

Exercise 1.3

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1. Write the following in decimal form and say what kind of decimal expansion each has :

(i) $36/100$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r} 00.36 \\ 100 \overline{) 360} \\ \underline{300} \\ 600 \\ \underline{600} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

= 0.36 (Terminating)

(ii) $1/11$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.0909... \\ 11 \overline{) 1} \\ \underline{0} \\ 10 \\ \underline{0} \\ 100 \\ \underline{99} \\ 10 \\ \underline{0} \\ 100 \\ \underline{99} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

= $0.0909... = 0.\overline{09}$ (Non terminating and repeating)

(iii) $4\frac{1}{8}$

Solution:

$$4\frac{1}{8} = \frac{33}{8}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4.125 \\
 8 \overline{) 33} \\
 \underline{32} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{8} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{16} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{40} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

= 4.125 (Terminating)

(iv) $3/13$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.230769 \\
 13 \overline{) 30} \\
 \underline{26} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{39} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{0} \\
 100 \\
 \underline{91} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{78} \\
 120 \\
 \underline{117} \\
 3
 \end{array}$$

= $0.230769... = 0.\overline{230769}$

(v) $2/11$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.18 \\
 11 \overline{) 2} \\
 \underline{0} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{11} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{88} \\
 2
 \end{array}$$

= $0.1818181818... = 0.\overline{18}$ (Non terminating and repeating)

(vi) $329/400$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 400 \overline{) 0.8225} \\
 \underline{329} \\
 0 \\
 \underline{3290} \\
 \underline{3200} \\
 900 \\
 \underline{800} \\
 1000 \\
 \underline{800} \\
 2000 \\
 \underline{2000} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

= 0.8225 (Terminating)

2. You know that $1/7 = 0.142857$. Can you predict what the decimal expansions of $2/7$, $3/7$, $4/7$, $5/7$, $6/7$ are, without actually doing the long division? If so, how?

[Hint: Study the remainders while finding the value of $1/7$ carefully.]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1/7 &= 0.\overline{142857} \\
 \therefore 2 \times 1/7 &= 2 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{285714} \\
 3 \times 1/7 &= 3 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{428571} \\
 4 \times 1/7 &= 4 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{571428} \\
 5 \times 1/7 &= 5 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{714285} \\
 6 \times 1/7 &= 6 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{857142}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Express the following in the form p/q , where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$.

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

Solution:

$$0.\overline{6} = 0.666\ldots$$

Assume that $x = 0.666\ldots$

Then, $10x = 6.666\ldots$

$$10x = 6 + x$$

$$9x = 6$$

$$x = 2/3$$

(ii)

$$0.4\overline{7}$$

Solution:

$$0.\overline{47} = 0.4777..$$

$$= (4/10) + (0.777/10)$$

Assume that $x = 0.777...$

$$\text{Then, } 10x = 7.777...$$

$$10x = 7 + x$$

$$x = 7/9$$

$$(4/10) + (0.777.../10) = (4/10) + (7/90) \quad (x = 7/9 \text{ and } x = 0.777...0.777.../10 = 7/(9 \times 10) = 7/90)$$

$$= (36/90) + (7/90) = 43/90$$

$$(iii) 0.\overline{001}$$

Solution:

$$0.\overline{001} = 0.001001...$$

Assume that $x = 0.001001...$

$$\text{Then, } 1000x = 1.001001...$$

$$1000x = 1 + x$$

$$999x = 1$$

$$x = 1/999$$

4. Express 0.99999.... in the form p/q . Are you surprised by your answer? With your teacher and classmates discuss why the answer makes sense.

Solution:

Assume that $x = 0.9999....$ Eq (a)

Multiplying both sides by 10,

$$10x = 9.9999.... \text{ Eq. (b)}$$

Eq.(b) – Eq.(a), we get

$$10x = 9.9999$$

$$-x = -0.9999...$$

$$9x = 9$$

$$x = 1$$

The difference between 1 and 0.999999 is 0.000001 which is negligible.

Hence, we can conclude that, 0.999 is too much near 1, therefore, 1 as the answer can be justified.

5. What can the maximum number of digits be in the repeating block of digits in the decimal expansion of $1/17$? Perform the division to check your answer.

Solution:

$1/17$

Dividing 1 by 17:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.0588235294117647 \\
 17 \overline{) 100} \\
 \underline{85} \\
 150 \\
 \underline{136} \\
 140 \\
 \underline{136} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{34} \\
 60 \\
 \underline{51} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{85} \\
 50 \\
 \underline{34} \\
 160 \\
 \underline{153} \\
 70 \\
 \underline{68} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{17} \\
 30 \\
 \underline{17} \\
 130 \\
 \underline{119} \\
 110 \\
 \underline{102} \\
 80 \\
 \underline{68} \\
 120 \\
 \underline{119} \\
 100
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{17} = 0.\overline{0588235294117647}$$

There are 16 digits in the repeating block of the decimal expansion of $1/17$.

6. Look at several examples of rational numbers in the form p/q ($q \neq 0$), where p and q are integers with no common factors other than 1 and having terminating decimal representations (expansions). Can you guess what property q must satisfy?

Solution:

We observe that when q is 2, 4, 5, 8, 10... Then the decimal expansion is terminating. For example:

$$1/2 = 0.5, \text{ denominator } q = 2^1$$

$$7/8 = 0.875, \text{ denominator } q = 2^3$$

$$4/5 = 0.8, \text{ denominator } q = 5^1$$

We can observe that the terminating decimal may be obtained in the situation where prime factorization of the denominator of the given fractions has the power of only 2 or only 5 or both.

7. Write three numbers whose decimal expansions are non-terminating non-recurring.

Solution:

We know that all irrational numbers are non-terminating non-recurring. three numbers with decimal expansions that are non-terminating non-recurring are:

1. $\sqrt{3} = 1.732050807568$
2. $\sqrt{26} = 5.099019513592$
3. $\sqrt{101} = 10.04987562112$

8. Find three different irrational numbers between the rational numbers $5/7$ and $9/11$.

Solution:

$$\frac{5}{7} = 0.\overline{714285}$$

$$\frac{9}{11} = 0.\overline{81}$$

Three different irrational numbers are:

1. 0.73073007300073000073...
2. 0.75075007300075000075...
3. 0.76076007600076000076...

9. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational according to their type:

(i) $\sqrt{23}$

Solution:

$$\sqrt{23} = 4.79583152331...$$

Since the number is non-terminating and non-recurring therefore, it is an irrational number.

(ii) $\sqrt{225}$

Solution:

$$\sqrt{225} = 15 = 15/1$$

Since the number can be represented in p/q form, it is a rational number.

(iii) 0.3796

Solution:

Since the number, 0.3796, is terminating, it is a rational number.

(iv) 7.478478

Solution:

The number, 7.478478, is non-terminating but recurring, it is a rational number.

(v) 1.101001000100001...

Solution:

Since the number, 1.101001000100001..., is non-terminating non-repeating (non-recurring), it is an irrational number.