

Rational Numbers Ex.A

RATIONAL NUMBERS

A **rational number** is a number that can be expressed as a fraction (ratio) in the form $\frac{a}{b}$, where **a** and **b** are integers and **b** is not zero.

Examples: $\frac{1}{2}$, 8, $\frac{5}{3}$, $\sqrt{4}$, $7\frac{1}{9}$, -12, 6.25, $0.3\overline{11}$

When a rational number fraction is divided to form a decimal value, it becomes a terminating or repeating decimal.

$\frac{2}{5}$ can be represented as $2 \overline{)5.0}^{0.4}$ which is a terminating decimal.

$\frac{1}{3}$ can be represented as $1 \overline{)3.0}^{0.3}$ which is a repeating decimal.

A number of the form $\frac{p}{q}$, where 'p', 'q' are integers and $q \neq 0$.



Property	Operations on Rational Numbers			
Name	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division*
Closure	$a + b \in \mathbb{Q}$	$a - b \in \mathbb{Q}$	$a \times b \in \mathbb{Q}$	$a \div b \in \mathbb{Q}$
Commutative	$a + b = b + a$	$a - b \neq b - a$	$a \times b = b \times a$	$a \div b \neq b \div a$
Associative	$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$	$(a - b) - c \neq a - (b - c)$	$(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$	$(a \div b) \div c \neq a \div (b \div c)$
Distributive	$a \times (b + c) = ab + ac$	$a \times (b - c) = ab - ac$	Not applicable	Not applicable

Where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ (set of rational numbers), *b is a non-zero rational number

Q1.

Answer :

If $\frac{a}{b}$ is a fraction and m is a non-zero integer, then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a \times m}{b \times m}$.

Now,

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

$$(ii) \frac{-3}{5} = \frac{-3 \times -6}{5 \times -6} = \frac{18}{-30}$$

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

$$(iv) \frac{-3}{5} = \frac{-3 \times -8}{5 \times -8} = \frac{24}{-40}$$

Q2.

Answer :

If $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational number and m is a common divisor of a and b , then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a \div m}{b \div m}$.

$$\therefore \frac{-42}{98} = \frac{-42 \div 14}{98 \div 14} = \frac{-3}{7}$$

Q3.

Answer :

If $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational integer and m is a common divisor of a and b , then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a \div m}{b \div m}$.

$$\therefore \frac{-48}{60} = \frac{-48 \div 12}{60 \div 12} = \frac{-4}{5}$$

Q4.

Answer :

A rational number $\frac{a}{b}$ is said to be in the standard form if a and b have no common divisor other than unity and $b > 0$.

Thus,

(i) The greatest common divisor of 12 and 30 is 6.

$$\therefore \frac{-12}{30} = \frac{-12 \div 6}{30 \div 6} = \frac{-2}{5} \text{ (In the standard form)}$$

(ii) The greatest common divisor of 14 and 49 is 7.

$$\therefore \frac{-14}{49} = \frac{-14 \div 7}{49 \div 7} = \frac{-2}{7} \text{ (In the standard form)}$$

$$(iii) \frac{24}{-64} = \frac{24 \times (-1)}{-64 \times -1} = \frac{-24}{64}$$

The greatest common divisor of 24 and 64 is 8.

$$\therefore \frac{-24}{64} = \frac{-24 \div 8}{64 \div 8} = \frac{-3}{8} \text{ (In the standard form)}$$

$$(iv) \frac{-36}{-63} = \frac{-36 \times (-1)}{-63 \times -1} = \frac{36}{63}$$

The greatest common divisor of 36 and 63 is 9.

$$\therefore \frac{36}{63} = \frac{36 \div 9}{63 \div 9} = \frac{4}{7} \text{ (In the standard form)}$$

Q5.

Answer :

We know:

(i) Every positive rational number is greater than 0.

(ii) Every negative rational number is less than 0.

Thus, we have:

(i) $\frac{3}{8}$ is a positive rational number.

$$\therefore \frac{3}{8} > 0$$

(ii) $\frac{-2}{9}$ is a negative rational number.

$$\therefore \frac{-2}{9} < 0$$

(iii) $\frac{-3}{4}$ is a negative rational number.

$$\therefore \frac{-3}{4} < 0$$

Also,

$\frac{1}{4}$ is a positive rational number.

$$\therefore \frac{1}{4} > 0$$

Combining the two inequalities, we get:

$$\frac{-3}{4} < \frac{1}{4}$$

(iv) Both $\frac{-5}{7}$ and $\frac{-4}{7}$ have the same denominator, that is, 7.
So, we can directly compare the numerators.

$$\therefore \frac{-5}{7} < \frac{-4}{7}$$

(v) The two rational numbers are $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

The LCM of the denominators 3 and 4 is 12.

Now,

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 4} = \frac{8}{12}$$

Also,

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{3 \times 3}{4 \times 3} = \frac{9}{12}$$

Further

$$\frac{8}{12} < \frac{9}{12}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{3} < \frac{3}{4}$$

(vi) The two rational numbers are $\frac{-1}{2}$ and -1 .

We can write $-1 = \frac{-1}{1}$.

The LCM of the denominators 2 and 1 is 2.

Now,

$$\frac{-1}{2} = \frac{-1 \times 1}{2 \times 1} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

Also,

$$\frac{-1}{1} = \frac{-1 \times 2}{1 \times 2} = \frac{-2}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-2}{2} < \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\therefore -1 < \frac{-1}{2}$$

Q6.

Answer :

1. The two rational numbers are $\frac{-4}{3}$ and $\frac{-8}{7}$.

The LCM of the denominators 3 and 7 is 21.

Now,

$$\frac{-4}{3} = \frac{-4 \times 7}{3 \times 7} = \frac{-28}{21}$$

Also,

$$\frac{-8}{7} = \frac{-8 \times 3}{7 \times 3} = \frac{-24}{21}$$

Further,

$$\frac{-28}{21} < \frac{-24}{21}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-4}{3} < \frac{-8}{7}$$

2. The two rational numbers are $\frac{7}{-9}$ **and** $\frac{-5}{8}$.

The first fraction can be expressed as $\frac{7}{-9} = \frac{7 \times -1}{-9 \times -1} = \frac{-7}{9}$.

The LCM of the denominators 9 and 8 is 72.

Now,

$$\frac{-7}{9} = \frac{-7 \times 8}{9 \times 8} = \frac{-56}{72}$$

Also,

$$\frac{-5}{8} = \frac{-5 \times 9}{8 \times 9} = \frac{-45}{72}$$

Further,

$$\frac{-56}{72} < \frac{-45}{72}$$

$$\therefore \frac{7}{-9} < \frac{-5}{8}$$

3. The two rational numbers are $\frac{-1}{3}$ **and** $\frac{4}{-5}$.

$$\frac{4}{-5} = \frac{4 \times -1}{-5 \times -1} = \frac{-4}{5}$$

The LCM of the denominators 3 and 5 is 15.

Now,

$$\frac{-1}{3} = \frac{-1 \times 5}{3 \times 5} = \frac{-5}{15}$$

Also,

$$\frac{-4}{5} = \frac{-4 \times 3}{5 \times 3} = \frac{-12}{15}$$

Further,

$$\frac{-12}{15} < \frac{-5}{15}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4}{-5} < \frac{-1}{3}$$

4. The two rational numbers are $\frac{9}{-13}$ **and** $\frac{7}{-12}$.

Now, $\frac{9}{-13} = \frac{9 \times -1}{-13 \times -1} = \frac{-9}{13}$ **and** $\frac{7}{-12} = \frac{7 \times -1}{-12 \times -1} = \frac{-7}{12}$

The LCM of the denominators 13 and 12 is 156.

Now,

$$\frac{-9}{13} = \frac{-9 \times 12}{13 \times 12} = \frac{-108}{156}$$

Also,

$$\frac{-7}{12} = \frac{-7 \times 13}{12 \times 13} = \frac{-91}{156}$$

Further,

$$\frac{-108}{156} < \frac{-91}{156}$$

$$\therefore \frac{9}{-13} < \frac{7}{-12}$$

5. The two rational numbers are $\frac{4}{-5}$ and $\frac{-7}{10}$.

$$\therefore \frac{4}{-5} = \frac{4 \times -1}{-5 \times -1} = \frac{-4}{5}$$

The LCM of the denominators 5 and 10 is 10.

Now,

$$\frac{-4}{5} = \frac{-4 \times 2}{5 \times 2} = \frac{-8}{10}$$

Also,

$$\frac{-7}{10} = \frac{-7 \times 1}{10 \times 1} = \frac{-7}{10}$$

Further,

$$\frac{-8}{10} < \frac{-7}{10}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-4}{5} < \frac{-7}{10}, \text{ or, } \frac{4}{-5} < \frac{-7}{10}$$

6. The two rational numbers are $\frac{-12}{5}$ and -3 .
 -3 can be written as $\frac{-3}{1}$.

The LCM of the denominators is 5.

Now,

$$\frac{-3}{1} = \frac{-3 \times 5}{1 \times 5} = \frac{-15}{5}$$

Because $\frac{-15}{5} < \frac{-12}{5}$, we can conclude that $-3 < \frac{-12}{5}$.

Q7.

Thus,

$$\frac{-3}{7} > \frac{6}{-13}$$

(ii) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

$$\text{One number} = \frac{5}{-13} = \frac{5 \times (-1)}{-13 \times (-1)} = \frac{-5}{13}$$

$$\text{Other number} = \frac{-35}{91}$$

LCM of 13 and 91 = 91

$$\therefore \frac{-5}{13} = \frac{-5 \times 7}{13 \times 7} = \frac{-35}{91} \text{ and } \frac{-35}{91}$$

Clearly,

$$-35 = -35$$

$$\therefore \frac{-35}{91} = \frac{-35}{91}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{-5}{13} = \frac{-35}{91}$$

(iii) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

$$\text{One number} = -2$$

We can write -2 as $\frac{-2}{1}$.

$$\text{Other number} = \frac{-13}{5}$$

$$\text{LCM of } 1 \text{ and } 5 = 5$$

$$\therefore \frac{-2}{1} = \frac{-2 \times 5}{1 \times 5} = \frac{-10}{5} \text{ and } \frac{-13}{5} = \frac{-13 \times 1}{5 \times 1} = \frac{-13}{5}$$

Clearly,

$$-10 > -13$$

$$\therefore \frac{-10}{5} > \frac{-13}{5}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{-2}{1} > \frac{-13}{5}$$

$$-2 > \frac{-13}{5}$$

(iv) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

$$\text{One number} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

$$\text{Other number} = \frac{5}{-8} = \frac{5 \times (-1)}{-8 \times (-1)} = \frac{-5}{8}$$

$$\text{LCM of } 3 \text{ and } 8 = 24$$

$$\therefore \frac{-2}{3} = \frac{-2 \times 8}{3 \times 8} = \frac{-16}{24} \text{ and } \frac{-5}{8} = \frac{-5 \times 3}{8 \times 3} = \frac{-15}{24}$$

Clearly,

$$-16 < -15$$

$$\therefore \frac{-16}{24} < \frac{-15}{24}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{-2}{3} < \frac{-5}{8}$$

$$\frac{-2}{3} < \frac{5}{-8}$$

$$(v) \frac{-3}{-5} = \frac{-3 \times -1}{-5 \times -1} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$\frac{3}{5}$ is a positive number.

Because every positive rational number is greater than 0, $\frac{3}{5} > 0 \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{3}{5}$.

(vi) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

$$\text{One number} = \frac{-8}{9}$$

$$\text{Other number} = \frac{-9}{10}$$

$$\text{LCM of } 9 \text{ and } 10 = 90$$

$$\therefore \frac{-8}{9} = \frac{-8 \times 10}{9 \times 10} = \frac{-80}{90} \text{ and } \frac{-9}{10} = \frac{-9 \times 9}{10 \times 9} = \frac{-81}{90}$$

Clearly,

$$-81 < -80$$

$$\therefore \frac{-81}{90} < \frac{-80}{90}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{-9}{10} < \frac{-8}{9}$$

Q8.

Answer :

(i) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

We have:

$$\frac{4}{-9} = \frac{4 \times (-1)}{-9 \times (-1)} = \frac{-4}{9} \text{ and } \frac{7}{-18} = \frac{7 \times (-1)}{-18 \times (-1)} = \frac{-7}{18}$$

Thus, the given numbers are $\frac{-4}{9}$, $\frac{-5}{12}$, $\frac{-7}{18}$ and $\frac{-2}{3}$.

LCM of 9, 12, 18 and 3 is 36.

Now,

$$\frac{-4}{9} = \frac{-4 \times 4}{9 \times 4} = \frac{-16}{36}$$

$$\frac{-5}{12} = \frac{-5 \times 3}{12 \times 3} = \frac{-15}{36}$$

$$\frac{-7}{18} = \frac{-7 \times 2}{18 \times 2} = \frac{-14}{36}$$

$$\frac{-2}{3} = \frac{-2 \times 12}{3 \times 12} = \frac{-24}{36}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{-24}{36} < \frac{-16}{36} < \frac{-15}{36} < \frac{-14}{36}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-2}{3} < \frac{-4}{9} < \frac{-5}{12} < \frac{-7}{18}$$

That is

$$\frac{-2}{3} < \frac{-4}{9} < \frac{-5}{12} < \frac{-7}{18}$$

(ii) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

We have:

$$\frac{5}{-12} = \frac{5 \times (-1)}{-12 \times (-1)} = \frac{-5}{12} \text{ and } \frac{9}{-24} = \frac{9 \times (-1)}{-24 \times (-1)} = \frac{-9}{24}$$

Thus, the given numbers are $\frac{-3}{4}$, $\frac{-5}{12}$, $\frac{-7}{16}$ and $\frac{-9}{24}$.

LCM of 4, 12, 16 and 24 is 48.

Now,

$$\frac{-3}{4} = \frac{-3 \times 12}{4 \times 12} = \frac{-36}{48}$$

$$\frac{-5}{12} = \frac{-5 \times 4}{12 \times 4} = \frac{-20}{48}$$

$$\frac{-7}{16} = \frac{-7 \times 3}{16 \times 3} = \frac{-21}{48}$$

$$\frac{-9}{24} = \frac{-9 \times 2}{24 \times 2} = \frac{-18}{48}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{-36}{48} < \frac{-21}{48} < \frac{-20}{48} < \frac{-18}{48}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-3}{4} < \frac{-7}{16} < \frac{-5}{12} < \frac{-9}{24}$$

That is

$$\frac{-3}{4} < \frac{-7}{16} < \frac{5}{-12} < \frac{9}{-24}$$

(iii) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

We have:

$$\frac{3}{-5} = \frac{3 \times (-1)}{-5 \times (-1)} = \frac{-3}{5}$$

Thus, the given numbers are $\frac{-3}{5}$, $\frac{-7}{10}$, $\frac{-11}{15}$ and $\frac{-13}{20}$.

LCM of 5, 10, 15 and 20 is 60.

Now,

$$\frac{-3}{5} = \frac{-3 \times 12}{5 \times 12} = \frac{-36}{60}$$

$$\frac{-7}{10} = \frac{-7 \times 6}{10 \times 6} = \frac{-42}{60}$$

$$\frac{-11}{15} = \frac{-11 \times 4}{15 \times 4} = \frac{-44}{60}$$

$$\frac{-13}{20} = \frac{-13 \times 3}{20 \times 3} = \frac{-39}{60}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{-44}{60} < \frac{-42}{60} < \frac{-39}{60} < \frac{-36}{60}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-11}{15} < \frac{-7}{10} < \frac{-13}{20} < \frac{-3}{5}$$

That is

$$\frac{-11}{15} < \frac{-7}{10} < \frac{-13}{20} < \frac{3}{-5}$$

(iv) We will write each of the given numbers with positive denominators.

We have:

$$\frac{13}{-28} = \frac{13 \times (-1)}{-28 \times (-1)} = \frac{-13}{28}$$

Thus, the given numbers are $\frac{-4}{7}$, $\frac{-9}{14}$, $\frac{-13}{28}$ and $\frac{-23}{42}$.

LCM of 7, 14, 28 and 42 is 84.

Now,

$$\frac{-4}{7} = \frac{-4 \times 12}{7 \times 12} = \frac{-48}{84}$$

$$\frac{-9}{14} = \frac{-9 \times 6}{14 \times 6} = \frac{-54}{84}$$

$$\frac{-13}{28} = \frac{-13 \times 3}{28 \times 3} = \frac{-39}{84}$$

$$\frac{-23}{42} = \frac{-23 \times 2}{42 \times 2} = \frac{-46}{84}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{-54}{84} < \frac{-48}{84} < \frac{-46}{84} < \frac{-39}{84}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-9}{14} < \frac{-4}{7} < \frac{-23}{42} < \frac{-13}{28}$$

That is

$$\frac{-9}{14} < \frac{-4}{7} < \frac{-23}{42} < \frac{13}{-28}$$

Q9.

Answer :

(i) We will first write each of the given numbers with positive denominators. We have:

$$\frac{8}{-3} = \frac{8 \times (-1)}{-3 \times (-1)} = \frac{-8}{3}$$

Thus, the given numbers are -2 , $\frac{-13}{6}$, $\frac{-8}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$

LCM of 1, 6, 3 and 3 is 6

Now,

$$\frac{-2}{1} = \frac{-2 \times 6}{1 \times 6} = \frac{-12}{6}$$

$$\frac{-13}{6} = \frac{-13 \times 1}{6 \times 1} = \frac{-13}{6}$$

$$\frac{-8}{3} = \frac{-8 \times 2}{3 \times 2} = \frac{-16}{6}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{1 \times 2}{3 \times 2} = \frac{2}{6}$$

Clearly, Thus,

$$\frac{2}{6} > \frac{-12}{6} > \frac{-13}{6} > \frac{-16}{6}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{3} > -2 > \frac{-13}{6} > \frac{-8}{3} \text{ i.e. } \frac{1}{3} > -2 > \frac{-13}{6} > \frac{8}{-3}$$

(ii) We will first write each of the given numbers with positive denominators. We have:

$$\frac{7}{-15} = \frac{7 \times (-1)}{-15 \times (-1)} = \frac{-7}{15} \text{ and } \frac{17}{-30} = \frac{17 \times (-1)}{-30 \times (-1)} = \frac{-17}{30}$$

Thus, the given numbers are $\frac{-3}{10}$, $\frac{-7}{15}$, $\frac{-11}{20}$ and $\frac{-17}{30}$

LCM of 10, 15, 20 and 30 is 60

Now,

$$\frac{-3}{10} = \frac{-3 \times 6}{10 \times 6} = \frac{-18}{60}$$

$$\frac{-7}{15} = \frac{-7 \times 4}{15 \times 4} = \frac{-28}{60}$$

$$\frac{-11}{20} = \frac{-11 \times 3}{20 \times 3} = \frac{-33}{60}$$

and

$$\frac{-17}{30} = \frac{-17 \times 2}{30 \times 2} = \frac{-34}{60}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{-18}{60} > \frac{-28}{60} > \frac{-33}{60} > \frac{-34}{60}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-3}{10} > \frac{-7}{15} > \frac{-11}{20} > \frac{-17}{30} \text{ i.e. } \frac{-3}{10} > \frac{-7}{15} > \frac{-11}{20} > \frac{-17}{30}$$

(iii) We will first write each of the given numbers with positive denominators. We have:

$$\frac{23}{-24} = \frac{23 \times (-1)}{-24 \times (-1)} = \frac{-23}{24}$$

Thus, the given numbers are $\frac{-5}{6}$, $\frac{-7}{12}$, $\frac{-13}{18}$ and $\frac{-23}{24}$

LCM of 6, 12, 18 and 24 is 72

Now,

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$$\frac{-5}{6} = \frac{-5 \times 12}{6 \times 12} = \frac{-60}{72}$$

$$\frac{-7}{12} = \frac{-7 \times 6}{12 \times 6} = \frac{-42}{72}$$

$$\frac{-13}{18} = \frac{-13 \times 4}{18 \times 4} = \frac{-52}{72}$$

and

$$\frac{-23}{24} = \frac{-23 \times 3}{24 \times 3} = \frac{-69}{72}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{-42}{72} > \frac{-52}{72} > \frac{-60}{72} > \frac{-69}{72}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-7}{12} > \frac{-13}{18} > \frac{-5}{6} > \frac{-23}{24} \text{ i.e. } \frac{-7}{12} > \frac{-13}{18} > \frac{-5}{6} > \frac{-23}{24}$$

(iv) The given numbers are $\frac{-10}{11}$, $\frac{-19}{22}$, $\frac{-23}{33}$ and $\frac{-39}{44}$

LCM of 11, 22, 33 and 44 is 132

Now,

$$\frac{-10}{11} = \frac{-10 \times 12}{11 \times 12} = \frac{-120}{132}$$

$$\frac{-19}{22} = \frac{-19 \times 6}{22 \times 6} = \frac{-114}{132}$$

$$\frac{-23}{33} = \frac{-23 \times 4}{33 \times 4} = \frac{-92}{132}$$

and

$$\frac{-39}{44} = \frac{-39 \times 3}{44 \times 3} = \frac{-117}{132}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{-92}{132} > \frac{-114}{132} > \frac{-117}{132} > \frac{-120}{132}$$

Q10.

Answer :

1. True

A whole number can be expressed as $\frac{a}{b}$, with $b = 1$ and $a \geq 0$. Thus, every whole number is rational.

2. True

Every integer is a rational number because any integer can be expressed as $\frac{a}{b}$, with $b = 1$ and $0 > a \geq 0$. Thus, every integer is a rational number.

3. False

$0 = \frac{a}{b}$, for $a = 0$ and $b \neq 0$. Thus, 0 is a rational and whole number.