



Module 10: Ratios - Complete Notes



What You'll Learn

In this module, you'll master **ratios** — expressing relationships between quantities. This powers proportional allocation, scaling, and comparative analysis.



Concept Explained (Like a YouTube Video)

The Basics

A **ratio** shows how two quantities relate. It says "for every X of this, there are Y of that."

Ratio 3:2 means:

"For every 3 units of A, there are 2 units of B"

Visual:

A: 

B: 

If we double it (scale by 2):

A: 

B: 

Still 3:2! Same ratio, different amounts.

Key Concepts

Part-to-Part: 3:2 (A compared to B)

Part-to-Whole: 3:5 (A compared to total A+B)

Simplify like fractions:

6:4 → 3:2 (divide both by GCD = 2)

15:10 → 3:2 (divide both by GCD = 5)



Programming Connection

Code Examples

```
# Example 1: Simplify Ratio

import math

def simplify_ratio(a, b):
    """Simplify ratio to lowest terms"""
    gcd = math.gcd(a, b)
    return (a // gcd, b // gcd)

print(simplify_ratio(6, 4))      # (3, 2)
```

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print(simplify_ratio(100, 25))  # (4, 1)
print(simplify_ratio(15, 9))   # (5, 3)
```

Example 2: Distribute by Ratio

```
def distribute_by_ratio(total, *parts):
    """Distribute total according to ratio"""
    total_parts = sum(parts)
    return [total * p // total_parts for p in parts]

# Split $100 in ratio 3:2
print(distribute_by_ratio(100, 3, 2))  # [60, 40]

# Split 120 items in ratio 2:3:5
print(distribute_by_ratio(120, 2, 3, 5))  # [24, 36, 60]
```

Example 3: Check Equivalent Ratios

```
def are_equivalent(ratio1, ratio2):
    """Check if two ratios are equivalent"""
    # Cross multiply: a:b = c:d if a*d = b*c
    a, b = ratio1
    c, d = ratio2
    return a * d == b * c

print(are_equivalent((3, 2), (6, 4)))  # True
print(are_equivalent((3, 2), (4, 3)))  # False
```

Example 4: Scale Ratio to Target Total

```
def scale_ratio(ratio, target_total):
    """Scale ratio parts to sum to target"""
    current_total = sum(ratio)
    scale = target_total / current_total
    return [int(r * scale) for r in ratio]

# Make 3:2 add up to 100
print(scale_ratio([3, 2], 100))  # [60, 40]
```

SDET/Testing Application

SDET Scenario: Calculate Pass/Fail Ratio

```
def calculate_ratio(passed, failed):
    """Calculate simplified pass:fail ratio"""
    import math
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    if failed == 0:
        return f"{passed}:0 (all passed)"

    gcd = math.gcd(passed, failed)
    return f"{passed // gcd}:{failed // gcd}"

print(calculate_ratio(80, 20)) # "4:1"
print(calculate_ratio(75, 25)) # "3:1"
print(calculate_ratio(90, 10)) # "9:1"

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# SDET Scenario: Distribute Test Data

def allocate_test_data(total, train_ratio, test_ratio):
    """Allocate data based on ratio"""
    total_parts = train_ratio + test_ratio
    train = total * train_ratio // total_parts
    test = total - train # Remaining to avoid rounding issues

    return {"train": train, "test": test}

# 80:20 split of 1000 items
result = allocate_test_data(1000, 80, 20)
print(result) # {'train': 800, 'test': 200}

```

Practice Problems

Problem 1: Easy

Challenge: Simplify the ratio 45:30.

Problem 2: Medium

Challenge: Split \$240 among three people in the ratio 2:3:5.


Problem 3: Application

Scenario: Your test pass:fail ratio is 4:1. Total tests = 100.

Challenge: How many passed? How many failed?

Key Takeaways

- ✅ **Ratio = Relative comparison** — Not absolute values
- ✅ **Simplify using GCD** — Same as fractions
- ✅ **Part-to-Whole** — For calculating portions
- ✅ **Distribute** — multiply by (part/sum_of_parts)

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