

Adding and Subtracting Decimals

We use the column method to add or subtract decimals - make sure that the **decimal points line up** with each other

Adding decimals

 **Example** Work out $12.5 + 6.23$

$$\begin{array}{r} 12.50 \\ + 6.23 \\ \hline 18.73 \end{array}$$

You may find it useful to fill any "empty" spaces on the ends of numbers with zeros.

Decimal points lined up.

Subtracting decimals

 **Example** Work out $5.63 - 2.47$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5.63 \\ - 2.47 \\ \hline 3.16 \end{array}$$

Decimal points lined up.