

# Unit 1: NUMBERS AND THEIR USES (I)

This unit will show you how to:

- Add, subtract, multiply and divide integers
- Compare fractions
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions
- Find a fraction of a quantity
- Solve fraction problems
- Use powers and index laws

Keywords	
Number line	Highest (or greatest) common factor (HCF)
Equivalent fractions	Index
Simplest form	Power
Least (or lowest) common multiple (LCM)	Reciprocal
Common denominator	Roots

## 1.1.- INTEGER NUMBERS

**Natural numbers** are counting numbers from one to infinity.

We use the letter  $\mathbb{N}$  to refer to the set of all natural numbers.

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10, 11, \dots\}$$

**Whole numbers** are counting numbers from zero to infinity.

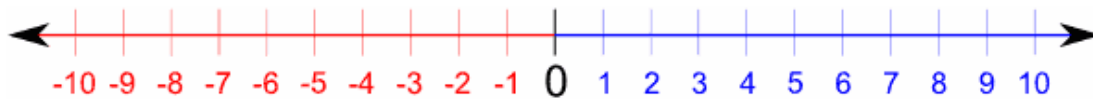
$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10, 11, \dots\}$$

**Integer numbers** are positive numbers and negative numbers, but not fractions or decimals.

We use the letter  $\mathbb{Z}$  to refer to the set of all integer numbers.

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3, +4, +5, \dots\}$$

We use a **number line** to show integer numbers:



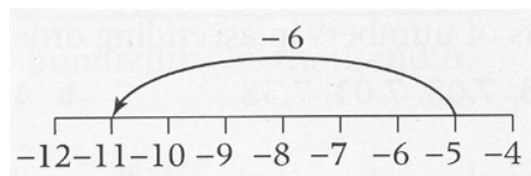
## Adding and subtracting integer numbers

- Adding a **positive** number counts as addition. Move right along the number line.
- Subtracting a positive number counts as subtraction. Move left along the number line.
- Adding a **negative** number counts as subtraction. Move left along the number line.
- Subtracting a negative number counts as addition. Move right along the number line.

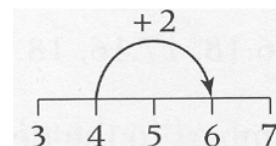
### *Example:*

Work out: a)  $(-5) + (-6)$  b)  $(+4) - (-2)$  c)  $(-7) - (+2)$  d)  $(-5) + (+8)$

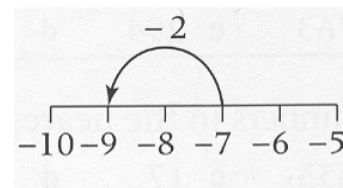
- a) Start at -5 on the number line and move 6 places to the left. The answer is -11.



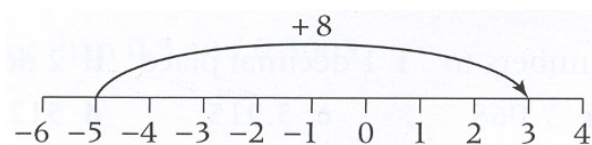
- b) Start at +4 on the number line and move 2 places to the right. The answer is +6.



- c) Start at -7 on the number line and move 2 places to the left. The answer is -9.



- d) Start at -5 on the number line and move 8 places to the right. The answer is +3



In practice:

a)  $(-5) + (-6) = -5 - 6 = -11$

b)  $(+4) - (-2) = 4 + 2 = 6$

c)  $(-7) - (+2) = -7 - 2 = -9$

d)  $(-5) + (+8) = -5 + 8 = 3$

### Exercise 1:

Find the balance in these bank accounts after the transactions shown:

- Opening balance £133.45. Deposits of £45.55 and £63.99, followed by withdrawals of £17.50 and £220.
- Opening balance is -£459.77. Deposit of £6.50, followed by a withdrawal of £17.85.

### Exercise 2:

Find the final temperatures in these science experiments:

- Starting temperature  $55^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It goes up  $32^{\circ}$ , then down  $100^{\circ}$ .
- Starting temperature  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It goes down  $28^{\circ}$ , increases by  $75^{\circ}$  and then goes down  $17^{\circ}$ .
- Starting temperature  $-22^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It goes down  $12^{\circ}$ , then down  $2^{\circ}$ , then increases by  $53^{\circ}$ .

## Multiplying and dividing integer numbers

- positive number  $\times$  positive number = positive number
- positive number  $\times$  negative number = negative number
- negative number  $\times$  negative number = positive number

The same rules apply to division.

### Example:

$$(+4) \cdot (+3) = +12$$

$$(-5) \cdot (+4) = -20$$

$$(-6) \cdot (-3) = +18$$

$$(+7) \cdot (-2) = -14$$

$$(+50) : (+2) = +25$$

$$(-12) : (+6) = -2$$

$$(-48) : (-4) = +12$$

$$(+24) : (-3) = -8$$

## Properties of Integers

### The commutative property of addition:

Changing the **order** of the addends does not change the sum.

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$\text{Example: } 6 + 4 = 4 + 6$$

This property does not apply to subtraction or division.

### The associative property of addition:

Changing the **grouping** of the addends does not change the sum.

$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

$$\text{Example: } (-5 + 8) + 1 = -5 + (8 + 1)$$

### The distributive property:

Multiplying a sum by a number is the same as multiplying each addend by that number and then adding the two products.

$$a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

$$\text{Example: } -6 \cdot (-2 + 3) = 12 - 18$$

### The identity property:

*For addition:*

Adding 0 and any number does not change the value of the number.

$$a + 0 = a$$

*For multiplication:*

Multiplying 1 and any number does not change the value of the number.

$$a \cdot 1 = a$$

### The inverse property of addition:

The sum of any integer and its additive inverse is 0.

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

$$\text{Example: } 9 + (-9) = 0$$

The inverse property for multiplication does not exist for the set of integers. Fractions are not included in the set of integers.

### The zero property of multiplication:

The product of 0 and any number is 0.

$$a \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\text{Example: } (-7) \cdot 0 = 0$$

## Order of operations with integers (BEDMAS)

Remember:

1. **B**rackets. ( ) before [ ]
2. **E**xponents (Powers, roots)
3. **D**ivision or **M**ultiplication (left to right)
4. **A**ddition or **S**ubtraction (left to right)

### Exercise 3

Compute

a)  $-5 + 4 \cdot (-2 + 1)^3 - (-9 + 6)^2 =$

b)  $-6 - 2 \cdot [-4 + 5 : (-1)] =$

c)  $12 - 2 \cdot [25 : (-4 - 1) + (-2) - (-6 - 10)] =$

d)  $-7 - (-3) + (-8) \cdot (-1) - (-12) : (-4) =$

e)  $(-1)^4 - (-2)^3 + 18 : (-9) - (-4 + 2) =$

f)  $(-5 - 4) \cdot (-2) + 28 : (-7) + (-2)^3 =$

g)  $-5 - 4 \cdot [-8 : 2 - 2 \cdot (-3)] =$

h)  $6 - 5 \cdot [-4 - 1 + (-2)^2 - 3^2] =$

i)  $12 - 8 \cdot [-2 + 4 : (-1) - (-3 + 2)^4] =$

j)  $(-2)^5 : (3 + 1)^2 + 2 \cdot (-5 - 4 + 3) =$

k)  $10 - 10 \cdot [-6 + 5 \cdot (-4 + 7 - 3)] =$

## 1.2. - FRACTIONS

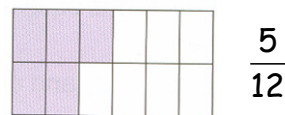
A **fraction** is a number that indicates a part of a unit or a part of a quantity.

Fractions are written in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where **a** and **b** are whole numbers, and the number **b** is not 0.

The **denominator** (**b**) shows how many equal parts the whole has been split into.

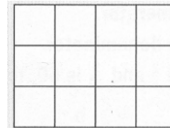
The **numerator** (**a**) tells us how many of those equal parts are being described.

**Examples:**



**Exercise 4**

Sketch seven copies of the diagram shown.



Shade your diagrams to represent each of these fractions.

- a)  $\frac{1}{2}$     b)  $\frac{2}{3}$     c)  $\frac{3}{4}$     d)  $\frac{5}{6}$     e)  $\frac{7}{12}$     f)  $\frac{17}{12}$

Remember:

**Proper fraction:** numerator is less than the denominator.

Example:  $\frac{4}{5}$

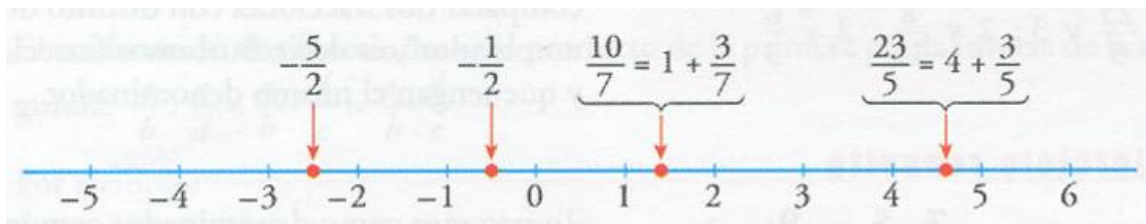
**Improper fraction:** numerator is greater than or equal to denominator.

Example:  $\frac{13}{5}$

**Mixed number:** whole number and a fraction.

Example:  $1\frac{5}{12} = 1 + \frac{5}{12}$

We can also use the number line to show fractions:



**Exercise 5**

Represent the following fractions in the number line.

- $\frac{17}{3}$ ,  $-\frac{11}{4}$ ,  $\frac{20}{5}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{16}{7}$ ,  $-\frac{21}{5}$ ,  $-\frac{7}{2}$



## Equivalent fractions

**Equivalent fractions** are different fractions which express the same amount.

*Examples:*  $\frac{1}{2}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{2}{4}$ , because  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$

The diagram shows that  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$



$\frac{12}{20}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{3}{5}$ , because  $\frac{12}{20} = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$

We can test if two fractions are equivalent by cross-multiplying their numerators and denominators. This is also called taking the **cross-product**.

$$\frac{a}{b} \quad \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \quad \frac{c}{d}$$

For example,  $\frac{12}{20}$  and  $\frac{24}{40}$  are equivalent because  $12 \cdot 40 = 20 \cdot 24 = 480$

We can find equivalent fractions by multiplying or dividing the numerator and the denominator by the same number.

We can **simplify** a fraction by dividing the numerator and the denominator by a common factor. This process is called "**cancelling down**".

When the fraction cannot be simplified, we say it is written in its **simplest form**.

We can also multiply both numerator and denominator by the same value. Then we are "**amplifying**" fractions.

### Exercise 6

Cancel each of these fractions down to their simplest terms.

a)  $\frac{2}{4}$     b)  $\frac{15}{20}$     c)  $\frac{8}{10}$     d)  $\frac{95}{100}$     e)  $\frac{6}{8}$

### Exercise 7

Rewrite each fraction with the denominator shown.

a)  $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{\quad}{30}$     b)  $\frac{3}{7} = \frac{\quad}{42}$     c)  $\frac{7}{9} = \frac{\quad}{45}$     d)  $\frac{5}{8} = \frac{\quad}{40}$

## Comparing fractions

To compare fractions, two or more fractions:

- Find the **common denominator**.
- Work out the equivalent fractions.
- Write the fractions in ascending or descending order.

**Example:** Which fraction is bigger  $\frac{2}{5}$  or  $\frac{5}{12}$ ?

The common denominator of  $\frac{2}{5}$  and  $\frac{5}{12}$  is 60, the **LCM** (least common multiple) of 5 and 12.

$$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{24}{60} \text{ (Multiply numerator and denominator by 12)}$$

$$\frac{5}{12} = \frac{25}{60} \text{ (Multiply numerator and denominator by 5)}$$

The order is  $\frac{2}{5} < \frac{5}{12}$ , so  $\frac{5}{12}$  is bigger than  $\frac{2}{5}$ .

### Exercise 8

Write each set of fractions in ascending order. Show your working.

a)  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{5}$  and  $\frac{2}{15}$     b)  $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{5}$  and  $\frac{7}{20}$     c)  $\frac{3}{7}, \frac{3}{8}$  and  $\frac{5}{14}$     d)  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}$  and  $\frac{2}{7}$

### Exercise 9

Write each set of fractions in descending order. Show your working.

a)  $\frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{10}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$     b)  $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{20}, \frac{4}{5}$  and  $\frac{1}{10}$

c)  $\frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{17}{40}$     d)  $\frac{5}{6}, \frac{11}{24}, \frac{7}{12}$  and  $\frac{5}{8}$

## Adding and subtracting fractions

You can only add and subtract fractions if they have common denominators.

$$\frac{2}{8} + \frac{5}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$$



If the fractions have different denominators, change them to equivalent fractions with the same denominator, then add.

$$\frac{11}{12} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{11}{12} - \frac{4}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

If your answer is an improper fraction, change it to a mixed number.

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{15}{20} + \frac{8}{20} = \frac{23}{20} = 1 + \frac{3}{20} = 1\frac{3}{20}$$

Cancel any common factors in the numerator and denominator.

$$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{3}{10} = \frac{8}{10} - \frac{3}{10} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

### Exercise 10

Do the following calculations and express the answer in its simplest form. Then, change the result into a mixed number.

$$\text{a) } 3 - \frac{7}{6} - \frac{3}{4} =$$

$$\text{b) } 1\frac{3}{4} + 3\frac{1}{3} - 2\frac{5}{6} =$$

### Multiplying and dividing fractions

To multiply fractions, multiply the numerators and then the denominators, then cancel any common factors.

$$\frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{12}{45} = \frac{4}{15}$$

The **multiplicative inverse** of an integer is its **reciprocal**. For example, the reciprocal of 5 is  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

When you multiply a number by its reciprocal you always get 1:  $5 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = 1$

The multiplicative inverse or the reciprocal of a fraction is the original fraction 'turned upside down'. The reciprocal of  $\frac{3}{5}$  is  $\frac{5}{3}$ .  $\left(\frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = 1\right)$

To divide two fractions, multiply the first by the reciprocal of the second.

$$\frac{7}{4} : \frac{5}{6} = \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{6}{5} = \frac{42}{20} = \frac{21}{10} = 2\frac{1}{10}$$

(This is the same as cross-multiplying their numerators and denominators).

- Multiplying by a **unit fraction** (a fraction that has a numerator of 1) is the same as dividing by its denominator. For example, multiplying by  $\frac{1}{5}$  is the same as dividing by 5.

$$10 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{10}{5} = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 10 : 5 = 2$$

- Dividing by a unit fraction is the same as multiplying by its denominator.

$$10 : \frac{1}{2} = 10 \cdot 2 = 20$$

### Exercise 11

Calculate, giving your answers in their simplest form.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{a) } \left( \frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{6} - \frac{7}{8} \right) : \frac{25}{12} & \text{b) } \left( \frac{13}{15} - \frac{7}{25} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{9}{22} + \frac{-13}{33} \right) & \text{c) } \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \left( \frac{3}{4} - 1 \right)}{\frac{3}{4} + 1} \\ \text{d) } \frac{(-3) \left( \frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right)}{(-2) \left( \frac{4}{3} - \frac{6}{5} \right)} & \text{e) } \frac{3 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left( \frac{3}{5} - \frac{2}{15} \right)}{6 + \frac{4}{25} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right)} & \text{f) } \frac{\left( \frac{2}{3} - \frac{5}{9} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{3}{4} - \frac{5}{6} \right)}{\left( \frac{7}{12} - \frac{5}{6} \right) \cdot \frac{4}{3} + 1} \end{array}$$

### Finding fractions of quantities

a) Find  $\frac{1}{5}$  of £30

b) Find  $\frac{4}{5}$  of £30

To find **one fifth** of a number we **divide the number by five**.

$$\frac{1}{5} \text{ of } \pounds 30 = 30 : 5 = \pounds 6$$

Then, to find **four fifths** of a number, we first find one fifth of that number and then **multiply this by four**.

$$\frac{1}{5} \text{ of } \pounds 30 = 30 : 5 = \pounds 6 ; \quad \pounds 6 \cdot 4 = \pounds 24$$

Dividing 30 by 5 and multiplying the number you get by 4 is the same as multiplying 30 by  $\frac{4}{5}$ .

Therefore, you find fractions of a quantity by multiplying.

For example, two thirds of 5 =  $\frac{2}{3} \cdot 5 = \frac{2 \cdot 5}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$

You can extend this method to **finding a fraction of a fraction of a quantity**.

**Example:**

Tom has £42. He spends  $\frac{1}{3}$  of it on Monday. On Tuesday he spends  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the remainder. How much does he spend on Tuesday?

Tom spends  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot £42$  on Monday, so he has  $\frac{2}{3} \cdot £42$  on Tuesday.

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot 42 = £21$$

Now, we move on the "inverse problem":

*The two thirds of a quantity are 400. What is the quantity?*

If the two thirds of a quantity are 400, one third of this quantity is  $400 : 2 = 200$ .

$\frac{1}{3}$  of a quantity is 200  $\Rightarrow$  the whole quantity is  $200 \cdot 3 = 600$

Dividing 400 by 2 and multiplying the number you get by 3 is the same as **multiplying 400 by  $\frac{3}{2}$**  (the multiplicative inverse of  $\frac{2}{3}$ ).

To sum up:

The fraction  $\frac{a}{b}$  of  $C$  is equal to  $\frac{a}{b} \cdot C$

If the fraction  $\frac{a}{b}$  of  $C$  is equal to  $P$ , then  $C$  is equal to  $P \cdot \frac{b}{a}$

**Exercise 12**

In a group of 160 students,  $\frac{5}{8}$  were female. How many students were female?

**Exercise 13**

15 dogs out of a group of 60 have short tails. What fraction of the dogs are short tails?

### **Exercise 14**

Out of a group of 40 people in a shop, 32 were aged thirty or over. What fraction of the people were under thirty?

### **Exercise 15**

This list gives the numbers of trees in a small wood:

beech: 32, oak: 74, elm: 2, ash: 15, chestnut: 15, yew: 1.

List each type as a fraction of the number of trees in the wood.

### **Exercise 16**

A reel holds 60 m of wire when new.  $\frac{2}{5}$  of the wire has been used.

- What length of wire has been used?
- What length of wire is left on the reel?

### **Exercise 17**

An empty swimming pool is to be filled with water. It takes 12 hours to fill the pool, and the full pool contains  $98 \text{ m}^3$  of water. How much water will the pool contain after 5 hours? Show your working.

### **Exercise 18**

Of the people invited to the party,  $\frac{1}{4}$  could not come because of illness and  $\frac{2}{5}$  could not come because of transport problems. What fraction of those invited could not come?

### **Exercise 19**

$\frac{3}{4}$  of refugees were female.  $\frac{2}{5}$  of refugees were girls of 19 years or younger.

What fraction of the refugees were women over 19?

### **Exercise 20**

$\frac{4}{5}$  of the cars on the road are saloons. Of these saloons  $\frac{1}{8}$  are red. What fraction of the cars on the road are red saloons?

### Exercise 21

Sadie has already driven  $\frac{13}{28}$  of the distance between college and home. She wants to split the remaining distance into 5 equal parts. What fraction of the whole journey is each part?

### Exercise 22

John eats  $\frac{2}{5}$  of a bar of chocolate. Linda eats  $\frac{4}{9}$  of what remains. What fraction of the bar of chocolate have they eaten between them?

### Exercise 23

Use a mental or written method to work out these.

- The two thirds of a number are 22. What is the number?
- The five quarters of a number are 35. What is the number?
- The seven tenths of a quantity are 210. What is the quantity?

### Exercise 24

Out of a deposit of oil you empty one half. Out of what remains, you empty one half again, and then you empty  $\frac{11}{15}$  of what remains. Finally, there are 36 litres left. How many litres were there at the beginning?

### Exercise 25

Complete this magic square. All the rows, columns and diagonals must add up to the same number.

		$\frac{3}{8}$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1

## 1.3.- POWERS

Repeated multiplications such as  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$  can be written in **index** notation as  $2^4$ .

You read  $2^4$  as 'two to the power of 4'.

You use powers when factorising, for example:  $24 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3$

In a power, the number or expression used as a factor is called **base**.

And the number that indicates how many times the base is used as factor is called **exponent** (or **index**).

$$2^4 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 16$$

Base: 2      Exponent: 4

## Properties of powers

Powers of the same number can be multiplied and divided.

When multiplying, you add the indices.

$$\begin{aligned} 5^3 \cdot 5^4 &= (5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5) \cdot (5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5) = 5^7 \\ 5^{3+4} &= 5^7 \end{aligned}$$

When dividing, you subtract the indices.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3^6}{3^2} &= \frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 3} = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 3^4 \\ 3^{6-2} &= 3^4 \end{aligned}$$

And when finding a 'power of a power', you multiply the indices.

$$\begin{aligned} (5^2)^3 &= 5^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 5^2 = 5^{2+2+2} = 5^6 \\ 5^{2 \cdot 3} &= 5^6 \end{aligned}$$

- Simplified, the **index laws** are:

$$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^m : a^n = a^{m-n}$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$$

(in all the properties, letters are used to represent numbers)

- $(a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$

- $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$

- Any number (except 0) raised to the power of zero is equal to 1.

$$a^0 = 1$$

*Proof:*  $a^0 = a^{n-n} = \frac{a^n}{a^n} = 1$

Examples:  $7^0 = 1$      $10^0 = 1$

( $0^0$  is not defined, it doesn't actually mean anything)

- Any number to the power of 1 is just the number itself.  $a^1 = a$

- In general,  $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ .

*Proof:*  $a^n \cdot a^{-n} = a^0 = 1 \Rightarrow a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$

Remember that the **reciprocal** of a number is 1 divided by that number.

Ex.: Reciprocal of 10 =  $\frac{1}{10} = 0.1$     Reciprocal of  $4^2 = \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{16} = 0.0625$

So, a **negative index** represents the reciprocal of a number.

Examples:  $8^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} = 0.125$      $10^{-2} = \frac{1}{10^2} = \frac{1}{100} = 0.01$

- $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^n$

*Proof:*  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n} = \frac{1}{\frac{a^n}{b^n}} = \frac{b^n}{a^n} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^n$

Example:  $\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{-4} = \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^4$

### Exercise 26

Compute.

- a)  $(-3)^3$     b)  $(-2)^4$     c)  $(-2)^{-3}$     d)  $-3^2$     e)  $-4^{-1}$   
 f)  $(-1)^{-2}$     g)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3}$     h)  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2}$     i)  $\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^0$     j)  $\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{-1}$

### Exercise 27

Work out these, giving your answers in index form.

- a)  $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-3} : \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2$     b)  $\frac{2^5 \cdot 2^{-7}}{2^{-4}}$     c)  $\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + 1\right)^{-1}\right]^{-3}$     d)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 : \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2$

### Exercise 28

Calculate using the properties of powers.

$$a) \frac{6^4 \cdot 8^2}{3^2 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 2^4}$$

$$b) \frac{15^2 \cdot 4^2}{12^2 \cdot 10}$$

$$c) \frac{2^{-5} \cdot 4^3}{16}$$

$$d) \frac{2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 4^{-1}}{2^3 \cdot 9^{-1}}$$

$$e) \frac{6^2 \cdot 9^2}{2^3 \cdot (-3)^2 \cdot 4^2}$$

$$f) \frac{2^{-5} \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 3^{-2}}{2^{-4} \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^{-1}}$$

### Place value

In our **decimal number system**, the **value** of each digit depends on its **place** in the number. Each place is 10 times the value of the next place to its right. Therefore, the decimal system is based upon **powers of ten**.

Millions	Hundred Thousands	Ten- Thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones	Tenths	Hundredths	Thousandths	Ten- Thousandths
1,000,000	100,000	10,000	1,000	100	10	1	0.1	0.01	0.001	0.0001
$10^6$	$10^5$	$10^4$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$

Examples:

7.4 → the 4 in 7.4 is in the *tenths* place. Its value is 4 *tenths*, or 0.4

74 → the 4 in 74 is in the *ones* place. Its value is 4 *ones*, or 4.

741 → the 4 in 741 is in the *tens* place. Its value is 4 *tens*, or 40.

7415 → the 4 in 7415 is in the *hundreds* place. Its value is 4 *hundreds*, or 400.

$$8,435 = 8,000 + 400 + 30 + 5 = 8 \cdot 10^3 + 4 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 5 \cdot 10^0$$

### Exercise 29

Write the place and the value for each underlined.

	Place	Value
1. <u>3</u> 56		
2,6 <u>5</u> 7,009		
0.00 <u>3</u> 56		
<u>3</u> 47.15		
<u>5</u> 67.5		



### Exercise 30

Make the largest number possible from the digits 6, 5, 8, 2, 5, 7.

### Exercise 31

Find the number from these hints:

- it has more than 164 hundreds
- it has fewer than 17 thousands
- it contains the digits 6, 1, 9, 2, 5
- it has an even number of tens.

## 1.4. - ROOTS

### Square roots

$$\sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ because } 5^2 = 25 \qquad \sqrt{\frac{25}{9}} = \frac{5}{3} \text{ because } \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{9}$$

Notice that there are two square roots of a positive number.

$$\sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ and } (-5) \text{ because } 5^2 = 25 \text{ and } (-5)^2 = 25$$

You can write:  $\sqrt{25} = \pm 5$

The square root of a negative number doesn't exist, because a positive number to the power of two is a positive number and a negative number to the power of two is also a positive number.

$$\sqrt{-16} \neq 4 \qquad \sqrt{-16} \neq -4$$

### Cube roots

$$\sqrt[3]{8} = 2 \text{ because } 2^3 = 8 \qquad \sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{1000}} = \frac{2}{10} \text{ because } \left(\frac{2}{10}\right)^3 = \frac{8}{1000}$$

### Nth roots

$$\sqrt[5]{32} = 2 \text{ because } 2^5 = 32 \qquad \sqrt[4]{10000} = 10 \text{ because } 10^4 = 10000$$

In general,  $\sqrt[n]{a} = b \Leftrightarrow b^n = a$

### **Exercise 32**

Calculate the following roots:

a)  $\sqrt[6]{64}$

b)  $\sqrt[3]{-216}$

c)  $\sqrt{14\,400}$

d)  $\sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{64}}$

e)  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{64}{216}}$

f)  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{3375}{1000}}$

### **Exercise 33**

Calculate these using a calculator, giving your answers to 2 decimal places as appropriate.

a)  $\sqrt[3]{86}$

b)  $\sqrt[3]{2.7}$

c)  $\sqrt[3]{-70}$

d)  $\sqrt[3]{0.015625}$