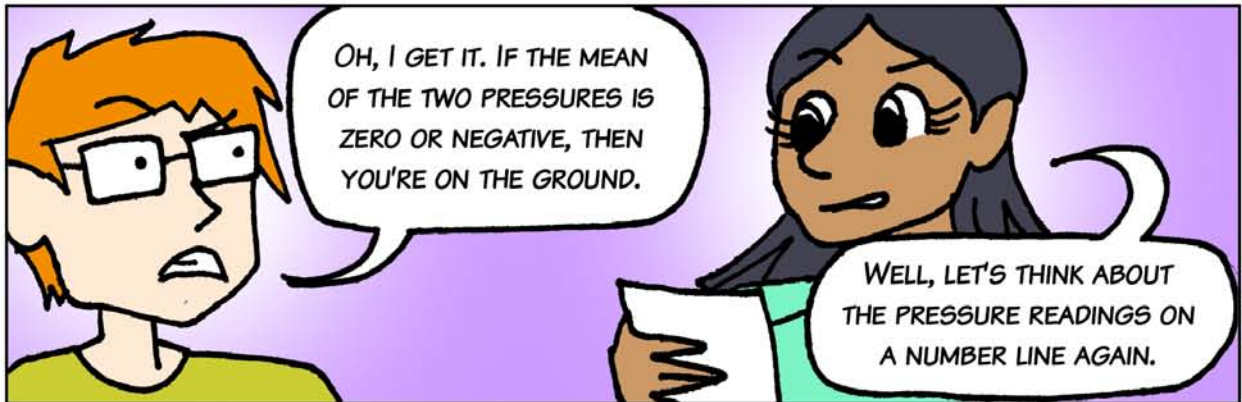
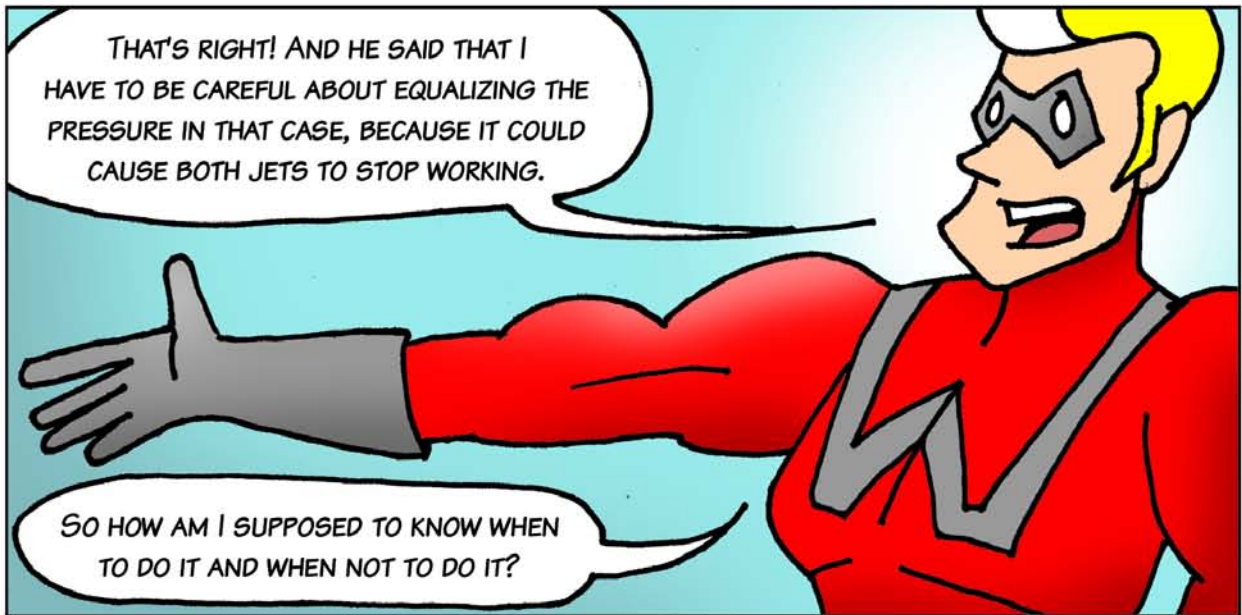
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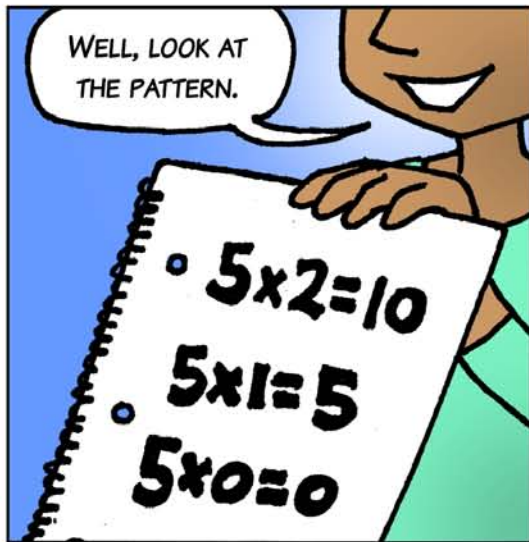
RIGHT! AND IT'S EASY TO SEE WHAT THE NEW PRESSURE WILL BE WHEN THEY ARE CLOSE LIKE THAT - IT'S JUST THE VALUE IN THE MIDDLE. BUT WHAT IF THE PRESSURES ARE, SAY, 7 AND 25?











EACH TIME, YOUR ANSWER DECREASES BY 5, SO THE NEXT ANSWER FOR 5 TIMES -1 IS -5.

$5 \times 2 = 10$     $5 \times 1 = 5$     $5 \times 0 = 0$     $5 \times -1 = -5$

SAME THING WITH A NEGATIVE TIMES A NEGATIVE.  
YOUR ANSWER INCREASES BY 5 EACH TIME, SO THE NEXT ANSWER FOR -5 TIMES -1 IS 5.

$-5 \times 2 = -10$     $-5 \times 1 = -5$     $-5 \times 0 = 0$     $-5 \times -1 = 5$



GOTCHA! SO THE ADDITIVE INVERSE OF A NUMBER IS THE SAME DISTANCE AWAY FROM ZERO ON THE NUMBER LINE, JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ZERO.

BY GEORGE, I THINK HE'S GOT IT!