

## EXERCISE 1.7

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**1. Divide:****(i) 1 by  $\frac{1}{2}$** **Solution:**

$$1 / \frac{1}{2} = 1 \times \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

**(ii) 5 by  $-\frac{5}{7}$** **Solution:**

$$5 / -\frac{5}{7} = 5 \times \frac{7}{-5} = -7$$

**(iii)  $-\frac{3}{4}$  by  $\frac{9}{-16}$** **Solution:**

$$(-\frac{3}{4}) / (\frac{9}{-16})$$

$$(-\frac{3}{4}) \times -\frac{16}{9} = \frac{4}{3}$$

**(iv)  $-\frac{7}{8}$  by  $-\frac{21}{16}$** **Solution:**

$$(-\frac{7}{8}) / (-\frac{21}{16})$$

$$(-\frac{7}{8}) \times \frac{16}{-21} = \frac{2}{3}$$

**(v)  $\frac{7}{-4}$  by  $\frac{63}{64}$** **Solution:**

$$(\frac{7}{-4}) / (\frac{63}{64})$$

$$(\frac{7}{-4}) \times \frac{64}{63} = -\frac{16}{9}$$

**(vi) 0 by  $-\frac{7}{5}$** **Solution:**

$$0 / (\frac{7}{5}) = 0$$

**(vii)  $-\frac{3}{4}$  by -6****Solution:**

$$(-\frac{3}{4}) / -6$$

$$(-\frac{3}{4}) \times \frac{1}{-6} = \frac{1}{8}$$

**(viii)  $\frac{2}{3}$  by  $-\frac{7}{12}$** **Solution:**

$$(\frac{2}{3}) / (-\frac{7}{12})$$

$$(\frac{2}{3}) \times \frac{12}{-7} = -\frac{8}{7}$$

(ix)  $-4$  by  $-3/5$

**Solution:**

$$-4 \div (-3/5)$$

$$-4 \times 5/-3 = 20/3$$

(x)  $-3/13$  by  $-4/65$

**Solution:**

$$(-3/13) \div (-4/65)$$

$$(-3/13) \times (65/-4) = 15/4$$

**2. Find the value and express as a rational number in standard form:**

(i)  $2/5 \div 26/15$

**Solution:**

$$(2/5) \div (26/15)$$

$$(2/5) \times (15/26)$$

$$(2/1) \times (3/26) = (2 \times 3) / (1 \times 26) = 6/26 = 3/13$$

(ii)  $10/3 \div -35/12$

**Solution:**

$$(10/3) \div (-35/12)$$

$$(10/3) \times (12/-35)$$

$$(10/1) \times (4/-35) = (10 \times 4) / (1 \times -35) = -40/35 = -8/7$$

(iii)  $-6 \div -8/17$

**Solution:**

$$-6 \div (-8/17)$$

$$-6 \times (17/-8)$$

$$-3 \times (17/-4) = (-3 \times 17) / (1 \times -4) = 51/4$$

(iv)  $-40/99 \div -20$

**Solution:**

$$(-40/99) \div -20$$

$$(-40/99) \times (1/-20)$$

$$(-2/99) \times (1/-1) = (-2 \times 1) / (99 \times -1) = 2/99$$

(v)  $-22/27 \div -110/18$

**Solution:**

$$(-22/27) \div (-110/18)$$

$$(-22/27) \times (18/-110)$$

$$(-1/9) \times (6/-5)$$

$$(-1/3) \times (2/-5) = (-1 \times 2) / (3 \times -5) = 2/15$$

(vi)  $-36/125 \div -3/75$

**Solution:**

$$(-36/125) / (-3/75)$$

$$(-36/125) \times (75/-3)$$

$$(-12/25) \times (15/-1)$$

$$(-12/5) \times (3/-1) = (-12 \times 3) / (5 \times -1) = 36/5$$

**3. The product of two rational numbers is 15. If one of the numbers is -10, find the other.**

**Solution:**

We know that the product of two rational numbers = 15

One of the number = -10

$\therefore$  other number can be obtained by dividing the product by the given number.

$$\text{Other number} = 15 / -10$$

$$= -3/2$$

**4. The product of two rational numbers is  $-8/9$ . If one of the numbers is  $-4/15$ , find the other.**

**Solution:**

We know that the product of two rational numbers =  $-8/9$

One of the number =  $-4/15$

$\therefore$  other number is obtained by dividing the product by the given number.

$$\text{Other number} = (-8/9) / (-4/15)$$

$$= (-8/9) \times (15/-4)$$

$$= (-2/3) \times (5/-1)$$

$$= (-2 \times 5) / (3 \times -1)$$

$$= -10/-3$$

$$= 10/3$$

**5. By what number should we multiply  $-1/6$  so that the product may be  $-23/9$ ?**

**Solution:**

Let us consider a number = x

$$\text{So, } x \times -1/6 = -23/9$$

$$x = (-23/9) / (-1/6)$$

$$x = (-23/9) \times (6/-1)$$

$$= (-23/3) \times (2 \times -1)$$

$$= (-23 \times -2) / (3 \times 1)$$
$$= 46/3$$

**6. By what number should we multiply  $-15/28$  so that the product may be  $-5/7$ ?**

**Solution:**

Let us consider a number =  $x$

$$\text{So, } x \times -15/28 = -5/7$$

$$x = (-5/7) / (-15/28)$$

$$x = (-5/7) \times (28/-15)$$

$$= (-1/1) \times (4 \times -3)$$

$$= 4/3$$

**7. By what number should we multiply  $-8/13$  so that the product may be 24?**

**Solution:**

Let us consider a number =  $x$

$$\text{So, } x \times -8/13 = 24$$

$$x = (24) / (-8/13)$$

$$x = (24) \times (13/-8)$$

$$= (3) \times (13 \times -1)$$

$$= -39$$

**8. By what number should  $-3/4$  be multiplied in order to produce  $2/3$ ?**

**Solution:**

Let us consider a number =  $x$

$$\text{So, } x \times -3/4 = 2/3$$

$$x = (2/3) / (-3/4)$$

$$x = (2/3) \times (4/-3)$$

$$= -8/9$$

**9. Find  $(x+y) \div (x-y)$ , if**

**(i)  $x = 2/3$ ,  $y = 3/2$**

**Solution:**

$$(x+y) \div (x-y)$$

$$(2/3 + 3/2) / (2/3 - 3/2)$$

$$((2 \times 2 + 3 \times 3)/6) / ((2 \times 2 - 3 \times 3)/6)$$

$$((4+9)/6) / ((4-9)/6)$$

$$(13/6) / (-5/6)$$

$$(13/6) \times (6/-5)$$

$$-13/5$$

**(ii)  $x = \frac{2}{5}, y = \frac{1}{2}$**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+y) \div (x-y) \\ & (\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{2}) \div (\frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{2}) \\ & ((2 \times 2 + 1 \times 5)/10) \div ((2 \times 2 - 1 \times 5)/10) \\ & ((4+5)/10) \div ((4-5)/10) \\ & (9/10) \div (-1/10) \\ & (9/10) \times (10/-1) \\ & -9 \end{aligned}$$

**(iii)  $x = \frac{5}{4}, y = -\frac{1}{3}$**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+y) \div (x-y) \\ & (\frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{3}) \div (\frac{5}{4} + \frac{1}{3}) \\ & ((5 \times 3 - 1 \times 4)/12) \div ((5 \times 3 + 1 \times 4)/12) \\ & ((15-4)/12) \div ((15+4)/12) \\ & (11/12) \div (19/12) \\ & (11/12) \times (12/19) \\ & 11/19 \end{aligned}$$

**(iv)  $x = \frac{2}{7}, y = \frac{4}{3}$**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+y) \div (x-y) \\ & (\frac{2}{7} + \frac{4}{3}) \div (\frac{2}{7} - \frac{4}{3}) \\ & ((2 \times 3 + 4 \times 7)/21) \div ((2 \times 3 - 4 \times 7)/21) \\ & ((6+28)/21) \div ((6-28)/21) \\ & (34/21) \div (-22/21) \\ & (34/21) \times (21/-22) \\ & -34/22 \\ & -17/11 \end{aligned}$$

**(v)  $x = \frac{1}{4}, y = \frac{3}{2}$**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+y) \div (x-y) \\ & (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{2}) \div (\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2}) \\ & ((1 \times 1 + 3 \times 2)/4) \div ((1 \times 1 - 3 \times 2)/4) \\ & ((1+6)/4) \div ((1-6)/4) \\ & (7/4) \div (-5/4) \\ & (7/4) \times (4/-5) = -7/5 \end{aligned}$$

**10. The cost of  $7\frac{2}{3}$  meters of rope is Rs  $12\frac{3}{4}$ . Find the cost per meter.**

**Solution:**

We know that  $23/3$  meters of rope = Rs  $51/4$

Let us consider a number =  $x$

$$\text{So, } x \times 23/3 = 51/4$$

$$x = (51/4)/(23/3)$$

$$x = (51/4) \times (3/23)$$

$$= (51 \times 3) / (4 \times 23)$$

$$= 153/92$$

$$= 1\frac{61}{92}$$

$\therefore$  cost per meter is Rs  $1\frac{61}{92}$

**11. The cost of  $2\frac{1}{3}$  meters of cloth is Rs  $75\frac{1}{4}$ . Find the cost of cloth per meter.**

**Solution:**

We know that  $7/3$  meters of cloth = Rs  $301/4$

Let us consider a number =  $x$

$$\text{So, } x \times 7/3 = 301/4$$

$$x = (301/4)/(7/3)$$

$$x = (301/4) \times (3/7)$$

$$= (301 \times 3) / (4 \times 7)$$

$$= (43 \times 3) / (4 \times 1)$$

$$= 129/4$$

$$= 32.25$$

$\therefore$  cost of cloth per meter is Rs 32.25

**12. By what number should  $-33/16$  be divided to get  $-11/4$ ?**

**Solution:**

Let us consider a number =  $x$

$$\text{So, } (-33/16)/x = -11/4$$

$$-33/16 = x \times -11/4$$

$$x = (-33/16) / (-11/4)$$

$$= (-33/16) \times (4/-11)$$

$$= (-33 \times 4) / (16 \times -11)$$

$$= (-3 \times 1) / (4 \times -1)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

**13. Divide the sum of  $-13/5$  and  $12/7$  by the product of  $-31/7$  and  $-1/2$ .**

**Solution:**

sum of  $-13/5$  and  $12/7$

$$-13/5 + 12/7$$

$$((-13 \times 7) + (12 \times 5))/35$$

$$(-91 + 60)/35$$

$$-31/35$$

Product of  $-31/7$  and  $-1/2$

$$-31/7 \times -1/2$$

$$(-31 \times -1)/(7 \times 2)$$

$$31/14$$

$\therefore$  by dividing the sum and the product we get,

$$(-31/35) / (31/14)$$

$$(-31/35) \times (14/31)$$

$$(-31 \times 14)/(35 \times 31)$$

$$-14/35$$

$$-2/5$$

**14. Divide the sum of  $65/12$  and  $12/7$  by their difference.**

**Solution:**

The sum is  $65/12 + 12/7$

The difference is  $65/12 - 12/7$

When we divide,  $(65/12 + 12/7) / (65/12 - 12/7)$

$$((65 \times 7 + 12 \times 12)/84) / ((65 \times 7 - 12 \times 12)/84)$$

$$((455 + 144)/84) / ((455 - 144)/84)$$

$$(599/84) / (311/84)$$

$$599/84 \times 84/311$$

$$599/311$$

**15. If 24 trousers of equal size can be prepared in 54 meters of cloth, what length of cloth is required for each trouser?**

**Solution:**

We know that total number trousers = 24

Total length of the cloth = 54

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Length of the cloth required for each trouser} &= \text{total length of the cloth/number of trousers} \\ &= 54/24 \\ &= 9/2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$   $9/2$  meters is required for each trouser.