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### **Clearing the display & doing arithmetic:** To clear the display, just press [CLX].

• Then, when doing arithmetic, keep in mind that the *operation* ([+], [-], [X], [÷]) comes *last*.

For example, on most other calculators, to sum the numbers 2 and 3, you press [2] [+] [3] [=]. But on the HP 12C, you press [2] [ENTER] [3] [+].

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Adjusting the displayed decimal places. To see 4 decimal places, just press [f] [4]. Likewise, to see all 9 places, press [f] [9]. Or, for dollars & cents (2 decimal places), press [f] [2].

If the decimal point is showing as a *comma* (European notation), you can easily change it back to a period: Turn off the machine, then *press and hold down* the [.] key, turn on the machine, then release the [.] key.

#### **3** The 5 finance keys: n i PV PMT FV In any financial calculation with these keys, you always *key in* 4 known values and

then *solve* for the 5th value—your unknown.

For example, to key in a *known* value 100,000 as the **PV** (**P**resent Value), you press 100000 [**PV**]).

To *solve* for **PV** as your *unknown*, you key in the other 4 values (your knowns) first, then press [**PV**] by itself.

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Most leases and savings plans are *annuity in advance* (BEGIN mode), where the payment comes at the <u>beginning</u> of the payment period. To set the HP 12C for this mode, press [g] [7]. A little BEGIN sign will appear in the display.

However, most mortgages and notes are *annuity in arrears* (END mode)—the payment comes at the <u>end</u> of the payment period. This is the more common situation, and for this you *don't* want the BEGIN sign in the display. Press [g] [8] to turn it off.

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