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Chapter 1 Rational and Irrational Numbers

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Introduction:-

- * Natural Numbers: The counting numbers are called natural numbers i.e. $N = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$
- * Whole Numbers: All counting numbers together with 0 form the collection of all whole numbers $W = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$
- * Integers: All whole numbers and the negatives of all counting numbers form the collection of all integers.
 $I \text{ or } Z = \dots -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$
- * Fractions: The numbers of the form $\frac{a}{b}$, where 'a' and 'b' are natural numbers.
e.g. $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{7}, \frac{9}{61}, \dots$

Terminating Decimals:-

In order to express a fraction $\frac{p}{q}$ in decimal form, we divide p by q . If after a finite number of steps, no remainder is left, then we call it a terminating decimal

e.g. $\frac{1}{4} = 0.25, \frac{3}{8} = 0.375, \frac{14}{5} = 2.8$

Note:- A fraction $\frac{p}{q}$ is a terminating decimal

only when prime factors of denominator are out of 2 and 5 only.

e.g. $20 = 2 \times 2 \times 5$	terminating
$30 = 2 \times 3 \times 5$	non-terminating
$252 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 7$	non-terminating
$60 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5$	non-terminating
$50 = 2 \times 5 \times 5$	terminating

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Repeating (or Recurring) Decimals / non-terminating

→ A decimal in which a digit or a set of digits repeats continually, is called a repeating or a recurring or a periodic or a circulating decimal.

e.g. $\frac{1}{3} = 0.3333... = 0.\dot{3}$ or $0.\bar{3}$

$$\frac{2}{3} = 0.666... = 0.\dot{6} \text{ or } 0.\bar{6}$$

$$\frac{11}{6} = 1.8333... = 1.8\dot{3} \text{ or } 1.8\bar{3}$$

Example 1 Express the following decimals as a rational number in simplest form $\frac{p}{q}$ or vulgar fraction.

(i) $0.\bar{6}$

$$\text{Let } x = 0.\bar{6} \Rightarrow x = 0.666... \quad (i)$$

Multiply both side by 10, we get

$$10x = 6.666... \quad (ii)$$

On subtracting (i) from (ii), we get

$$9x = 6 \Rightarrow x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Hence, $0.\bar{6} = \frac{2}{3}$ i.e. vulgar fraction.

(ii) $5.\bar{36}$

$$\text{Let } x = 5.\bar{36} \Rightarrow x = 5.363636... \quad (i)$$

Multiply both side by 100 (since two digits are repeating) we get $100x = 536.363636... \quad (ii)$

On subtracting (i) from (ii), we get

$$99x = 531$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{531}{99} = \frac{59}{11}$$

Hence, $5.\bar{36} = \frac{59}{11}$

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(iii) $0.4\overline{56}$

$$\text{Let } x = 0.4565656 \dots \quad (i)$$

First we multiply by 10 to shift 4

$$\text{i.e. } 10x = 4.565656 \dots \quad (ii)$$

Since, two digits are repeating so, we multiply equation (ii) by 100, we get

$$1000x = 456.5656 \dots \quad (iii)$$

On subtracting equation (ii) from (iii), we get

$$990x = 452 \Rightarrow x = \frac{452}{990} = \frac{226}{495}$$

$$\text{Hence, } 0.4\overline{56} = \frac{226}{495}$$

Note:- We subtract the two equation only when digits after decimals are exactly same. So, we multiply by 10, 100, 1000...

Rational Numbers

Any number that can be expressed in the form $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are both integers and $q \neq 0$

i.e. $p, q \in \mathbb{I}$, $q \neq 0$ and p, q are coprime

[coprime $\rightarrow$ no common factor except 1]

Note :-

(i) Every rational number is expressible either as a terminating decimal or as a repeating decimal.

(ii) Every terminating decimal is a rational number

(iii) Every repeating decimal is a rational number.

(iv) The sum, difference and product of two rational numbers is always rational

(v) When a rational number is divided by any non-zero rational, we always get a rational.

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There are infinitely many rational numbers between two rational numbers.

i.e. If x and y are two rational numbers then $x < \frac{1}{2}(x+y) < y$

By repeated use of above property, we can find infinitely many rational numbers.

Example 1:- Find a rational number between $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{5}{7}$

Solution:- Using $x < \frac{1}{2}(x+y) < y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} < \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{5} + \frac{5}{7}\right) < \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} < \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{21+25}{35}\right) < \frac{5}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} < \frac{1 \times 46}{2 \times 35} < \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} < \frac{23}{35} < \frac{5}{7}$$

2nd Method

L.C.M of denominator 5 and 7 is 35

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} = \frac{3 \times 7}{5 \times 7} = \frac{21}{35} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{5}{7} = \frac{5 \times 5}{7 \times 5} = \frac{25}{35}$$

So, new fractions are $\frac{21}{35}$ and $\frac{25}{35}$

The fractions lying between $\frac{21}{35}$ and $\frac{25}{35}$

$$\frac{21}{35} < \frac{22}{35} < \frac{23}{35} < \frac{24}{35} < \frac{25}{35}$$

Here, we can take any fraction as answer

Note :- We can use any method for finding rational numbers. Here, 2nd method is more convenient.

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Example 2:- Find ten rational numbers between $-\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$

Solution:- L.C.M of 3 and 4 is 12

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{2}{3} = \frac{-2 \times 4}{3 \times 4} = \frac{-8}{12} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1 \times 3}{4 \times 3} = \frac{3}{12}$$

Now, rational numbers between $-\frac{8}{12}$ and $\frac{3}{12}$ are

$$-\frac{8}{12} < -\frac{7}{12} < -\frac{6}{12} < -\frac{5}{12} < -\frac{4}{12} < -\frac{3}{12} < -\frac{2}{12} < -\frac{1}{12} < 0$$

$$< \frac{1}{12} < \frac{2}{12} < \frac{3}{12}$$

Example 3:- Find four rational numbers between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$

Solution:- L.C.M of 4 and 3 is 12

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1 \times 3}{4 \times 3} = \frac{3}{12} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1 \times 4}{3 \times 4} = \frac{4}{12}$$

Here, the rational numbers are $\frac{3}{12}$ and $\frac{4}{12}$

In order to find four rational number we multiply each by five (i.e. one extra)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3 \times 5}{12 \times 5} = \frac{15}{60} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{4 \times 5}{12 \times 5} = \frac{20}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{15}{60} < \frac{16}{60} < \frac{17}{60} < \frac{18}{60} < \frac{19}{60} < \frac{20}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} < \frac{16}{60} < \frac{17}{60} < \frac{18}{60} < \frac{19}{60} < \frac{1}{3}$$

Note:- In the above example we can multiply by any number greater than 4.

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Representation of rational number on number line

