

# DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS

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## TERMINATING

- DECIMALS END
- BUT REALLY, THEY HAVE A REPEATING 0
- EXAMPLES:

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{3}{8} = 0.375$$

## REPEATING

- DECIMALS KEEP GOING
- BUT REALLY, THEY REPEAT IN SOME PATTERN OTHER THAN 0
- EXAMPLES:

$$\frac{1}{3} = 0.\bar{3}$$

$$\frac{5}{11} = 0.\overline{45}$$

$$\frac{9}{14} = 0.\overline{6428571}$$

QUESTION 1:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

$$\frac{1}{11}, \frac{2}{11}, \frac{3}{11}, \dots, \frac{9}{11}, \frac{10}{11}$$

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?

QUESTION 2:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

$$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{3}{9}, \dots, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9}$$

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?

QUESTION 3:

HOW DO THE TWO PATTERNS ABOVE COMPARE  
WITH ONE ANOTHER?

QUESTION 4:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

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

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?



QUESTION 5:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

$$\frac{1}{8}, \frac{2}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \dots, \frac{6}{8}, \frac{7}{8}$$

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?

QUESTION 6:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

$$\frac{1}{16}, \frac{2}{16}, \frac{3}{16}, \dots, \frac{14}{16}, \frac{15}{16}$$

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?

QUESTION 7:

HOW DO THE THREE PATTERNS ABOVE COMPARE  
WITH ONE ANOTHER?

QUESTION 8:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \overline{7} & \overline{7} & \overline{7} & \overline{7} & \overline{7} & \overline{7} \end{array}$$

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?

QUESTION 9:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

$$\frac{1}{14}, \frac{2}{14}, \frac{3}{14}, \dots, \frac{12}{14}, \frac{13}{14}$$

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?

QUESTION 10:

FIND THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR:

$$\frac{1}{28}, \frac{2}{28}, \frac{3}{28}, \dots, \frac{26}{28}, \frac{27}{28}$$

WHAT PATTERNS DO YOU NOTICE?

QUESTION 11:  
HOW DO THE THREE PATTERNS ABOVE COMPARE  
WITH ONE ANOTHER?

QUESTION 12:

WHICH FRACTIONS HAVE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS THAT TERMINATE AND WHICH HAVE ONES THAT REPEAT? CAN YOU FIND A WAY TO PREDICT THEIR PATTERN?



QUESTION 13:

EXPLORE THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR  $13^{\text{THS}}$ . HOW MANY DIGITS REPEAT FOR EACH OF THEM? WHAT SEQUENCES OF DIGITS GET REPEATED?

QUESTION 14:

EXPLORE THE DECIMAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR  $19^{\text{THS}}$ . HOW MANY DIGITS REPEAT FOR EACH OF THEM? WHAT SEQUENCES OF DIGITS GET REPEATED?

QUESTION 15:

SOME REPEATING DECIMALS REPEAT ONE DIGIT,  
OTHERS TWO DIGITS, AND OTHERS LOTS OF DIGITS.  
CAN YOU FIND A PATTERN?