

Subtracting Decimals:

$$\begin{array}{r} 13.75 \\ - 5.5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

line up
decimal
points



$$\begin{array}{r} 13.75 \\ 5.5 \end{array}$$

tack on
zero(s)



$$\begin{array}{r} 13.75 \\ 5.50 \end{array}$$

drop down
decimal
point



$$\begin{array}{r} 13.75 \\ - 5.50 \\ \hline . \end{array}$$

subtract
normally



$$\begin{array}{r} 13.75 \\ - 5.50 \\ \hline 8.25 \end{array}$$