

EXERCISE 1.2

1. Represent these numbers on the number line.

(i) $7/4$

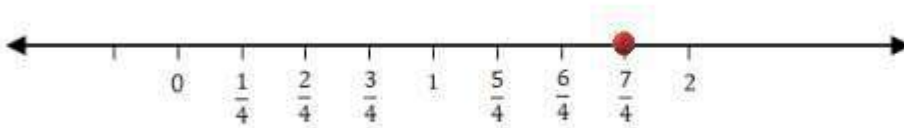
(ii) $-5/6$

Solution:

(i) $7/4$

Divide the line between the whole numbers into 4 parts, i.e. divide the line between 0 and 1 to 4 parts, 1 and 2 to 4 parts, and so on.

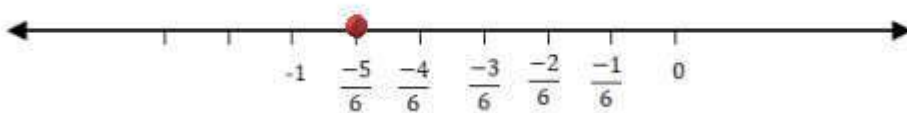
Thus, the rational number $7/4$ lies at a distance of 7 points away from 0 towards the positive number line.



(ii) $-5/6$

Divide the line between the integers into 6 parts, i.e. divide the line between 0 and -1 to 6 parts, -1 and -2 to 6 parts, and so on. Here, since the numerator is less than the denominator, dividing 0 to -1 into 6 parts is sufficient.

Thus, the rational number $-5/6$ lies at a distance of 5 points, away from 0, towards the negative number line.

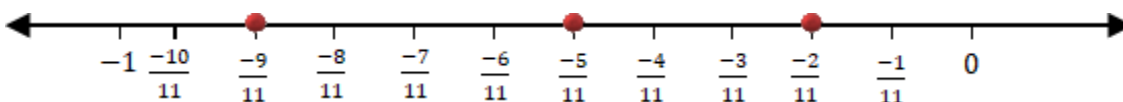


2. Represent $-2/11$, $-5/11$, $-9/11$ on a number line.

Solution:

Divide the line between the integers into 11 parts.

Thus, the rational numbers $-2/11$, $-5/11$, and $-9/11$ lie at a distance of 2, 5, and 9 points away from 0, towards the negative number line, respectively.



3. Write five rational numbers which are smaller than 2.

Solution:

The number 2 can be written as $20/10$

Hence, we can say that the five rational numbers which are smaller than 2 are:

$2/10, 5/10, 10/10, 15/10, 19/10$

4. Find the rational numbers between $-2/5$ and $1/2$.

Solution:

Let us make the denominators the same, say 50.

$$-2/5 = (-2 \times 10)/(5 \times 10) = -20/50$$

$$1/2 = (1 \times 25)/(2 \times 25) = 25/50$$

Ten rational numbers between $-2/5$ and $1/2$ = ten rational numbers between $-20/50$ and $25/50$.

Therefore, ten rational numbers between $-20/50$ and $25/50$ = $-18/50, -15/50, -5/50, -2/50, 4/50, 5/50, 8/50, 12/50, 15/50, 20/50$.

5. Find five rational numbers between:

(i) $2/3$ and $4/5$

(ii) $-3/2$ and $5/3$

(iii) $1/4$ and $1/2$

Solution:

(i) $2/3$ and $4/5$

Let us make the denominators the same, say 60

i.e., $2/3$ and $4/5$ can be written as:

$$2/3 = (2 \times 20)/(3 \times 20) = 40/60$$

$$4/5 = (4 \times 12)/(5 \times 12) = 48/60$$

Five rational numbers between $2/3$ and $4/5$ = five rational numbers between $40/60$ and $48/60$.

Therefore, five rational numbers between $40/60$ and $48/60$ = $41/60, 42/60, 43/60, 44/60, 45/60$.

(ii) $-3/2$ and $5/3$

Let us make the denominators the same, say 6

i.e., $-3/2$ and $5/3$ can be written as:

$$-3/2 = (-3 \times 3)/(2 \times 3) = -9/6$$

$$5/3 = (5 \times 2)/(3 \times 2) = 10/6$$

Five rational numbers between $-3/2$ and $5/3$ = five rational numbers between $-9/6$ and $10/6$.

Therefore, five rational numbers between $-9/6$ and $10/6$ = $-1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6$.

(iii) $1/4$ and $1/2$

Let us make the denominators the same, say 24

i.e., $1/4$ and $1/2$ can be written as:

$$1/4 = (1 \times 6)/(4 \times 6) = 6/24$$

$$1/2 = (1 \times 12)/(2 \times 12) = 12/24$$

Five rational numbers between $1/4$ and $1/2$ = five rational numbers between $6/24$ and $12/24$.

Therefore, five rational numbers between $6/24$ and $12/24$ = $7/24, 8/24, 9/24, 10/24, 11/24$.

6. Write five rational numbers greater than -2.

Solution:

-2 can be written as $-20/10$

Hence, we can say that the five rational numbers greater than -2 are

$-10/10, -5/10, -1/10, 5/10, 7/10$

7. Find ten rational numbers between $3/5$ and $3/4$.

Solution:

Let us make the denominators the same, say 80.

$$3/5 = (3 \times 16)/(5 \times 16) = 48/80$$

$$3/4 = (3 \times 20)/(4 \times 20) = 60/80$$

Ten rational numbers between $3/5$ and $3/4$ = ten rational numbers between $48/80$ and $60/80$.

Therefore, ten rational numbers between $48/80$ and $60/80$ = $49/80, 50/80, 51/80, 52/80, 54/80, 55/80, 56/80, 57/80, 58/80, 59/80$.