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CHAPTER - NUMBER SYSTEM (PART-II)

Terminating and Recurring Decimals

Terminating Decimals → Every fraction $\frac{p}{q}$ can be expressed as a decimal.

If the decimal expression of $\frac{p}{q}$ terminates i.e., comes to an end, then the decimal so obtained is called a terminating decimal.

Eg. → $\frac{1}{4} = 0.25$, $\frac{5}{8} = 0.625$, $2\frac{2}{5} = \frac{12}{5} = 2.4$

Thus, each of the numbers $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{5}{8}$ & $2\frac{2}{5}$ can be expressed in the form of a terminating decimal.

NOTE A fraction $\frac{p}{q}$ is a terminating decimal only when prime factors of q are 2 and 5 only.

Eg. → Each one of the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{7}{20}$, $\frac{13}{25}$ is a terminating decimal, since the denominator of each has no prime factor other than 2 and 5.

Example Without actual division, find which of the following rational numbers are terminating decimals:

(i) $\frac{5}{32} \Rightarrow$ Denominator of $\frac{5}{32}$ is 32

& $32 = 2^5$

∴ 32 has no prime factor other than 2.

So, $\frac{5}{32}$ is terminating decimal.

(ii) $\frac{11}{24} \Rightarrow$ Denominator of $\frac{11}{24}$ is 24.

And, $24 = 2^3 \times 3$.

Thus, 24 has a prime factor 3, which is other than 2 or 5.

$\therefore \frac{11}{24}$ is not a terminating decimal.

(iii) $\frac{27}{80} \Rightarrow$ Denominator of $\frac{27}{80}$ is 80.

And $80 = 2^4 \times 5$

Thus, 80 has no prime factors other than 2 and 5.

$\therefore \frac{27}{80}$ is a terminating decimal.

Repeating (or Recurring) Decimals

A decimal in which a digit or a set of digits repeats periodically, is called a repeating or recurring decimal.

Eg. $\rightarrow \frac{2}{3} = 0.666\dots = 0\overline{6}$

$\frac{3}{11} = 0.272727\dots = 0.\overline{27}$

$\frac{15}{7} = 2.142857142857\dots = 2.\overline{142857}$

$\frac{11}{6} = 1.8333\dots = 1.\overline{83}$

In recurring decimal, we place a bar over the first block of the repeating part and omit the other repeating blocks.

Special Characteristics of Rational Numbers

- # Every rational number is expressible either as a terminating decimal or as a repeating decimal.
- # Every terminating decimal is a rational number.
- # Every repeating decimal is a rational number.

Examples

Eg ① Express $3\frac{1}{8}$ in decimal form.

⇒ We have, $3\frac{1}{8} = \frac{25}{8}$

By actual division, we have

∴ $\frac{25}{8} = 3.125$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3.125 \\
 8 \overline{) 25.000} \\
 \underline{-24} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{-8} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{-16} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{-40} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

Eg ② Express $\frac{2}{11}$ in decimal form

⇒ By actual division, we have

∴ $\frac{2}{11} = 0.1818 \dots$
 $= 0.\overline{18}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1818 \dots \\
 11 \overline{) 2.0} \\
 \underline{-0} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{-11} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{-88} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{-11} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{-88} \\
 2
 \end{array}$$

E.g. → Express the following decimals as a fraction in simplest form.

(a) $0.\overline{3}$

⇒ Let $x = 0.\overline{3}$

then, $x = 0.3333 \dots$ — (1)

∴ $10x = 3.333 \dots$ — (2) $\times 10$

On subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$10x - x = 3.333 \dots - 0.333 \dots$$

$$9x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}$$

⇒ Hence $0.\overline{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

(b) $1.\overline{4}$

⇒ Let $x = 1.\overline{4}$

then $x = 1.444 \dots$ — (1)

∴ $10x = 14.444 \dots$ — (2)

On subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$10x - x = 14.444 \dots - 1.444 \dots$$

$$9x = 13$$

$$x = \frac{13}{9}$$

⇒ Hence $1.\overline{4} = \frac{13}{9}$

(c) $0.\overline{36}$

⇒ Let $x = 0.\overline{36}$

then, $x = 0.363636 \dots$ — (1)

Here the bar is on two digits together,

so we will multiply eqⁿ (1) by 100, we get

$$100x = 36.3636 \dots \quad (2)$$

On subtracting (1) from (2), we get.

$$100x - x = 36.363636 \dots - 0.363636 \dots$$

$$99x = 36$$

$$x = \frac{36}{99} = \frac{4}{11}$$

$$\text{Hence } 0.\overline{36} = \frac{4}{11}$$

(d) $0.5\overline{7}$

Let $x = 0.5\overline{7}$

then $x = 0.5777 \dots \quad (1)$

Here the bar starts after one decimal place. Hence we will multiply eqⁿ (1) by 10 first then by 10 again since the bar is on a single digit. We get,

$$10x = 5.777 \dots \quad (2)$$

$$100x = 57.777 \dots \quad (3)$$

On subtracting eqⁿ (2) from (3), we get.

$$100x - 10x = 57.777 \dots - 5.777 \dots$$

$$90x = 52$$

$$x = \frac{52}{90}$$

$$x = \frac{26}{45}$$

$$\text{Hence } 0.5\overline{7} = \frac{26}{45}$$

EXERCISE

- (1) Without actual division, find which of the following rationals are terminating decimal

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|-------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| (i) | $13/80$ | (ii) | $7/24$ | (iii) | $8/35$ |
| (iv) | $5/12$ | (v) | $16/125$ | (vi) | $4/30$ |
| (vii) | $7/120$ | (viii) | $3/1000$ | (ix) | $1/180$ |
| (x) | $\frac{5}{70}$ | | | | |

(2) Convert each of the following into a decimal and classify them as terminating, non terminating or repeating.

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|-------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| (i) | $5/8$ | (ii) | $25/12$ | (iii) | $5\frac{1}{7}$ |
| (iv) | $9/16$ | (v) | $3/7$ | (vi) | $4/11$ |
| (vii) | $7/25$ | (viii) | $3\frac{1}{3}$ | (ix) | $26/90$ |
| (x) | $11/24$ | | | | |

(3) Express each of the following as a fraction in simplest form.

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|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|
| (i) | $0.\overline{3}$ | (ii) | $0.\overline{34}$ | (iii) | $3.\overline{14}$ |
| (iv) | $1.\overline{3}$ | (v) | $0.\overline{324}$ | (vi) | $0.\overline{17}$ |
| (vii) | $1.1\overline{23}$ | (viii) | $0.5\overline{4}$ | (ix) | $0.1\overline{63}$ |
| (x) | $0.2\overline{45}$ | (xi) | $0.\overline{001}$ | (xii) | $0.8\overline{9}$ |
| (xiii) | $0.3\overline{6}$ | (xiv) | $0.2\overline{84}$ | (xv) | $3.\overline{35}$ |
| (xvi) | $2.4\overline{16}$ | (xvii) | $3.4\overline{142}$ | (xviii) | $3.\overline{16}$ |
| (xix) | $5.\overline{28}$ | (xx) | $6.\overline{17}$ | | |