

# From decimal expansions to reduced fractions

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In [1]: `from math import gcd`

当且仅当模式最终出现在其十进制扩展中且永远重复时，实数才是合理的

A real number is rational if and only if a pattern eventually appears in its decimal expansion that repeats forever. So  $\pi$ , being irrational, is such that no finite sequence of consecutive digits in 3.14159265358979... eventually repeats forever. On the other hand,

- $\frac{25}{12} = 2.08333...3...$
- $\frac{97}{21} = 4.619047619047619047...619047...$
- $\frac{11941}{49950} = 0.23905905905...905...$  小数展开式是唯一的，除了以10的幂为分母的小数展开式：这些分数有两个小数展开式，一个以0无限循环结束，另一个以9无限循环结束。

The decimal expansion is unique except for fractions that in reduced form, have a power of 10 as denominator: those fractions have two decimal expansions, one that ends in 0 repeating forever, another one that ends in 9 repeating forever. For instance,  $\frac{1234567}{1000} = 1234.567000...0... = 1234.566999...9...$

We want to, given two nonempty strings of digits  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  (that we treat as strings or numbers depending on the context), find out the unique natural numbers  $p$  and  $q$  such that the decimal expansion of  $\frac{p}{q}$  reads as  $0.\sigma\tau\tau\tau...\tau...$  and

- either  $p = 0$  and  $q = 1$  (case where  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  consist of nothing but 0's), or
- $p$  and  $q$  are coprime, so  $\frac{p}{q}$  is in reduced form (including the case where  $p = 1$  and  $q = 1$  because  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  consist of nothing but 9's).  $p = 0$  和  $q = 1$  (和 只由0组成的情况)，或者  $p$  和  $q$  是互质的，所以  $pq$  是简化形式 (包括  $p = 1$  和  $q = 1$  的情况，因为 和 除了9个之外什么也没有)

For instance, if  $\sigma = 23$  and  $\tau = 905$ , then  $p = 11941$  and  $q = 49950$ .

Writing  $|\sigma|$  for the length (number of digits) in a string of digits  $\sigma$ , we compute:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.\sigma\tau\tau\tau...\tau... &= \sigma 10^{-|\sigma|} + \tau(10^{-|\sigma|-|\tau|} + 10^{-|\sigma|-2|\tau|} + 10^{-|\sigma|-3|\tau|} + \dots) \\ &= \sigma 10^{-|\sigma|} + \frac{\tau 10^{-|\sigma|-|\tau|}}{(1 - 10^{-|\tau|})} \\ &= \sigma 10^{-|\sigma|} + \frac{\tau 10^{-|\sigma|}}{(10^{|\tau|} - 1)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma 10^{-|\sigma|}(10^{|\tau|} - 1) + \tau 10^{-|\sigma|}}{(10^{|\tau|} - 1)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma(10^{|\tau|} - 1) + \tau}{(10^{|\tau|} - 1)10^{|\sigma|}} \end{aligned}$$

Reducing the last fraction if needed provides the desired answer.

The result of the previous computation immediately translates to the function that follows:

前面计算的结果立即转化为以下函数

```
In [2]: def compute_fraction(sigma, tau):
        分子    numerator = int(sigma) * (10 ** len(tau) - 1) + int(tau)
        分母    denominator = (10 ** len(tau) - 1) * 10 ** len(sigma)
        return numerator, denominator
```

```
compute_fraction('23', '905')
compute_fraction('000', '97')
compute_fraction('97', '000')
compute_fraction('01234', '543210')
```

Out[2]: (23882, 99900)

Out[2]: (97, 99000)

Out[2]: (96903, 99900)

Out[2]: (1234541976, 99999900000)

分数
分子
分母

To reduce a fraction, it suffices to divide its numerator and its denominator by their gcd (greatest common divisor). The math module has a gcd function: 最大公约数

```
In [3]: gcd(1234541976, 99999900000)
```

Out[3]: 24

实施

欧几里得算法

Let us implement the gcd function ourselves, following Euclid's algorithm, which is based on the following reasoning. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two natural numbers with  $b > 0$ . Since  $a = \lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor b + a \bmod b$ :  $a$ 除以 $b$ 的余数

- if  $n$  divides both  $a$  and  $b$  then it divides both  $a$  and  $\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor b$ , hence it divides  $a - \lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor b$ , hence it divides  $a \bmod b$ ;
- conversely, if  $n$  divides both  $b$  and  $a \bmod b$  then it divides  $\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor b + a \bmod b$ , hence it divides  $a$ .

Hence  $n$  divides both  $a$  and  $b$  iff  $n$  divides both  $b$  and  $a \bmod b$ . So  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$ .

Since  $a \bmod b < b$ , we get a sequence of equalities of the form:  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a_1, b_1) = \gcd(a_2, b_2) = \dots = \gcd(a_{k-1}, b_{k-1}) = \gcd(a_k, 0)$  with  $k \geq 1$  and  $b > b_1 > b_2 > \dots > b_{k-1} > 0$ ; as  $\gcd(a_k, 0) = a_k$ ,  $a_k$  is the gcd of  $a$  and  $b$ .

To compute  $\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor$ , Python offers the `//` operator; to compute  $a \bmod b$ , the `%` operator:

```
In [4]: # True division.
```

```
# The result is always a floating point number.
```

```
8 / 2, 8.0 / 2, 8 / 2.0, 8.0 / 2.0
```

```
# Integer division.
```

```
# The result is an integer iff both arguments are integers.
```

```
9 // 2, 9.0 // 2, 9 // 2.0, 9.0 // 2.0
```

```
# Remainder.
```

```
# The result is an integer iff both arguments are integers.
```

```
9 % 2, 9.0 % 2, 9 % 2.0, 9.0 % 2.0
```

Out[4]: (4.0, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0)

定理：两个整数的最大公约数等于其中较小的那个

数和两数相除余数的最大公约数

若  $r$  是  $a \div b$  的余数，且  $r$  不为 0，则

$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$

$a$  和其倍数之最大公因子为  $a$

Out[4]: (4, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0)

Out[4]: (1, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0)      不是整数  
任意的数字

If  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary numbers (not necessarily integers) with  $b \neq 0$ , then the equality  $a = qb + r$  together with the conditions

- $q$  is an integer 整数
- $|r| < |b|$
- $r \neq 0 \rightarrow (r > 0 \leftrightarrow b > 0)$

determine  $q$  and  $r$  uniquely; // and % operate accordingly:

```
In [5]: 5 // 2, 5 % 2          + 加 - 两个对象相加 a + b 输出结果 30
        -5 // 2, -5 % 2       - 减 - 得到负数或是一个数减去另一个数 a - b 输出结果 -10
        5 // -2, 5 % -2
        -5 // -2, -5 % -2    * 乘 - 两个数相乘或是返回一个被重复若干次的字符串 a * b 输出结果 2
                                00
        print()              / 除 - x除以y b / a 输出结果 2
                                % 取模 - 返回除法的余数 b % a 输出结果 0

        7.5 // 2, 7.5 % 2
        -7.5 // 2, -7.5 % 2
        7.5 // -2, 7.5 % -2
        -7.5 // -2, -7.5 % -2

Out[5]: (2, 1)               ** 幂 - 返回x的y次幂 a**b 为10的20次方, 输出结果 1000000000000000
                                00000
Out[5]: (-3, 1)
Out[5]: (-3, -1)            // 取整除 - 返回商的整数部分 (向下取整)
                                >>> 9//2
                                4
Out[5]: (2, -1)             >>> -9//2
                                -5
```

Out[5]: (3.0, 1.5)

Out[5]: (-4.0, 0.5)

Out[5]: (-4.0, -0.5)

Out[5]: (3.0, -1.5)

The `divmod()` function offers an alternative to the previous combined use of // and %:

函数的作用是:提供//和%的替代方法

```
In [6]: divmod(5, 2)
        divmod(-5, 2)
        divmod(5, -2)
        divmod(-5, -2)
        print()

        divmod(7.5, 2)
        divmod(-7.5, 2)
        divmod(7.5, -2)
        divmod(-7.5, -2)
```

Out[6]: (2, 1)

Out[6]: (-3, 1)

Out[6]: (-3, -1)

Out[6]: (2, -1)

Out[6]: (3.0, 1.5)

Out[6]: (-4.0, 0.5)

Out[6]: (-4.0, -0.5)

Out[6]: (3.0, -1.5)

欧几里得算法      再次假设

Let us get back to **Euclid's algorithm**, so assume again that  $a$  and  $b$  are two natural numbers with  $b > 0$ . To implement the algorithm and compute  $\text{gcd}(a, b)$ , it suffices to have two variables, say  $a$  and  $b$ , initialised to  $a$  and  $b$ , and then change the value of  $a$  to  $b$  and change the value of  $b$  to  $a \bmod b$ , and do that again and again until  $b$  gets the value 0. To change the value of  $a$  to  $a \bmod b$  and change the value of  $b$  to  $b$ , it seems necessary to introduce a third variable:

```
In [7]: a = 30
        b = 18
        c = a % b      % 取模 - 返回除法的余数  30%18 = 12
        a = b
        b = c
        a, b
```

Out[7]: (18, 12)

But Python makes it easier:

```
In [8]: a = 30
        b = 18
        # Evaluate the expression on the right hand side;
        # the result is the tuple (18, 12).
        # Then assign that result to the tuple on the left,
        # component by component.
        a, b = b, a % b
        a, b
```

Out[8]: (18, 12)

Note that when the value of  $a$  is strictly smaller than the value of  $b$ , then  $a, b = b, a \% b$  exchanges the values of  $a$  and  $b$ :      注意，当 $a$ 的值严格小于 $b$ 的值时，那么 $a, b = b, a \% b$ 交换 $a$ 和 $b$ 的值

while循环的格式：

while 条件：

```
In [9]: a = 12
        b = 18
        a, b = b, a % b
        a, b
```

Out[9]: (18, 12)

On the other hand, if the value of  $a$  is at least equal to the value of  $b$ , then this holds too after  $a, b = b, a \% b$  has been executed. Let us trace all stages in the execution of Euclid's algorithm. The code makes use of a **while statement** whose condition is not a boolean expression. Applying **bool()** to an expression reveals which one of True or False the expression evaluates to in contexts where one or the other is expected:

```
In [10]: bool(None)
        bool(0), bool(5), bool(-3)
        bool(0.0), bool(0.1), bool(-3.14)
        bool([], bool([0]), bool([[]]))
        bool({}), bool({0: 0}), bool({0: None, 1: None})
        bool(''), bool(' '), bool('0000')
```

Out[10]: False

Out[10]: (False, True, True)

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```
In [11]: def trace_our_gcd(a, b):
        while b:
            a, b = b, a % b
            print(a, b)
```

```
for a, b in (1233, 1233), (1233, 990), (990, 1233):
    print(f'\nTracing the computation of gcd of {a} and {b}:')
    trace_our_gcd(a, b)
```

跟踪

计算

Tracing the computation of gcd of 1233 and 1233:

1233 0

最大公约数

Tracing the computation of gcd of 1233 and 990:

990 243

243 18

18 9

9 0

条件满足时，需要完成的事情1

条件满足时，需要完成的事情2

另一方面，如果 $a$ 的值至少等于 $b$ 的值，那么在 $a, b = b$ 之后也是如此， $a \% b$ 已被执行。让我们跟踪Euclid算法执行的所有阶段。该代码使用while语句，其条件不是布尔表达式。将bool()应用于表达式会显示表达式在其中一个或另一个预期的上下文中评估的True或False中的哪一个

bool是Boolean的缩写，只有真(True)和假(False)两种取值  
bool函数只有一个参数，并根据这个参数的值返回真或者假。

1. 当对数字使用bool函数时，0返回假(False)，任何其他值都返回真。

```
>>> bool(0) False
```

```
>>> bool(1) True
```

```
>>> bool(-1) True
```

```
>>> bool(21334) True
```

2. 当对字符串使用bool函数时，对于没有值的字符串(也就是None或者空字符串)返回False，否则返回True。

```
>>> bool('') False
```

```
>>> bool(None) False
```

```
>>> bool('asd') True
```

```
>>> bool('hello') True
```

3. bool函数对于空的列表，字典和元组返回False，否则返回True。

```
>>> a = [] bool(a) False
```

```
>>> a.append(1) bool(a) True
```

4. 用bool函数来判断一个值是否已经被设置。

```
>>> x = raw_input('Please enter a number :')
```

```
Please enter a number :
```

```
>>> bool(x.strip())
```

```
False
```

```
>>> x = raw_input('Please enter a number :')
```

```
Please enter a number :4
```

```
>>> bool(x.strip())
```

```
True
```

换行，\是转义的意思，'\n'是换行，'\t'是tab，'\'是\。

"abc" + "\n" + "haha"的输出是

```
abc
```

```
haha
```

Tracing the computation of gcd of 990 and 1233:

```
1233 990
990 243
243 18
18 9
9 0
```

The gcd is the value of a when exiting the while loop: gcd是退出while循环时的值

```
In [12]: def our_gcd(a, b):
        while b:
            a, b = b, a % b
        return a
```

分子和分母

分数

`compute_fraction()` returns the numerator and denominator of a fraction that another function, say `reduce()`, can easily reduce thanks to `our_gcd()`. It is natural to let `reduce()` take two arguments, the numerator and the denominator of the fraction to simplify, respectively. But `compute_fraction()` returns those as the first and second elements of a tuple; a function always returns a single value. Between the parentheses that surround the arguments of a function `f()`, one can insert an expression that evaluates to a tuple and precede it with the `*` symbol, which “unpacks” the members of the tuple and make them the arguments of `f()`:

```
In [13]: def f(a, b):
        return 2 * a, 2 * b

        # Makes a equal to (1, 3), and provides no value to b.
        f((1, 3))
```

`compute_fraction()` 返回分数的分子和分母，由于`our_gcd()`，另一个函数（比如`reduce()`）可以轻松减少。让`reduce()`分别采用两个参数，即分数的分子和分母，这是很自然的。但是`compute_fraction()`将它们作为元组的第一个和第二个元素返回；函数始终返回单个值。在围绕函数`f()`的参数的括号之间，可以插入一个表达式，该表达式求值为一个元组，并在其前面加上`*`符号，该符号“解包”元组的成员并使它们成为`f()`的参数

TypeError

Traceback (most recent call last)

```
<ipython-input-12-eae47008b792> in <module>()
    3
    4 # Makes a equal to (1, 3), and provides no value to b.
----> 5 f((1, 3))
```

TypeError: f() missing 1 required positional argument: 'b'

```
In [14]: f(1, 3)
        # f(f(1, 3)) would be f((2, 6)); f(*f(1, 3)) is f(2, 6)
        f(*f(1, 3))
        f(*f(*f(1, 3)))
```

Out[14]: (2, 6)

Out[14]: (4, 12)

Out[14]: (8, 24)

\*符号也可以用在函数的定义中，并放在参数名之前。然后它会产生相反的效果，即，它将提供给该函数的所有参数组成一个元组

The **\*symbol** can also be used in the definition of a function and precede the name of a parameter. It then has the opposite effect, namely, it makes a tuple out of all arguments that are provided to the function:

```
In [15]: # x is the tuple of all arguments passed to f().
```

```
def f(*x):  
    return x * 2
```

```
f()  
f(0)  
f(f(0))  
f(*f(0))  
f(f(f(0)))  
f(f(*f(0)))  
f(*f(*f(0)))
```

Out[15]: ()

Out[15]: (0, 0)

Out[15]: ((0, 0), (0, 0))

Out[15]: (0, 0, 0, 0)

Out[15]: (((0, 0), (0, 0)), ((0, 0), (0, 0)))

Out[15]: ((0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0))

Out[15]: (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

语法

Thanks to this syntax, it is possible to let `reduce()` as well as another function `output()` take two arguments `numerator` and `denominator`, and “pipe” `compute_fraction()`, `reduce()` and `output()` together so that the unpacked returned value of one function becomes the arguments of the function that follows:

分子                      分母                      通过这种语法，我们可以让`reduce()`和另一个函数`output()`取两个参数分子和分母，并“pipe”`compute_fraction()`、`reduce()`和`output`从而使一个函数的未打包返回值成为下面这个函数的参数

```
In [16]: def reduce(numerator, denominator):  
    if numerator == 0:  
        return 0, 1  
    the_gcd = our_gcd(numerator, denominator)  
    return numerator // the_gcd, denominator // the_gcd
```

```
In [17]: def output(numerator, denominator):  
    print(f'{numerator}/{denominator}')
```

```
In [18]: output(*reduce(*compute_fraction('23', '905')))  
         output(*reduce(*compute_fraction('000', '97')))  
         output(*reduce(*compute_fraction('97', '000')))  
         output(*reduce(*compute_fraction('01234', '543210')))
```

11941/49950

97/99000

97/100

51439249/4166662500