:mod: 'fractions' --- Rational numbers

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.. module:: fractions
 :synopsis: Rational numbers.

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Source code: :source:`Lib/fractions.py`

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The :mod:'fractions' module provides support for rational number arithmetic.

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A Fraction instance can be constructed from a pair of integers, from another rational number, or from a string.

The first version requires that *numerator* and *denominator* are instances of class: numbers. Rational and returns a new class: Fraction instance with value numerator/denominator. If *denominator* is const. '0', it raises a cexc: ZeroDivisionError'. The second version requires that *other_fraction* is an instance of class: numbers. Rational and returns a class: Fraction instance with the same value. The next two versions accept either a class: float or a class: decimal. Decimal instance, and return a class: Fraction instance with exactly the same value. Note that due to the usual issues with binary floating-point (see ref. tut-fp-issues), the argument to Fraction (1.1) is not exactly equal to 11/10, and so Fraction (1.1) does *not* return Fraction (11, 10) as one might expect. (But see the documentation for the meth. limit_denominator method below.) The last version of the constructor expects a string or unicode instance. The usual form for this instance is:

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[sign] numerator ['/' denominator]
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where the optional sign may be either '+' or '-' and numerator and denominator (if present) are strings of decimal digits (underscores may be used to delimit digits as with integral literals in code). In addition, any string that represents a finite value and is accepted by the :class: float constructor is also accepted by the :class: Fraction constructor. In either form the input string may also have leading and/or trailing whitespace. Here are some examples:

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Fraction (-8, 5)
>>> Fraction (123)
Fraction (123, 1)
>>> Fraction()
Fraction (0, 1)
>>> Fraction('3/7')
Fraction (3, 7)
>>> Fraction(' -3/7 ')
Fraction (-3, 7)
>>> Fraction('1.414213 \t\n')
Fraction (1414213, 1000000)
>>> Fraction('-.125')
Fraction(-1, 8)
>>> Fraction('7e-6')
Fraction(7, 1000000)
>>> Fraction (2.25)
Fraction (9, 4)
>>> Fraction(1.1)
Fraction (2476979795053773, 2251799813685248)
>>> from decimal import Decimal
>>> Fraction(Decimal('1.1'))
Fraction(11, 10)
```

The class: Fraction' class inherits from the abstract base class class: numbers. Rational', and implements all of the methods and operations from that class. class: Fraction' instances are hashable, and should be treated as immutable. In addition, class: Fraction' has the following properties and methods:

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.. versionchanged:: 3.2
  The :class:`Fraction` constructor now accepts :class:`float` and
  :class:`decimal.Decimal` instances.
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.. versionchanged:: 3.9

The :func:`math.gcd` function is now used to normalize the *numerator* and *denominator*. :func:`math.gcd` always return a :class:`int` type. Previously, the GCD type depended on *numerator* and *denominator*.
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.. versionchanged:: 3.11
   Underscores are now permitted when creating a :class:`Fraction` instance
   from a string, following :PEP:`515` rules.
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.. versionchanged:: 3.11
   :class:`Fraction` implements ``__int__`` now to satisfy
   ``typing.SupportsInt`` instance checks.
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.. attribute:: numerator

Numerator of the Fraction in lowest term.
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.. attribute:: denominator

Denominator of the Fraction in lowest term.
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.. method:: as_integer_ratio()

Return a tuple of two integers, whose ratio is equal
to the Fraction and with a positive denominator.
.. versionadded:: 3.8
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.. method:: from_float(flt)
  This class method constructs a :class:`Fraction` representing the exact
  value of *flt*, which must be a :class:`float`. Beware that
  ``Fraction.from_float(0.3)`` is not the same value as ``Fraction(3, 10)``.
    .. note::
        From Python 3.2 onwards, you can also construct a
        :class:`Fraction` instance directly from a :class:`float`.
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.. method:: from_decimal(dec)
This class method constructs a :class:`Fraction` representing the exact
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value of *dec*, which must be a :class:`decimal.Decimal` instance.

.. note::
    From Python 3.2 onwards, you can also construct a
    :class:`Fraction` instance directly from a :class:`decimal.Decimal`
    instance.
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.. method:: limit_denominator(max_denominator=1000000)
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Finds and returns the closest :class:`Fraction` to ``self`` that has denominator at most max_denominator. This method is useful for finding rational approximations to a given floating-point number:

```
>>> from fractions import Fraction
>>> Fraction('3.1415926535897932').limit_denominator(1000)
Fraction(355, 113)
```

or for recovering a rational number that's represented as a float:

```
>>> from math import pi, cos
>>> Fraction(cos(pi/3))
Fraction(4503599627370497, 9007199254740992)
>>> Fraction(cos(pi/3)).limit_denominator()
Fraction(1, 2)
>>> Fraction(1.1).limit_denominator()
Fraction(11, 10)
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.. method:: __floor__()

Returns the greatest :class:`int` ``<= self``. This method can
also be accessed through the :func:`math.floor` function:

>>> from math import floor
>>> floor(Fraction(355, 113))
3
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.. method:: __ceil__()

Returns the least :class:`int` ``>= self``. This method can
also be accessed through the :func:`math.ceil` function.
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.. method:: __round__()
    __round__(ndigits)
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The first version returns the nearest :class:`int` to ``self``, rounding half to even. The second version rounds ``self`` to the nearest multiple of ``Fraction(1, 10**ndigits)`` (logically, if ``ndigits`` is negative), again rounding half toward even. This

method can also be accessed through the :func:`round` function.

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Module :mod:`numbers`
The abstract base classes making up the numeric tower.