

Objective

- Express fractions as ratios, decimals and percentages.
- Convert simple fractions to ratios, decimals and percentages and vice versa.
- Solve quantitative reasoning problems related to conversion of fractions to ratios, decimals and percentages.



Express Fractions as Decimal



Fraction

A fraction is a part of a whole. A common fraction is written as one number on top of another number:

Numerator

Denominator

The denominator represents all the parts of a whole.

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The fraction $\frac{3}{5}$, each whole is divided into 5 parts.

The numerator represents only the parts of a whole

we are dealing with. For example, in the fraction $\frac{3}{2}$

we are dealing with only 3 out of 5 parts.

Types Of Fraction

A proper fraction is smaller than 1. The numerator is smaller than the denominator $\frac{5}{8}$.

An improper fraction is larger than 1. The numerator is larger than the denominator $\frac{8}{5}$.

An improper fraction may be expressed as a mixed number. A mixed number consists of a whole number and a proper fraction, $1\frac{3}{5}$.

Decimal

A decimal fraction has a power of ten as its denominator.

The fraction is written in decimal notation.

In decimal notation, a decimal point separates whole numbers from proper fractions. The fraction is written as a numerator after the decimal point and the denominator is not written down.

For Example

$$\frac{1}{10} = 10^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{100} = 10^{-2}$$

$$\frac{1}{1000} = 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{1}{10000} = 10^{-4}$$

$$\frac{1}{100000} = 10^{-5}$$

Convert 0.65 to a common fraction

Solution

$$=\frac{0.65 \times 100}{100}$$

$$= \frac{65}{100}$$

$$=\frac{65\div5}{100\div5}$$

$$=\frac{13}{20}$$

Convert 205.05 as a mixed number.

Solution

whole number 205 and fraction 0.05

$$=\frac{0.05 \times 100}{100}$$

$$=\frac{5}{100}$$

$$=\frac{5\div5}{100\div5}$$

$$=205\frac{1}{20}$$

Convert 0.125 as a common fraction.

Solution

Multiply by 1000

$$=\frac{0.125 \ x \ 1000}{1000}$$

$$=\frac{125}{1000}$$

$$=\frac{125 \div 25}{1000 \div 25}$$

$$=\frac{5\div 5}{40\div 5}=\frac{1}{8}$$

Express Percentages as fractions



Percentage

A percentage is a fraction in which the denominator is 100, and where only the numerator is written down,

followed by a percentage symbol. 24% means 24 out of 100.

Convert $24\frac{2}{3}\%$ as a fraction

Solution

$$=\frac{(24 \times 3)+2}{3} \%$$

$$=\frac{74}{3}\%$$

$$= \frac{74}{3} \div 100 = \frac{74}{3} \times \frac{1}{100} = \frac{74}{300}$$

$$=\frac{74 \div 2}{300 \div 2}=\frac{37}{150}$$

Convert 5.75% as a fraction

Solution

$$= 5.75\% = \frac{5.75 \times 100}{100}$$
 decimal notation

$$=\frac{575}{100}$$
 % convert to percentage

$$= \frac{575}{100} \times 100 = \frac{575 \div 25}{10000 \div 25} = \frac{23}{400}$$





RATIO

Ratio compares two or more quantities or values of the same kind. It can be expressed as a fraction, e.g. $2:3 = \frac{2}{3}$. It can be expressed in its simplest or lowest term by cancelling, and it does not contain a fraction or decimal in its lowest term.

It is a type of measure of the relative size of two or more quantities expressed as a proportion.

A bag of 56 cashew nuts is share between Tunde, Tope and Taiwo in the ratio 2:8:6. Find their share each.

Solution

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$$1 + 4 + 3 = 8$$

Tunde share ratio =
$$\frac{1}{8}$$
 x 56 = 7

Tope Share ratio =
$$\frac{4}{8}$$
 x 56 = 28

Taiwo Share ratio =
$$\frac{3}{8}$$
 x 56 = 21

Total Share ratio =
$$7:28:21$$

Evaluation

1. A mother shares \$\frac{\mathbf{N}}{2}\$,500 between her three children according to their ages. If they are aged 8 years, 12 years and 20 years, calculate how much money each child will get.

- 2. Write the following percentages as common fractions.
- a) 72%
- b) 115%
- c) 80.25%

