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CHAPTER IN BRIEF

Rational Numbers and their Properties

- The numbers of the form $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are integers and $(q \neq 0)$, are called rational numbers. For example, $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{-6}{11}$ etc.
- **Standard Form of a Rational Number:** A rational number $\frac{p}{q}$ is said to be in standard form if p and q are integers having no common divisor other than 1 and p is positive.

Notes:

- Every positive rational number is greater than 0.
- Every negative rational number is less than 0.
- Rational numbers are closed under addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (provided divisor is not zero).
- Commutativity of addition is true for natural numbers, whole numbers and integers. It is also true for rational numbers.
- Associativity of addition is true for natural numbers, whole numbers and integers. It is also true for rational numbers.

Properties of Rational Numbers

- **Additive Identity Element:** Zero is the **identity element** for addition and subtraction of natural numbers, whole numbers, integers and rational numbers.

For examples,

$$(i) \quad 3 + 0 = 0 + 3 = 3$$

- **Multiplicative Identity Element:** One is the **multiplicative identity** for natural numbers, whole numbers, integers and rational numbers.

For example,

$$(i) \quad 6 \times 1 = 1 \times 6 = 6$$

- **Additive inverse:** For every rational number $\frac{p}{q}$, there exists a

rational number $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) + \left(\frac{-p}{q}\right)$ such that; $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) + \left(\frac{-p}{q}\right) = 0$ and similarly,
 $\left(\frac{-p}{q}\right) + \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = 0$.

Then, $\frac{-p}{q}$ is called the additive inverse of $\frac{p}{q}$.

- **Multiplicative inverse (Reciprocal):** Every non-zero rational number $\frac{p}{q}$ has its multiplicative inverse $\frac{q}{p}$. For example $\left(\frac{p}{q} \times \frac{q}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{q}{p} \times \frac{p}{q}\right) = 1$

$\therefore \frac{q}{p}$ is called the reciprocal of $\frac{p}{q}$.

Note:

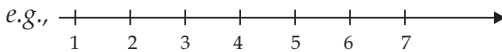
- (i) Zero has no reciprocal
- (ii) Reciprocal of 1 is 1
- (iii) Reciprocal of -1 is -1

- **Distributive law of multiplication over addition:** For any three rational numbers $\frac{a}{b}$, $\frac{c}{d}$ and $\frac{e}{f}$, we have: $\frac{a}{b} \times \left(\frac{c}{d} + \frac{e}{f}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d}\right) + \left(\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{e}{f}\right)$.

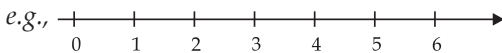
Representation of Rational Numbers on the Number Line

You have learnt to represent natural numbers, whole numbers, integers and rational number on a number line. We shall revise them.

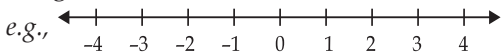
- (i) Natural numbers:



- (ii) Whole numbers:

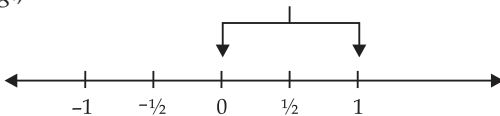


- (iii) Integers:



- (iv) Rational numbers:

e.g.,



Rational Numbers between two Rational Numbers

If x and y be two rational numbers, such that $x < y$, then, $\frac{1}{2}(x + y)$ is a rational number between x and y .

For example, between $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$, the required rational number is

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2+3}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{12}$$

Hence, $\frac{5}{12}$ is a rational number lying between $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.

NCERT TEXTBOOK EXERCISE (SOLVED)

TRY THESE

[TEXTBOOK PAGE 4]

Q. 1. Fill in the blanks in the following table:

Numbers	Closed Under			
	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
Rational Numbers	Yes	Yes	...	No
Integers	...	Yes	...	No
Whole Numbers	...	...	Yes	...
Natural Numbers	...	No	...	...

Sol.

Numbers	Closed Under			
	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
Rational Numbers	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Integers	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Whole Numbers	Yes	No	Yes	No
Natural Numbers	Yes	No	Yes	No

TRY THESE

[TEXTBOOK PAGE 6]

Q. 1. Complete the following table:

Numbers	Commutative for			
	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
Rational Numbers	Yes	...	...	...
Integers	...	No	...	...
Whole Numbers	...	...	Yes	...
Natural Numbers	...	...	...	No

Sol.

Numbers	Commutative for			
	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
Rational Numbers	Yes	No	Yes	No
Integers	Yes	No	Yes	No
Whole Numbers	Yes	No	Yes	No
Natural Numbers	Yes	No	Yes	No

THINK, DISCUSS AND WRITE

[TEXTBOOK PAGE 11]

Q. 1. If a property holds for rational numbers, will it also hold for integers? For whole numbers which will? Which will not?

Sol. Try yourself.

TRY THESE

[TEXTBOOK PAGE 9]

Q. 1. Complete the following table:

Numbers	Associative for			
	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
Rational Numbers	...	...	...	No
Integers	...	...	Yes	...
Whole Numbers	Yes	...	...	...
Natural Numbers	...	Yes	...	...

Numbers	Associative for			
	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
Rational Numbers	Yes	No	Yes	No
Integers	Yes	No	Yes	No
Whole Numbers	Yes	No	Yes	No
Natural Numbers	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

TRY THESE

[TEXTBOOK PAGE 13]

Q. 1. Find using distributively:

$$(i) \left\{ \frac{7}{5} \times \left(\frac{-3}{12} \right) \right\} + \left\{ \frac{7}{5} \times \frac{5}{12} \right\} \quad (ii) \left\{ \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{4}{12} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{-3}{9} \right\}$$

Sol. (i) $\left\{ \frac{7}{5} \times \left(\frac{-3}{12} \right) \right\} + \left\{ \frac{7}{5} \times \frac{5}{12} \right\} = \frac{7}{5} \times \left\{ \left(\frac{-3}{12} \right) + \frac{5}{12} \right\}$

[By distributivity property]

$$= \frac{7}{5} \times \left\{ \frac{-3+5}{12} \right\} = \frac{7}{5} \times \frac{2}{12} = \frac{14}{60} = \frac{7}{30}$$

$$(ii) \left\{ \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{4}{12} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{-3}{9} \right\} = \frac{9}{16} \times \left\{ \frac{4}{12} + \left(\frac{-3}{9} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{9}{16} \times \left\{ \frac{4}{12} - \frac{3}{9} \right\} = \frac{9}{16} \times \left\{ \frac{12-12}{36} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{0}{36} = \frac{0}{576} = 0$$

TEXTBOOK EXERCISE 1.1

Q. 1. Using appropriate properties find:

$$(i) \frac{-2}{3} \times \frac{3}{5} + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$(ii) \frac{2}{5} \times \left(-\frac{3}{7} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{14} \times \frac{2}{5}$$

Sol. (i) We have: $\frac{-2}{3} \times \frac{3}{5} + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{6}$

$$= \frac{-2}{3} \times \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{5}{2}$$

(By commutativity)

$$= \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{-2}{3} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \frac{5}{2}$$

(By distributivity)

$$= \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{-4-1}{6} \right) + \frac{5}{2} = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{-5}{6} + \frac{5}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{2} = \frac{-1+5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

(ii) We have: $\frac{2}{5} \times \left(-\frac{3}{7} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{14} \times \frac{2}{5}$

$$= \frac{2}{5} \times \left(-\frac{3}{7} \right) + \frac{1}{14} \times \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{3}{2}$$

(By commutativity)

$$= \frac{2}{5} \left[-\frac{3}{7} + \frac{1}{14} \right] - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{5} \left[\frac{-6+1}{14} \right] - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} \times \left(\frac{-5}{14} \right) - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{-4-7}{28} = \frac{-11}{28}$$

Q. 2. Write the additive inverse of each of the following:

(i) $\frac{2}{8}$

(ii) $\frac{-5}{9}$

(iii) $\frac{-6}{-5}$

(iv) $\frac{2}{-9}$

(v) $\frac{19}{-6}$

Sol. (i) Additive inverse of $\frac{2}{8}$ is $\frac{-2}{8}$.

(ii) Additive inverse of $\frac{-5}{9}$ is $\frac{5}{9}$ because

$$= \frac{-5}{9} + \frac{5}{9} = \frac{-5+5}{9} = \frac{0}{9} = 0$$

(iii) We may write; $\frac{-6}{-5} = \frac{(-6) \times (-1)}{(-5) \times (-1)} = \frac{6}{5}$

∴ Additive inverse of $\frac{6}{5}$ is $-\frac{6}{5}$ because

$$\frac{-6}{5} + \frac{6}{5} = \frac{-6+6}{5} = \frac{0}{5} = 0$$

(iv) In standard form, we write; $\frac{2}{-9}$ as $-\frac{2}{9}$.

∴ Additive inverse of $-\frac{2}{9}$ is $+\frac{2}{9}$

$$\text{because } \frac{-2}{9} + \frac{2}{9} = \frac{-2+2}{9} = \frac{0}{9} = 0$$

(v) In standard form, we write; $\frac{19}{-6}$ as $-\frac{19}{6}$.

∴ Additive inverse of $-\frac{19}{6}$ is $\frac{19}{6}$

$$\text{because } \frac{-19}{6} + \frac{19}{6} = \frac{-19+19}{6} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$$

Q. 3. Verify that: $-(-x) = x$ for:

$$(i) \ x = \frac{11}{15} \qquad (ii) \ x = \frac{-13}{17}$$

Sol. (i) For $x = \frac{11}{15}$

$$\Rightarrow -(-x) = \frac{-(-11)}{15} = \frac{11}{15} = x$$

Thus; $-(-x) = x$ is verified.

(ii) For $x = -\frac{13}{17}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{here } -(-x) = -\left[-\frac{(-13)}{17}\right] = -\frac{13}{17} = x$$

Thus $-(-x) = x$ is verified.

Q. 4. Find the multiplicative inverse of the following:

$$(i) \ -13 \qquad (ii) \ \frac{-13}{19} \qquad (iii) \ \frac{1}{5}$$

$$(iv) \ \frac{-5}{8} \times \frac{-3}{7} \qquad (v) \ -1 \times \frac{-2}{5} \qquad (vi) \ -1$$

Sol. (i) -13

\therefore Multiplicative inverse of -13 is $\frac{1}{-13}$, i.e., $\frac{-1}{13}$.

(ii) $\frac{-13}{19}$

\therefore Multiplicative inverse of $\frac{-13}{19}$ is $\frac{19}{-13}$,

i.e., $-\frac{19}{13}$.

(iii) $\frac{1}{5}$

\therefore Multiplicative inverse of $\frac{1}{5}$ is $\frac{5}{1}$, i.e., 5 .

(iv) $\frac{-5}{8} \times \frac{-3}{7} = \frac{(-5) \times (-3)}{8 \times 7} = \frac{15}{56}$

\therefore Multiplicative inverse of $\frac{15}{56}$ is $\frac{56}{15}$.

(v) $-1 \times \frac{-2}{5} = \frac{(-1) \times (-2)}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$

\therefore Multiplicative inverse of $\frac{2}{5}$ is $\frac{5}{2}$.

(vi) -1

\therefore Multiplicative inverse of -1 is $\frac{1}{-1}$,

i.e., $\frac{-1}{1} = -1$

Q. 5. Name the property under multiplication used in each of the following:

(i) $\frac{-4}{5} \times 1 = 1 \times \frac{-4}{5} = \frac{-4}{5}$

(ii) $\frac{-13}{17} \times \frac{-2}{7} = \frac{-2}{7} \times \frac{-13}{17}$

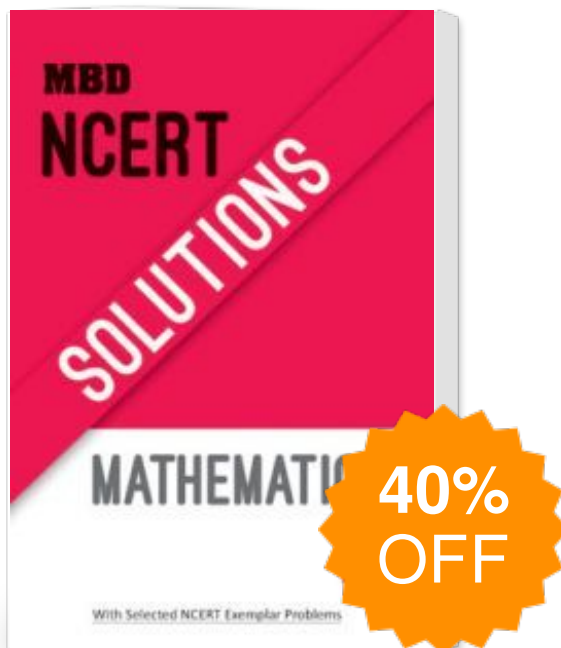
(iii) $\frac{-19}{29} \times \frac{29}{-19} = 1$

Sol. (i) Multiplicative identity.

(ii) Commutative property of multiplication.

(iii) Multiplicative inverse.

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