Class work 8. Algebra..

Algebra.

Positive rational number is a number which can be represented as a ratio of two natural numbers:

$$a = \frac{p}{q}; \qquad p, q \in N$$

As we know such number is also called a fraction, p in this fraction is a nominator and q is a denominator. Any natural number can be represented as a fraction with denominator 1:

$$b = \frac{b}{1}; \;\; b \in N$$

Basic property of fraction: nominator and denominator of the fraction can be multiplied by any non-zero number n, resulting the same fraction:

$$a = \frac{p}{q} = \frac{p \cdot n}{q \cdot n}$$

In the case that numbers p and q do not have common prime factors, the fraction $\frac{p}{q}$ is irreducible fraction. If $p < q$, the fraction is called "proper fraction", if $p > q$, the fraction is called "improper fraction".

If the denominator of fraction is a power of 10, this fraction can be represented as a finite decimal, for example,

$$\frac{37}{100} = \frac{37}{10^2} = 0.37, \qquad \frac{3}{10} = \frac{3}{10^1} = 0.3, \qquad \frac{12437}{1000} = \frac{12437}{10^3} = 12{,}437$$

$$10^n = (2 \cdot 5)^n = 2^n \cdot 5^n$$

$$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{2}{5^1} = \frac{2 \cdot 2^1}{5^1 \cdot 2^1} = \frac{4}{10} = 0.4$$

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   0.875
8 |7.000
 -6.4
    60
   -56
     40
    -40
      0
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Therefore, any fraction, which denominator is represented by $2^n \cdot 5^m$ can be written in a form of finite decimal. This fact can be verified with the help of the long division, for example $\frac{7}{8}$ is a proper fraction, using the long division this fraction can be written as a decimal $\frac{7}{8} = 0.875$. Indeed,

$$\frac{7}{8} = \frac{7}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = \frac{7 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5} = \frac{7 \cdot 5^3}{2^3 5^3} = \frac{7 \cdot 125}{(2 \cdot 5)^3} = \frac{875}{10^3} = \frac{875}{1000} = 0.875$$

Also, any finite decimal can be represented as a fraction with denominator 10^n.

$$0.375 = \frac{375}{1000} = \frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{2^3}; \qquad 0.065 = \frac{65}{1000} = \frac{13 \cdot 5}{5^3 2^3} = \frac{13}{5^2 2^3};$$

$$6.72 = \frac{672}{100} = \frac{168}{25} = \frac{168}{5^2}; \qquad 0.034 = \frac{34}{1000} = \frac{17 \cdot 2}{5^3 2^3} = \frac{17}{5^3 2^2};$$

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7\,\overline{)\,5.000} \\
-0\,0 \\
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5\,0 \\
-4\,9 \\
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In other words, if the finite decimal can be represented as an irreducible fraction, the denominator of this fraction will not have other factors besides 5^m and 2^n. Converse statement is also true: if the irreducible fraction has denominator which only contains 5^m and 2^n than the fraction can be written as a finite decimal. (Irreducible fraction can be represented as a finite decimal if and only if it has denominator containing only 5^m and 2^n as factors.)

If the denominator of the irreducible fraction has a factor different from 2 and 5, the fraction cannot be represented as a finite decimal. If we try to use the long division process, we will get an infinite periodic decimal.

At each step during this division we will have a remainder. At some point during the process we will see the remainder which occurred before. Process will start to repeat itself. On the example on the left, $\frac{5}{7}$, after 7, 1, 4, 2, 8, 5, remainder 7 appeared again, the fraction $\frac{5}{7}$ can be represented only as an infinite periodic decimal and should be written as $\frac{5}{7} = 0.\overline{714285}$. (Sometimes you cen find the periodic infinite decimal written as $0.\overline{714285} = 0.(714285)$).

How we can represent the periodic decimal as a fraction?

Let's take a look on a few examples: $0.\overline{8}$, $2.35\overline{7}$, $0.\overline{0108}$.

1. $0.\overline{8}$.

$x = 0.\overline{8}$

$10x = 8.\overline{8}$

$10x - x = 8.\overline{8} - 0.\overline{8} = 8$

$9x = 8$

$x = \frac{8}{9}$

2. $2.35\overline{7}$

$x = 2.35\overline{7}$

$100x = 235.\overline{7}$

$1000x = 2357.\overline{7}$

$1000x - 100x = 2357.\overline{7} - 235.\overline{7} = 2122$

$x = \frac{2122}{900} = \frac{1061}{450}$

3. $0.\overline{0108}$

$x = 0.\overline{0108}$

$10000x = 108.\overline{0108}$

$10000x - x = 108$

$x = \frac{108}{9999} = \frac{12}{1111}$

Now consider $2.4\overline{0}$ and $2.3\overline{9}$

$x = 2.4\overline{0}$

$10x = 24.\overline{0}$

$100x = 240.\overline{0}$

$100x - 10x = 240 - 24$

$x = \frac{240 - 24}{90} = \frac{216}{90} = 2.4$

$x = 2.3\overline{9}$

$10x = 23.\overline{9}$

$100x = 239.\overline{9}$

$100x - 10x = 239 - 23$

$x = \frac{239 - 23}{90} = \frac{216}{90} = 2.4$

Exercises.

1. Represent the following fractions as decimals:

$a.\ \frac{3}{2000},$ $b.\ \frac{17}{40};$ $c.\ \frac{28}{140};$

$d.\ \frac{7}{4};$ $e.\ \frac{3}{2};$ $f.\ \frac{9}{5};$

$g.\ \frac{123}{20};$ $h.\ \frac{783}{540};$ $i.\ \frac{324}{25};$

2. Write as a fraction:

$a.\ 0.\overline{3},$ $b.\ 0.3,$ $c.\ 0.\overline{7},$ $d.\ 0.7,$

$e.\ 0.1\overline{2},$ $f.\ 0.\overline{12},$ $g.\ 0.12,$ $h.\ 1.12\overline{3},$

$i.\ 7.5\overline{4},$ $j.\ 1.0\overline{12}.$

3. Evaluate the following using decimals:

$a.\ 0.36+\frac{1}{2};$ $b.\ 5.8-\frac{3}{4};$ $c.\ \frac{2}{5}:0.001;$ $d.\ 7.2\cdot\frac{1}{1000}$

4. Evaluate the following using fractions:

$a.\ \frac{2}{3}+0.6;$ $b.\ 1\frac{1}{6}-0.5;$ $c.\ 0.3\cdot\frac{5}{9};$ $d.\ \frac{8}{11}:0.4;$

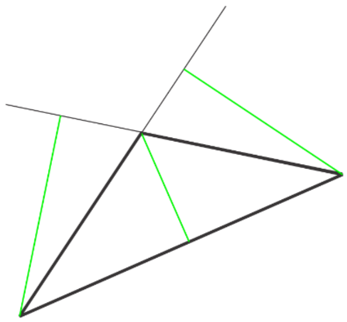
5. Evaluate:

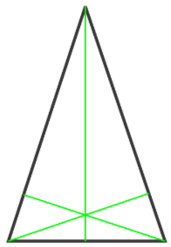
$a.\frac{5\frac{1}{7}}{3\frac{3}{14}};$ $b.\ \frac{1\frac{1}{3}\cdot 2\frac{3}{11}\cdot 3\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}\cdot 4\frac{1}{6}\cdot 3\frac{9}{11}};$ $s.\frac{1\frac{1}{2}\cdot 2\frac{2}{3}\cdot 0.36}{0.6\cdot 2\frac{1}{4}\cdot 1\frac{1}{3}};$ $d.\ \frac{0.38\cdot 0.17\cdot 2\frac{2}{15}\cdot 2.7}{5.1\cdot 3\frac{4}{5}\cdot 0.064}$

Geometry.

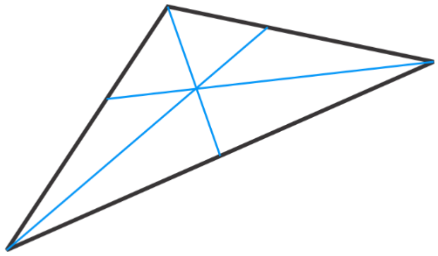
Special segments of a triangle.

From each vertices of a tringle to the opposite side 3 special segment can be constructed.





An **altitude** of a triangle is a straight line through a vertex and perpendicular to (i.e. forming a right angle with) the opposite side. This opposite side is called the *base* of the altitude, and the point where the altitude intersects the base (or its extension) is called the *foot* of the altitude.



An **angle bisector** of a triangle is a straight line through a vertex which cuts the corresponding angle in half.

A **median** of a triangle is a straight line through a vertex and the midpoint of the opposite side, and divides the triangle into two equal areas.