

BASIC MATHEMATICS

MATH 0101

BASIC ARITHMETIC PROCEDURES AND DECIMAL FRACTIONS

The 'Four Rules'

There are four basic processes in arithmetic.

- ⦿ **Addition** – is the putting together of different individual quantities to make a single larger quantity.
- ⦿ **Subtraction** – is the taking away of one quantity from another, thus making it smaller.
- ⦿ **Multiplication** – is a process, which performs repeated additions very quickly.
- ⦿ **Division** – is a process, which performs repeated subtractions very quickly.

Our number system is based on **number 10**: it is called the **decimal system** (decem = Latin, ten).

Addition of Number

Example

	A	B	C	D
	1	8	7	6
		5	9	5
	2	0	6	4
+	7	1	3	6
	1	6	7	1
	1	2	2	

Adding up sums like this is called *long-totting*, a word which come from 'totaling'. Always start with the units column. It is a good idea to write in the 'carrying' figures, those, which are to be carried into the next column.

Subtraction

- ⦿ Frequently in business we have to subtract or take away one quantity from another.
- ⦿ For example:
 - *stock that is sold* is subtracted from 'stock available' to give 'stock in hand'
 - '*net profit*' is calculated by subtracting 'expenses' from 'gross profit'.

Multiplication

- ⦿ Multiplication is a **shortened version** of addition.
- ⦿ Multiplications always include the word **times**, indicated by the multiply sign \times
- ⦿ for example, 2×3 is read 'two times three'.
- ⦿ A simple multiplication uses the individual parts of the multiplication tables, or multiplication bonds.
- ⦿ Eg: $1273 \times 7 = ??$

Try!

- 1) At a book exhibition *156 visitors bought 3 books each, 272 bought 4 books each and 105 bought 5 books each. 826 visitors bought 2 books and 1275 visitors each bought only one book.* No visitor bought more than 5 books. **How many books were sold altogether?**
- 2) In a survey of milk yield *365 cows gave 25 litres each per day, 482 gave 21 litres per day and 587 gave 16 litres per day.* **What was the total daily milk yield?**
- 3) A library discovers that the following issues were made: *2 785 books were issued once in the month, 7 295 were issued twice in the month, 11 565 were issued three times in the month and 854 were issued four times.* No book was issued more than four times in a month. **What was the total number of issues made in the month?**

Division

- ⦿ Division is a **shortened version** of subtraction.
- ⦿ If we want to know how many 2s there are in 10 we can subtract 2 from 10 (which would leave 8), and so on.
- ⦿ Eventually we would find that there were **five 2s in 10**.

Try!

1. The Working Men's Club collects a 'mountain of coins' on its counter for the local orphanage. *There prove to be 11729 coins in the pile, to share among 37 children.* **How many coins does each child receive?**
2. Because of shortage of sugar, a grocer decides *to divide his supplies equally between his 125 regular customers.* In a month he receives 2825 bags of sugar. Any remainder after sharing the bags will be sold to casual customers, a single bag to each. How many casual customers can be supply?

The Decimal System

a unit is divided into ten parts	one-tenth
a unit is divided into a hundred parts	one-hundredth.
a unit is divided into a thousand parts	One-thousandth

the letters 'th' added at the end of a word indicating a part smaller than a unit.

Addition and Subtraction of Decimals

- always keep the decimal points underneath one another.
- Eg:
- Add up the following numbers: 1.16, 2.75, 3.08, 4.057

Try!

1. Work out each of the following addition sums:

a) $27.75 + 14.47 + 18.69 + 24.21 =$

b) $42.35 + 32.38 + 37.28 + 42.48 =$

c) $94.85 + 68.52 + 40.52 + 74.37 =$

d) $136.72 + 1.45 + 19.834 + 4.059 =$

e) $716.35 + 27.56 + 847.25 + 827.5 =$

2. Find the remainder in each of the following subtractions:

a) $49.67 - 29.37 =$

b) $31.63 - 14.95 =$

c) $29.459 - 3.687 =$

d) $426.32 - 28.85 =$

e) $417.242 - 28.729 =$

Multiplication of Decimals

- ⦿ Ignore the decimal points altogether until the end of the multiplication
- ⦿ then -> determine the correct position of the decimal point in the result.

- ⦿ Eg, 1.72 multiply by 1.5

Try!

1) Carry out the following multiplications, taking care to place the decimal point correctly in each answer:

a) $7.56 \times 1.5 =$

b) $9.75 \times 2.3 =$

c) $27.3 \times 3.8 =$

d) $8.46 \times 1.8 =$

e) $7.116 \times 27.2 =$

f) $24.65 \times 0.850 =$

Multiplying and Dividing Decimals by Multiples of 10

- ⦿ decimal system is a system of tens => simply by changing its place value.
- ⦿ **multiply** by 10, 100, 1000 or any other multiple of ten by moving the decimal to the *right*.
- ⦿ **divide** by 10, 100 and so on, by moving decimal to the *left*.

Example:

227.954	Multiplication	Division
By 10		
By 100		
By 1000		

Try!

a) $27.65 \times 10 =$

b) $49.725 \times 100 =$

c) $7\,256.1 \times 100 =$

d) $386.56 \times 1\,000 =$

e) $47.65 \div 10 =$

f) $275.84 \div 100 =$

g) $4\,725.636 \div 10\,000 =$

h) $4.95 \div 10 =$

Division by Decimals

- alter the *divisor* so that it becomes a whole number.

Example: $4.5 \div 1.5$

- **remove the decimal point** is to multiply by 10,
thus $10 \times 1.5 = 15$.
- 4.5 clearly must multiply the 4.5 by 10 as well.

Example:

Divide 142.725 by 7.5

$$142.725 \div 7.5$$

Change the divisor to a whole number: 75

Now to do this we multiplied 7.5 by 10, so we must now multiply the dividend, 142.725, by 10. we now write the division as

$$1\ 427.25 \div 75 = 19.03$$

Try!

1. Carry out the following divisions (no remainders are involved):

a) $2.6 \div 1.3 =$

b) $3.52 \div 1.6 =$

c) $244.4 \div 4.7 =$

2. Carry out the following divisions:

a) $121.77 \div 2.7 =$

b) $45.22 \div 3.8 =$

c) $445.5 \div 16.5 =$

Divisions Which Do Not Come Out Exactly

- For example:

$$100 \div 3 = 33.333333 \text{ etc}$$

$$100 \div 9 = 11.111111 \text{ etc}$$

known as a *recurring decimal*

These numbers are read as '*thirty-three point three recurring*' and '*eleven point one recurring*' (33.3 or 11.1).

● Example:

$$287 \div 19 = 15.10526315$$

Two decimal places = 15.11

Three decimal places = 15.105

Four decimal places = 15.1053

Five decimal places = 15.10536