

# Introduction, Rational Numbers , Properties of Rational Numbers

**SUBJECT : MATHEMATICS**  
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## Learning outcomes

Students will be able to

- Differentiate between rational numbers and fractions
- Express and apply it in real life situations .



# INTRODUCTION

What happens when two integers are added, subtracted, multiplied, divided?

Depending on the sign of integers various arithmetic operations are carried out.

What are fractions?

Fractions are a number which can be expressed in  $p/q$  form , where both numerator and denominator are whole numbers.

Video on application of rational numbers in real life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpJ2JmBb8JY> (1:20 )

# What are Rational Numbers?

A number of the form  $p/q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  ( $\neq 0$ ) are integers, **is called a rational number.**

Numerator and Denominator

In  $p/q$ , the integer  $p$  is the numerator, and the integer  $q$  ( $\neq 0$ ) is the denominator.

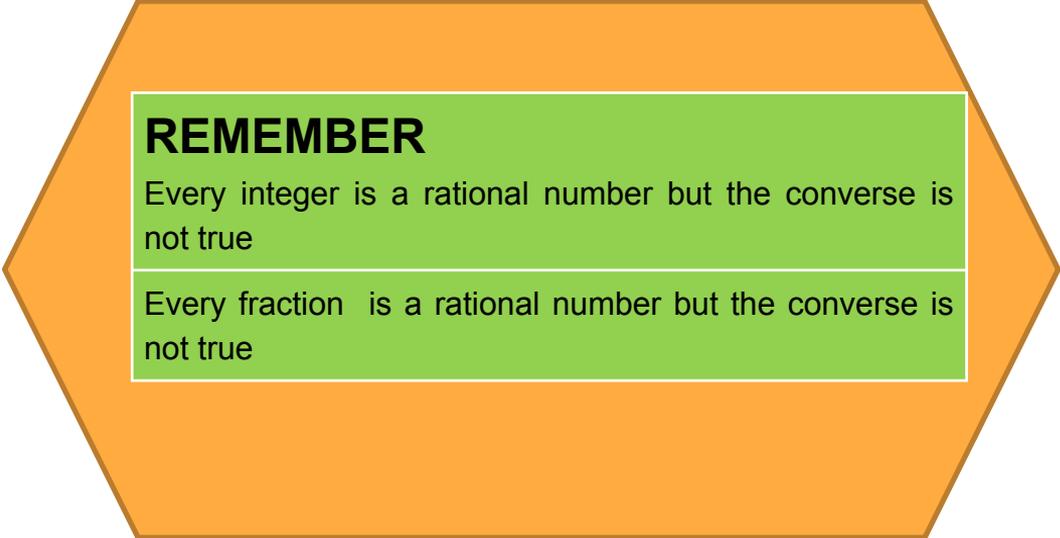
Thus in  $-3/7$ , the numerator is  $-3$  and the denominator is  $7$ .

## Positive and Negative Rational Numbers

A rational number whose numerator and denominator both are positive integers is called a positive rational number.

A rational number, whose numerator is a negative integer and denominator is a positive integer, is called a negative rational number.

Similarly, if the numerator is positive integer and denominator is a negative integer; is also a negative rational number.



## **REMEMBER**

Every integer is a rational number but the converse is not true

Every fraction is a rational number but the converse is not true

**1. Write down a rational number whose numerator is the largest number of two digits and denominator is the smallest number of four digits.**

**Solution:**

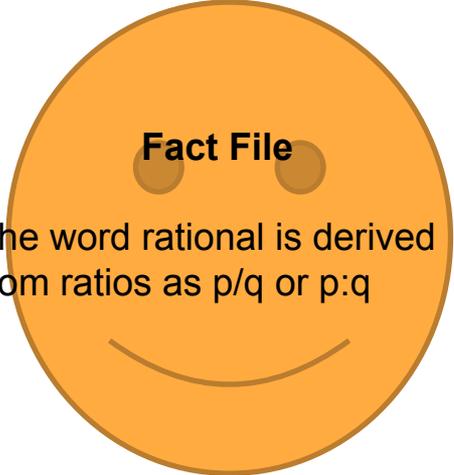
We know that the largest two digit number is 99

So the smallest four digit number is 1000

Numerator = 99

Denominator = 1000

Rational number =  $99/1000$



**Fact File**

The word rational is derived from ratios as  $p/q$  or  $p:q$

2. Write the numerator of each of the following rational numbers:

(i)  $-\frac{125}{127}$

(ii)  $\frac{37}{-137}$

(iii)  $-\frac{85}{93}$

(iv) 2

(v) 0

**Solution:**

(i)  $-\frac{125}{127}$

Here the numerator =  $-125$

(ii)  $\frac{37}{-137}$

Here the numerator = 37

(iii)  $-\frac{85}{93}$

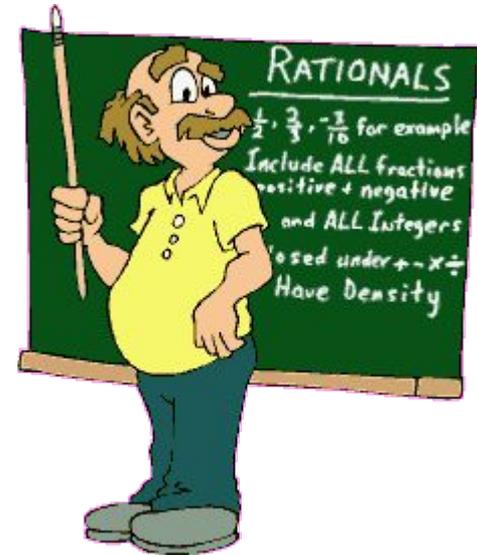
Here the numerator =  $-85$

(iv)  $2 = \frac{2}{1}$

Here the numerator = 2

(v)  $0 = \frac{0}{1}$

Here the numerator = 0



**4. Write down a rational number with numerator  $(-5) \times (-4)$  and with denominator  $(28 - 27) \times (8 - 5)$ .**

**Solution:**

It is given that

$$\text{Numerator} = (-5) \times (-4) = 20$$

$$\text{Denominator} = (28 - 27) \times (8 - 5) = 1 \times 3 = 3$$

So the rational number =  $20/3$

**5. (i)  $-15/1$  in integer form is .....**

**(ii)  $23/-1$  in integer form is .....**

**(iii) If  $18 = 18/a$  then  $a = \dots\dots$**

**(iv) If  $-57 = 57/a$  then  $a = \dots\dots$**

**Solution:**

(i)  $-15/1$  in integer form is  $-15$ .

(ii)  $23/-1$  in integer form is  $-23$ .

(iii) If  $18 = 18/a$  then  $a = 18/18 = 1$

.

(iv) If  $-57 = 57/a$  then  $a = 57/-57 = -1$ .

**6. Separate positive and negative rational numbers from the following:**

**$-3/5$ ,  $3/-5$ ,  $-3/-5$ ,  $3/5$ ,  $0$ ,  $-13/-3$ ,  $15/-8$ ,  $-15/8$**

**Solution:**

Here the positive rational numbers are

$-3/-5 = 3/5$  as both are negative

$-13/-3 = 13/3$  as both are negative and  $3/5$

Similarly the negative rational numbers are

$-3/5$ ,  $3/-5$ ,  $15/-8$  and  $-15/8$

$0$  is neither positive nor negative integer.

**7. Find three rational numbers equivalent to**

**(i)  $3/5$**

**(ii)  $4/-7$**

**(iii)  $-5/9$**

**(iv)  $8/-15$**

**Solution.**

(i)  $3/5$

It can be written as

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

$$3/5 = (3 \times 3) / (5 \times 3) = 9/15$$

$$3/5 = (3 \times 4) / (5 \times 4) = 12/20$$

Therefore,  $6/10$ ,  $9/15$  and  $12/20$  are the rational numbers which are equivalent to the given rational number  $3/5$ .

(ii)  $4/-7$

It can be written as

$$4/-7 = (4 \times 2) / (-7 \times 2) = 8/-14$$

$$4/-7 = (4 \times 3) / (-7 \times 3) = 12/-21$$

$$4/-7 = (4 \times 4) / (-7 \times 4) = 16/-28$$

Therefore,  $8/-14$ ,  $12/-21$  and  $16/-28$  are the rational numbers which are equivalent to the given rational number  $4/-7$ .

(iii)  $-5/9$

It can be written as

$$-5/9 = (-5 \times 2) / (9 \times 2) = -10/18$$

$$-5/9 = (-5 \times 3) / (9 \times 3) = -15/27$$

$$-5/9 = (-5 \times 4) / (9 \times 4) = -20/36$$

Therefore,  $-10/18$ ,  $-15/27$  and  $-20/36$  are the rational numbers which are equivalent to the given rational number  $-5/9$ .

(iv)  $8/-15$

It can be written as

$$8/-15 = (8 \times 2) / (-15 \times 2) = 16/-30$$

$$8/-15 = (8 \times 3) / (-15 \times 3) = 24/-45$$

$$8/-15 = (8 \times 4) / (-15 \times 4) = 32/-60$$

Therefore,  $16/-30$ ,  $24/-45$  and  $32/-60$  are the rational numbers which are equivalent to the given rational number  $8/-15$ .

**8. Which of the following are not rational numbers:**

**(i)  $-3$**

**(ii)  $0$**

**(iii)  $0/4$**

**(iv)  $8/0$**

**(v)  $0/0$**

**Solution:**

(i)  $-3 = -3/1$  is a rational number.

(ii)  $0 = 0/1$  is a rational number.

(iii)  $0/4$  is a rational number.

(iv)  $8/0$  is not a rational number.

(v)  $0/0$  is not a rational number as both numerator and denominator are zero.

**9. Express each of the following integers as a rational number with denominator 7:**

**(i) 5**

**(ii) – 8**

**(iii) 0**

**(iv) – 16**

**(v) 7**

**Solution:**

(i) 5

By multiplying and dividing by 7

$$= (5 \times 7) / 7$$

$$= 35/7$$

(ii) – 8

By multiplying and dividing by 7

$$= (-8 \times 7) / 7$$

$$= -56/7$$

(iii) 0

By multiplying and dividing by 7

$$= (0 \times 7) / 7$$

$$= 0/7$$

(iv) – 16

By multiplying and dividing by 7

$$= (-16 \times 7) / 7$$

**10. Express  $\frac{3}{5}$  as a rational number with denominator:**

**(i) 20**

**(ii) – 20**

**(iii) 45**

**(iv) 25**

**(v) – 35**

**Solution:**

**(i) 20**

It can be written as

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{(3 \times 4)}{(5 \times 4)} = \frac{12}{20}$$

**(ii) – 20**

It can be written as

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{(3 \times -4)}{(5 \times -4)} = \frac{-12}{-20}$$

**(iii) 45**

It can be written as

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{(3 \times 9)}{(5 \times 9)} = \frac{27}{45}$$

**(iv) 25**

It can be written as

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{(3 \times 5)}{(5 \times 5)} = \frac{15}{25}$$

**(v) – 35**

It can be written as

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{(3 \times -7)}{(5 \times -7)} = \frac{-21}{-35}$$

**11. Express  $\frac{4}{7}$  as a rational number with numerator:**

**(i) 12**

**(ii) - 12**

**(iii) - 16**

**(iv) - 20**

**(v) 20**

**Solution:**

**(i) 12**

It can be written as

$$\frac{4}{7} = \frac{(4 \times 3)}{(7 \times 3)} = \frac{12}{21}$$

**(ii) - 12**

It can be written as

$$\frac{4}{7} = \frac{(4 \times -3)}{(7 \times -3)} = \frac{-12}{-21}$$

**(iii) - 16**

It can be written as

$$\frac{4}{7} = \frac{(4 \times -4)}{(7 \times -4)} = \frac{-16}{-28}$$

**(iv) - 20**

It can be written as

$$\frac{4}{7} = \frac{(4 \times -5)}{(7 \times -5)} = \frac{-20}{-35}$$

**(v) 20**

It can be written as

**12. Find x, such that:**

**(i)  $-2/3 = 6/x$**

**(ii)  $7/-4 = x/8$**

**(iii)  $3/7 = x/-35$**

(i)  $-2/3 = 6/x$

By cross multiplication

$$-2x = 6 \times 3$$

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

$$x = 18 / -2 = -9$$

Hence,  $-2/3 = 6/-9$ .

(ii)  $7/-4 = x/8$

By cross multiplication

$$7 \times 8 = -4 \times x$$

$$56 = -4x$$

$$x = 56 / -4 = -14$$

Hence,  $7/-4 = -14/8$ .

(iii)  $3/7 = x/-35$

By cross multiplication

$$7x = -35 \times 3$$

$$x = (-35 \times 3) / 7$$

$$x = -15$$

**13. Express each of the following rational numbers to the lowest terms:**

**(i)  $12/15$**

**(ii)  $-120/144$**

**(iii)  $-48/-72$**

**(iv)  $14/-56$**

**Solution:**

**(i)  $12/15$**

Here dividing by 3 which is the HCF of 12 and 15

$$(12 \div 3) / (15 \div 3) = 4/5$$

**(ii)  $-120/144$**

Here dividing by 24 which is the HCF of -120 and 144

$$(-120 \div 24) / (144 \div 24) = -5/6$$

(iii)  $-48/-72$

Here dividing by 24 which is the HCF of -48 and -72

$$(-48 \div 24) / (-72 \div 24) = -2/-3 = 2/3$$

(iv)  $14/-56$

Here dividing by 14 which is the HCF of 14 and -56

$$(14 \div 14) / (-56 \div 14) = 1/-4 \text{ or } -1/4$$

**14. Express each of the following rational numbers in the standard form.**

(i)  $-7/-8$

(ii)  $5/-12$

(iii)  $-7/-20$

(iv)  $4/-9$

**Solution:**

Here a rational number is in standard form if its denominator is positive in lowest term.

(i)  $-7/-8 = 7/8$

(ii)  $5/-12 = -5/12$

(iii)  $-7/-20 = 7/20$

(iv)  $4/-9 = -4/9$

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1. Write down the rational number whose

- a) Numerator is the largest two digit number and denominator is the smallest three- digit number.
  
- b) Numerator is the smallest three digit number and denominator is the largest four digit- number.

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