

**CLASS- VIII**

**MATHS**

**CHAPTER – 1**

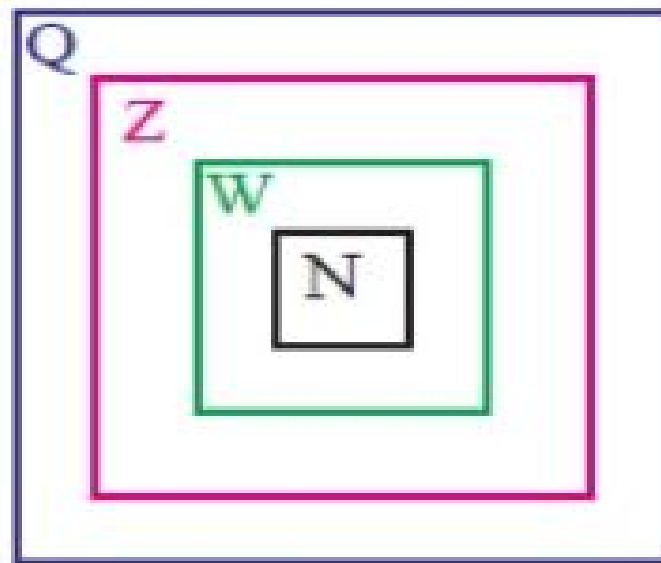
**RATIONAL NUMBER**

## Number System

- Natural numbers  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,
- Whole numbers  $W = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,
- Integers  $Z = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- Rational numbers  $Q$

# What are Rational Numbers?

- ❑ The integers which are in the form of  $p/q$  where  $q$  is not equal to 0 are known as **Rational Numbers**.
- ❑ **Examples** :  $5/8$ ;  $-3/14$ ;  $7/-15$ ;  $-6/-11$



State whether the following statements are True Or False

- ) All Integers are Rational Numbers.
- ) All Natural Numbers are Integers.
- ) All Integers are Natural Numbers.
- ) All Whole Numbers are Natural Numbers.
- ) All Natural Numbers are Whole Numbers.
- ) All Rational Numbers are Whole Numbers.

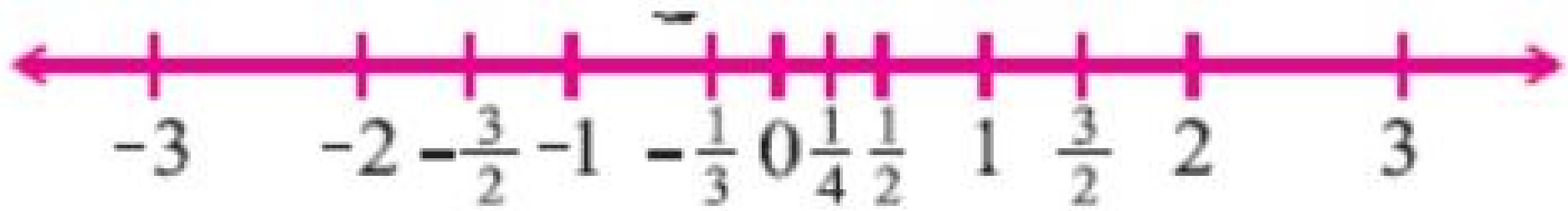
# Rational numbers

Real numbers of the form  $\frac{p}{q}$   
where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q \neq 0$  are known  
as rational numbers.

The collection of numbers of the form  $\frac{p}{q}$   
where  $q > 0$  is denoted by  $Q$ .

Rational numbers include natural numbers, whole numbers, integers and all negative and positive fractions.

## Representation of Rational Numbers on the Number Line

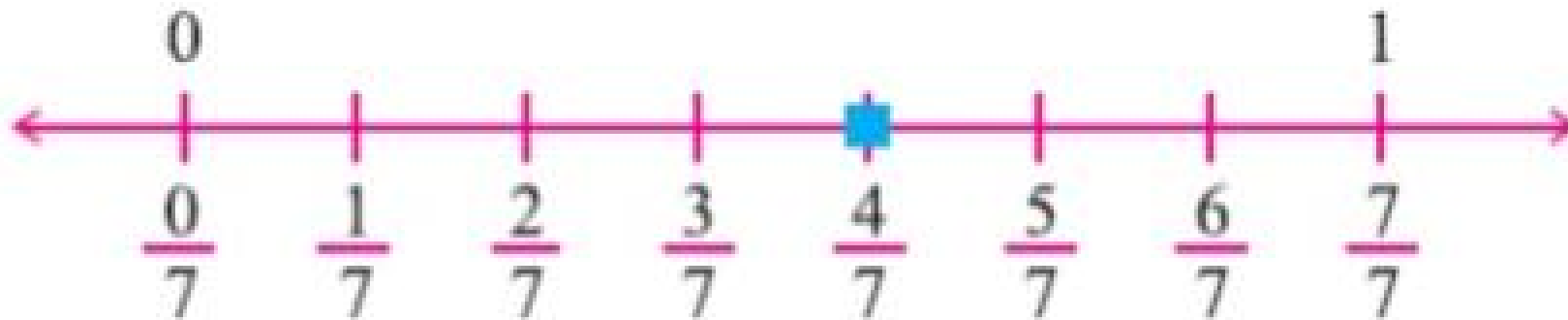


To express rational numbers appropriately on the number line, divide each unit length into as many equal parts as the denominator of the rational number and then mark the given number on the number line.

## Representation of Rational Numbers on the Number Line

Express  $\frac{4}{7}$  on the number line.

$\frac{4}{7}$  lies between 0 and 1.



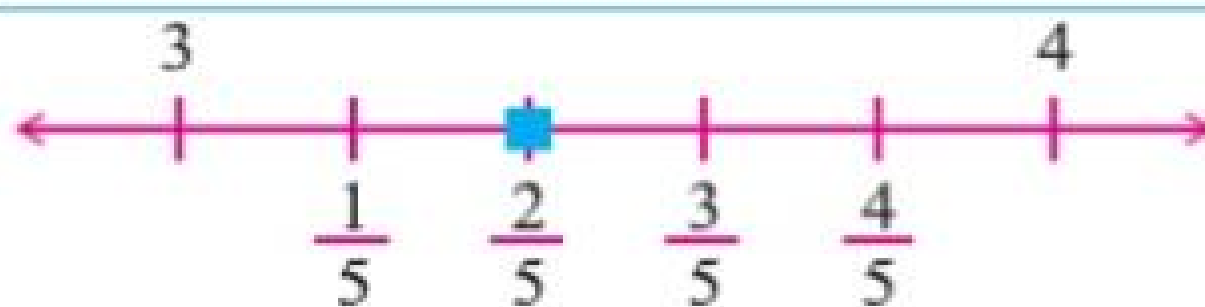
## Representation of Rational Numbers on the Number Line

Express  $\frac{17}{5}$  on the number line.

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$$\frac{17}{5} = 3\frac{2}{5}$$

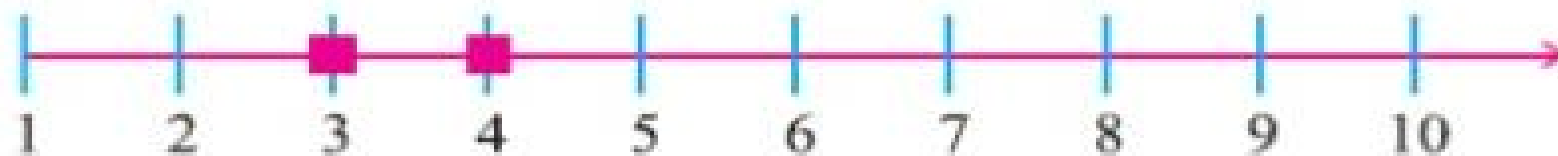
It lies between 3 and 4.





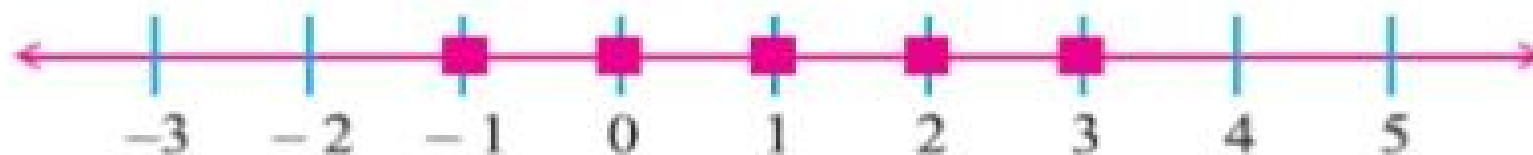
## Find rational numbers between two rational numbers

Can you tell the natural numbers between 2 and 5?



They are 3 and 4.

Can you tell the integers between  $-2$  and  $4$ ?



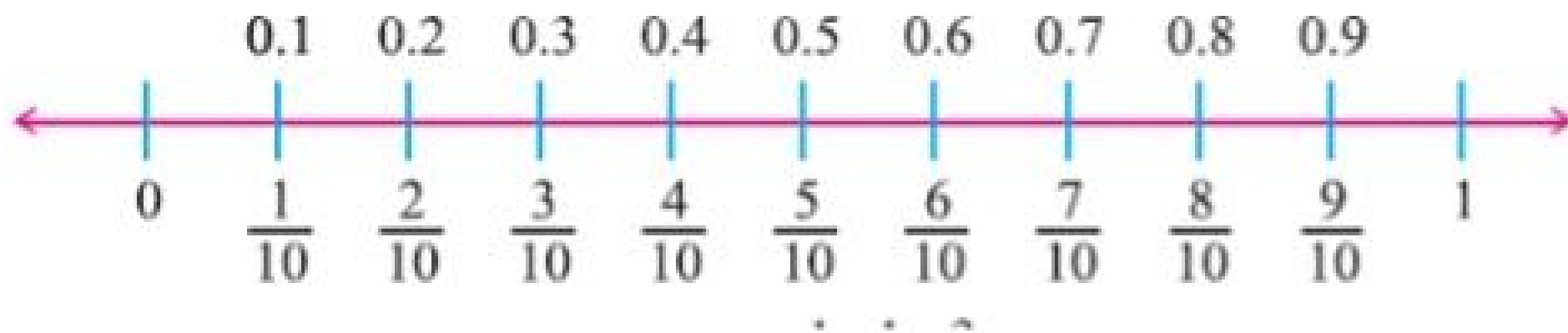
They are  $-1$ ,  $0$ ,  $1$ ,  $2$ ,  $3$ .

Now, Can you find any integer between 1 and 2?

**No.**

## ***Find rational numbers between two rational numbers***

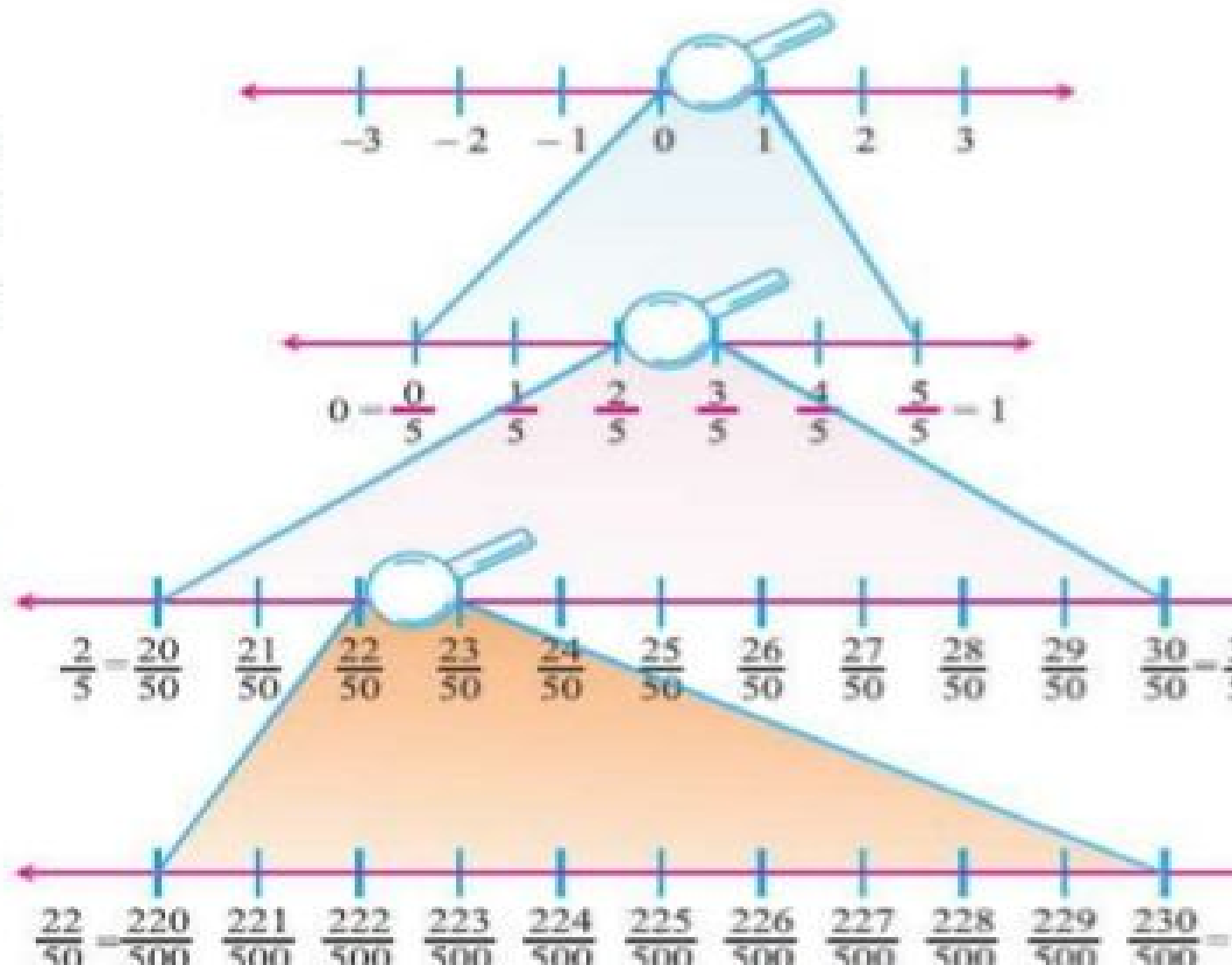
But, between any two integers, we have rational numbers. For example, between 0 and 1, we can find rational numbers  $\frac{1}{10}, \frac{2}{10}, \frac{3}{10}, \dots$  which can be written as 0.1, 0.2, 0.3,  $\dots$ .




## Find rational numbers between two rational numbers

Let us understand this better with the help of the number line shown in the adjacent figure.

Observe the number line between 0 and 1 using magnifying lens.



unlike natural numbers  
integers, there are  
infinitely rational numbers  
between any two given  
rational numbers.



Four Properties of  
Rational Numbers

# Addition

## closure property

The sum of any two rational numbers is always a rational number. This is the 'closure property of addition' of rational numbers. Thus,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is closed under addition.

If  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $\frac{c}{d}$  are any two rational numbers, then  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d}$  is also a rational number.

**Illustration:** (i)  $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$  is a rational number.

(ii)  $5 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{1} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{15 + 1}{3} = \frac{16}{3} = 5\frac{1}{3}$  is a rational number.

# Addition

## iv) Additive identity

The sum of any rational number and zero is the rational number itself.

$$\text{If } \frac{a}{b} \text{ is any rational number, then } \frac{a}{b} + 0 = \frac{a}{b} = 0 + \frac{a}{b}.$$

Zero is the **additive identity** for rational numbers.

*Illustration:* (i)  $\frac{2}{7} + 0 = \frac{2}{7} = 0 + \frac{2}{7}$

(ii)  $\left(\frac{-7}{11}\right) + 0 = \frac{-7}{11} = 0 + \left(\frac{-7}{11}\right)$



*Do you know?*

Zero is a special rational number. It can be written as  $0 = \frac{0}{q}$  where  $q \neq 0$ .

## v) Additive inverse

$\left(\frac{-a}{b}\right)$  is the negative or additive inverse of  $\frac{a}{b}$ .

If  $\frac{a}{b}$  is a rational number, then there exists a rational number  $\left(\frac{-a}{b}\right)$  such that  $\frac{a}{b} + \left(\frac{-a}{b}\right) = 0$ .

*Illustration:* (i) Additive inverse of  $\frac{3}{5}$  is  $\frac{-3}{5}$

(ii) Additive inverse of  $\frac{-3}{5}$  is  $\frac{3}{5}$

(iii) Additive inverse of 0 is 0 itself.

## Commutative Property

Rational numbers can be added in any order.  
Therefore, addition is commutative for rational numbers. For Example :-

L.H.S.	R.H.S.
$-3/8 + 1/7$	$1/7 + (-3/8)$
L.C.M. = 56	L.C.M. = 56
$= -21+8$	$= 8+(-21)$
$= -13$	$= -13$

Subtraction is not commutative for rational numbers. For Example -

since,  $-7$  is unequal to  $7$

hence, L.H.S. Is unequal to R.H.S.

Therefore, it is proved that Subtraction is not commutative for rational numbers.

L.H.S.	R.H.S.
$2/3 - 5/4$	$5/4 - 2/3$
L.C.M. = 12	L.C.M. = 12
$= 8 - 15$	$= 15 - 8$
$= -7$	$= 7$

Rational numbers can be multiplied in any order.

Therefore, it is said that multiplication is commutative for rational numbers.

**FOR EXAMPLE –**

Since, L.H.S = R.H.S.

Therefore, it is proved that rational numbers can be multiplied in any order.

<b>L.H.S.</b>	<b>R.H.S.</b>
$-7/3 * 6/5 = -42/15$	$6/5 *(7/3) = -42/15$

Rational numbers can not be divided in any order.

Therefore, division is

Not Commutative for rational numbers.

**FOR EXAMPLE –**

Since, L.H.S. is not equal to R.H.S.

Therefore, it is proved that rational numbers can not be divided in any order.

<b>L.H.S.</b>	<b>R.H.S.</b>
$(-5/4) / 3/7$ $= -5/4 * 7/3$ $= -35/12$	$3/7 / (-5/4)$ $= 3/7 * 4/-5$ $= -12/35$



# ASSOCIATIVE PROPERTY

Addition is associative for rational numbers.

That is for any three rational numbers a, b and c, :

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

Example -

$$\text{Take, } -9/10 = -9/10$$

$$\text{Hence, L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

Therefore, the property

has been proved.

L.H.S.	R.H.S.
$-2/3 + [3/5 + (-5/6)]$	$[-2/3 + 3/5] + (-5/6)$
$= -2/3 + (-7/30)$	$= -1/15 + (-5/6)$
$= -27/30$	$= -27/30$
$= -9/10$	$= -9/10$

Subtraction is Not Associative for rational numbers

Multiplication is associative for rational numbers.

That is for any rational numbers a, b and c :

$$(a * (b * c)) = (a * b) * c$$

Example -

$$\text{Take, } -5/21 = -5/21$$

$$\text{Hence, L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

L.H.S.	R.H.S.
$-2/3 * (5/4 * 2/7)$	$(-2/3 * 5/4) * 2/7$
$= -2/3 * 10/28$	$= -10/12 * 2/7$
$= -2/3 * 5/14$	$= -5/6 * 2/7$
$= -10/42$	$= -10/42$
$= -5/21$	$= -5/21$

Division is Not Associative for Rational numbers.

# DISTRIBUTIVE LAW

## DISTRIBUTIVITY OF MULTIPLICATION OVER ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION:

For all rational numbers a, b and c,

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

$$a(b-c) = ab - ac$$

For Example –

Since, L.H.S. = R.H.S.

Hence, Distributive Law Is Proved.

L.H.S.	R.H.S.
$4(2+6)$	$4*2 + 4*6$
$\equiv 4(8)$	$\equiv 8 + 24$
$\equiv 32$	$\equiv 32$

# Additive Inverse

- Additive inverse is also known as negative of a number.

For any rational number  $a/b$ ,  $a/b + (-a/b) = (-a/b) + a/b = 0$

Therefore,  $-a/b$  is the additive inverse of  $a/b$  and  $a/b$  is the

**Additive Inverse** of  $(-a/b)$ .

## Reciprocal

- Rational number  $c/d$  is called the reciprocal or **Multiplicative Inverse** of another rational number  $a/b$  if  $a/b * c/d = 1$