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Aptitude Made Simple

Numbers – Divisibility Test

What is Divisibility Test?

When you look at any number whether it is 2 digit or 4 digit or 10 digit number, without actually dividing that number with 2, 3, 4 (any number) if you can tell that number is divisible by 4 completely that is nothing but divisibility Test.

Let us take sample example to understand it and we will go through divisibility tests for 2 to 11.

Sample example

Write your mobile on piece of paper. I have written mine below:

9096754428 Now looking at number tell if this number is completely divisible by 9 or not?

- ➔ You will now try to divide complete number by 9 and check what remainder is. If remainder is 0 means completely divisible. Correct?
- ➔ Now just do simple thing: Add all digits of given number
- ➔ Here: $9 + 0 + 9 + 6 + 7 + 5 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 8 = 54$
- ➔ Now check if 54 is completely divisible by 9 or not.
- ➔ Yes 54 is divisible by 9

So, The number 9096754428 is also completely divisible by 9

(This is nothing but divisibility test of 9 and each number has different divisible test)

Why Divisibility Test?

It simplifies your calculation. It also changes the way we look at numbers. When you do regular practice of divisibility test (2 to 11 numbers) and you look at any number you will think whether it is divisible by 2, 3, 4 ... 11 etc and will make your calculations quick and short.

You will see lot of benefits of this in all different topics while solving in it.

Benefits of Divisibility Tests:

HCF and LCM	Simplification
Work and Time	Average
Pipes and Cistern	Series
Quick calculation and any topic where quick calculations are required	

Divisibility Test for 2:

Rightmost digit number should be divisible by 2.

All even numbers are completely divisible by 2.

In simple words, if rightmost last digit of any number is 0 or 2 or 4 or 6 or 8 then that number is completely divisible by 2

Look at below numbers and observe:

Number	Observation [right most digit]	Divisible by 2 or not
35	Rightmost Last digit is 5 and 5 is not divisible by 2	Number is not divisible by 2
70	Rightmost Last digit is 0 and 0 is divisible by 2	Number is divisible by 2
269	Rightmost Last digit is 9 and 9 is not divisible by 2	Number is not divisible by 2
1002	Rightmost Last digit is 2 and 2 is divisible by 2	Number is divisible by 2

Problem 1:

Number 3789* is completely divisible by 2. What number could be there in place of * ?

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 2, any number whose rightmost digit is 0 or 2 or 4 or 6 or 8 is completely divisible by 2.

So in place of * there could be below values:

2, 4, 6, 8, 0

Answer is 2, 4, 6, 8, 0

Problem 2 :

Which of the following numbers are completely divisible by 2 ?

1236665, 888886, 9999995, 9876543

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 2, any number whose rightmost digit is divisible by 2 is completely divisible by 2.

So let us look at **right most number** and decide if number is divisible by 2 or not.

Number	Observation	Divisible by 2 or not
1236665	Rightmost Last digit is 5 and 5 is not divisible by 2	Number is not divisible by 2
888886	Rightmost Last digit is 6 and 6 is divisible by 2	Number is divisible by 2
9999995	Rightmost Last digit is 5 and 5 is not divisible by 2	Number is not divisible by 2
9876543	Rightmost Last digit is 3 and 3 is not divisible by 2	Number is not divisible by 2

Answer is 888886 is completely divisible by 2

Divisibility Test for 3 :

If sum of all digits of the number is divisible by 3 then that number is completely divisible by 3.

Look at below numbers and observe:

Number	Observation [sum of all digits]	Divisible by 3 or not
123	Sum of all digits ($1 + 2 + 3 = 6$) 6 is divisible by 3	Number is divisible by 3
396	Sum of all digits ($3 + 9 + 6 = 18$) 18 -> Sum of digits ($1 + 8 = 9$) 9 is divisible by 3	Number is divisible by 3
775	Sum of all digits ($7 + 7 + 5 = 19$) 19 -> Sum of digits ($1 + 9 = 10$) 10 is not divisible by 3	Number is not divisible by 3
8679	Sum of all digits ($8 + 6 + 7 + 9 = 30$) 30 -> Sum of digits ($3 + 0 = 3$) 3 is completely divisible by 3	Number is divisible by 3

Note:

When you do sum of all digits and you get answer which is big number. Then continue doing same process till you get single digit sum

Example: 9999968

Sum of digits ($9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 6 + 8 = 59$)

So some of students may not be able to conclude by looking at number 59 if it is divisible by 3 or not.

Then repeat sum of digit process till you get single digit number

$59 \rightarrow 5 + 9 = 14$

$14 \rightarrow 1 + 4 = 5$

5 is not divisible by 3.

So number 9999968 is not divisible by 3

Problem 1:

Number 5^*985 is completely divisible by 3. What number could be there in place of * ?

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 3, if sum of all digits of number is divisible by 3 then that number is also divisible by 3

Let us take sum of all digits of number 5^*985

$\text{Sum} = 5 + 9 + 8 + 5 + * = 27 + *$

Digit sum of $27 = 2 + 7 = 9$ which is divisible by 3 already

In order to have number 5^*985 completely divisible sum has of digits should be also divisible by 3.

As Sum without * is already divisible by 3, we need to have such number in place of * which will be divisible by 3 and 3, 6, 9, 0 these numbers are completely divisible by 3.

So answer is 3, 6, 9, 0

Problem 2:

Number $5*699*6$ is completely divisible by 3. There is same number in place of both *. What number could be there in place of *?

A) 1 B) 0 C) 7 D) 2

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 3, if sum of all digits of number is divisible by 3 then that number is also divisible by 3

Let us take sum of all digits of number $5*985$

Sum = $5 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 6 + * + * = 35 + 2*$. Sum of 35 $\rightarrow 3 + 5 = 8$

To find number in place of * we need to make sure:

$8 + 2*$ should be completely divisibly 3.

If we put 1 at * : $8 + (2*1) = 10$ not divisible by 3

If we put 2 at * : $8 + (2*2) = 12$ divisible by 3. Like this we need to check for 0 to 9 and then conclude.

However if we have options given it is best way to use options to solve such questions.

Options	Observation [sum of all digits as per divisibility test of 3]	Answer valid/ Not
A (* = 1) 5169916	Sum of all digits ($5 + 1 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 1 + 6 = 37$) $37 \rightarrow$ Sum of digits ($3 + 7 = 10$) 10 is not divisible by 3	Option A is not the answer
A (* = 0) 5069906	Sum of all digits ($5 + 0 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 0 + 6 = 35$) $35 \rightarrow$ Sum of digits ($3 + 5 = 8$) 8 is not divisible by 3	Option B is not the answer
A (* = 7) 5769976	Sum of all digits ($5 + 7 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 7 + 6 = 49$) $49 \rightarrow$ Sum of digits ($4 + 9 = 13$) $13 \rightarrow$ Sum of digits ($1 + 3 = 4$) 4 is not divisible by 3	Option C is not the answer
A (* = 2) 5269926	Sum of all digits ($5 + 2 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 2 + 6 = 39$) $39 \rightarrow$ Sum of digits ($3 + 9 = 12$) $\rightarrow 1 + 2 = 3$ 3 is completely divisible by 3	Option D is correct answer

Divisibility Test for 4 :

If last 2 digits part of number is divisible by 4 then that number is completely divisible by 4.

So look at number and just focus on right side last 2 digit number

Number	Observation [last 2 digits]	Divisible by 4 or not
12366 64	Rightmost Last 2 digits : 64 64 is divisible by 4	Number is divisible by 4
88888 60	Rightmost Last 2 digits : 60 60 is divisible by 4	Number is divisible by 4
13999 99	Rightmost Last 2 digits : 99 99 is not divisible by 4	Number is not divisible by 4
93765 44	Rightmost Last 2 digits : 44 44 is completely divisible by 4	Number is divisible by 4
9000	Rightmost Last 2 digits : 00 00 is completely divisible by 4	Number is divisible by 4

Problem 1:

Number 665998*0 is completely divisible by 4. What number can be there in place of *?

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 4, if last 2 digit number is divisible by 4 then that number is divisible by 4

Let us try to check all combination and then find required number: **Focus last 2 digits only**

Possibility in place of *	Last 2 digits (when value put for *)	Possible answer(Yes/No)
0	00 -> Divisible by 4	Yes
1	10 -> Not divisible by 4	No
2	20 -> Divisible by 4	Yes
3	30 -> Not divisible by 4	No
4	40 -> Divisible by 4	Yes
5	50 -> Not divisible by 4	No
6	60 -> Divisible by 4	Yes
7	70 -> Not divisible by 4	No
8	80 -> Divisible by 4	Yes
9	90 -> Not divisible by 4	No

Answer is 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

Note:

Most of the time options are given and we can directly refer option to solve this.

Let us do next problem with option:

Problem 2:

Number 6977** is completely divisible by 4. What number could be there in place of * ?

A) 7 B) 9 C) 5 D) 4

Solution :

Let us put all options values at place of * 1 by 1 and check for divisibility test of 4

Options	Observation [Last 2 digits as per divisibility test of 4]	Answer valid/ Not
A (* = 7) 697777	77 -> Not Divisible by 4	Option A is not the answer
B (* = 9) 697799	99 -> Not Divisible by 4	Option B is not the answer
C (* = 5) 697755	55 -> Not Divisible by 4	Option C is not the answer
D (* = 4) 697744	44 -> Divisible by 4	Option D is correct answer

Divisibility Test for 5 :

If Rightmost digit number is 0 or 5 then number is completely divisible by 5.

Look at below numbers and observe:

Number	Observation [right most digit 0 or 5]	Divisible by 5 or not
35	Rightmost Last digit is 5	Number is divisible by 5
70	Rightmost Last digit is 0	Number is divisible by 5
269	Rightmost Last digit is 9	Number is not divisible by 5
1000	Rightmost Last digit is 5	Number is divisible by 5

Problem 1:

Number 3789* is completely divisible by 5. What number could be there in place of * ?

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 5, any number whose rightmost digit is 0 or 5 is completely divisible by 5.

So in place of * there could be below values:

0 or 5

Answer is 0, 5

Problem 2:

Which of the following numbers are completely divisible by 5 ?

1236665, 888886, 9999995, 9876543

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 5, any number whose rightmost digit is 0 or 5 is divisible by 5.

So let us look at **right most number** and decide if number is divisible by 5 or not.

Number	Observation [Rightmost digit 0 or 5]	Divisible by 5 or not
1236665	Rightmost Last digit is 5	Number is divisible by 5
888886	Rightmost Last digit is 6	Number is not divisible by 5
9999995	Rightmost Last digit is 5	Number is divisible by 5
9876543	Rightmost Last digit is 3	Number is not divisible by 5

Answer is 1236665, 9999995 are completely divisible by 5

Divisibility Test for 6 :

If number is divisible by 2 and 3 then it is completely divisible by 6

Number	Divisible by 2	Divisible by 3	Divisible by 6 or not
360	Rightmost digit 0 -> Yes	Sum of digit $3 + 6 = 9$ 9 is divisible by 3	Number is divisible 6
375	Rightmost digit 5 -> No	Not required	Number is not divisible 6
4800	Rightmost digit 0 -> Yes	Sum of digit $4 + 8 = 12$ $12 \rightarrow 1 + 2 = 3$ 3 is divisible by 3	Number is divisible 6
2436	Rightmost digit 6 -> Yes	Sum of digits $2 + 4 + 3 + 6 = 15$ $15 \rightarrow 1 + 5 = 6$ 6 is divisible by 3	Number is divisible 6

Divisibility Test for 8 :

If last 3 digits part of number is divisible by 8 then that number is completely divisible by 8.

So look at number and just focus on right side last 3 digit number

Number	Observation [last 3 digits]	Divisible by 8 or not
1236 064	Rightmost Last 3 digits : 064 64 is divisible by 8	Number is divisible by 8
8888 160	Rightmost Last 3 digits : 160 60 is divisible by 8	Number is divisible by 8
1399 999	Rightmost Last 3 digits : 999 99 is not divisible by 8	Number is not divisible by 8
9376 144	Rightmost Last 3 digits : 144 144 is completely divisible by 4	Number is divisible by 8
9000	Rightmost Last 2 digits : 00 00 is completely divisible by 4	Number is divisible by 8

Problem 1:

Number 665998*0 is completely divisible by 8. What number can be there in place of *?

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 8, if last 3 digit number is divisible by 8 then that number is divisible by 8

Let us try to check all combination and then find required number: **Focus last 3 digits only**

Possibility in place of *	Last 3 digits (when value put for *)	Possible answer(Yes/No)
0	800 -> Divisible by 8	Yes
1	810 -> Not divisible by 8	No
2	820 -> Not divisible by 8	No
3	830 -> Not divisible by 8	No
4	840 -> Divisible by 8	Yes
5	850 -> Not divisible by 8	No
6	860 -> Not divisible by 8	No
7	870 -> Not divisible by 8	No
8	880 -> Divisible by 8	Yes
9	890 -> Not divisible by 8	No

Answer is 0, 4, 8

Note:

Most of the time options are given and we can directly refer option to solve this.

Let us do next problem with option:

Problem 2:

Number 69777* is completely divisible by 8. What number could be there in place of * ?

A) 5 B) 4 C) 6 D) 0

Solution :

Let us put all options values at place of * 1 by 1 and check for divisibility test of 8

Options	Observation [Last 3 digits as per divisibility test of 8]	Answer valid/ Not
A (* = 5) 697775	775 -> Not Divisible by 8	Option A is not the answer
B (* = 4) 697774	774 -> Not Divisible by 8	Option B is not the answer
C (* = 6) 697776	776 -> Divisible by 8	Option C is correct answer
D (* = 0) 697770	770 -> Not divisible by 8	Option D is not the answer

Once we get answer we don't need to check next options [just written for reference and understanding]

Divisibility Test for 9 :

If sum of all digits of the number is divisible by 9 then that number is completely divisible by 9.

Look at below numbers and observe:

Number	Observation [sum of all digits]	Divisible by 9 or not
123	Sum of all digits ($1 + 2 + 3 = 6$) 6 is not divisible by 9	Number is divisible by 9
396	Sum of all digits ($3 + 9 + 6 = 18$) 18 -> Sum of digits ($1 + 8 = 9$) 9 is completely divisible by 9	Number is divisible by 9
775	Sum of all digits ($7 + 7 + 5 = 19$) 19 -> Sum of digits ($1 + 9 = 10$) 10 is not divisible by 9	Number is not divisible by 9
8676	Sum of all digits ($8 + 6 + 7 + 6 = 27$) 27 -> Sum of digits ($2 + 7 = 9$) 9 is completely divisible by 9	Number is divisible by 9

Problem 1:

Number $5*985$ is completely divisible by 9. What number could be there in place of * ?

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 9, if sum of all digits of number is divisible by 9 then that number is also divisible by 9

Let us take sum of all digits of number $5*985$

$$\text{Sum} = 5 + 9 + 8 + 5 + * = 27 + *$$

Digit sum of $27 = 2 + 7 = 9$ which is divisible by 9 already

In order to have number $5*985$ completely divisible sum has of digits should be also divisible by 3.

As Sum without * is already divisible by 9, we need to have such number in place of * which will be divisible by 9.

9, 0 these numbers are completely divisible by 9.

So Answer is 9, 0

Problem 2:

Number $5*699*6$ is completely divisible by 9. There is same number in place of both *. What number could be there in place of *?

A) 1 B) 0 C) 7 D) 2

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 9, if sum of all digits of number is divisible by 9 then that number is also divisible by 9

Let us take sum of all digits of number $5*699*6$

$$\text{Sum} = 5 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 6 + * + * = 35 + 2*$$

$$\text{Sum of } 35 \rightarrow 3 + 5 = 8$$

To find number in place of * we need to make sure:

$8 + 2*$ should be completely divisible by 9.

If we put 1 at *: $8 + (2*1) = 10$ not divisible by 9

If we put 2 at *: $8 + (2*2) = 12$ not divisible by 9

Like this we need to check for 0 to 9 and then conclude.

However if we have options given it is best way to use options to solve such questions.

Options	Observation [sum of all digits as per divisibility test of 9]	Answer valid/ Not
A (* = 1) 5169916	Sum of all digits (5 + 1 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 1 + 6 = 37) 37 -> Sum of digits (3 + 7 = 10) 10 is not divisible by 9	Option A is not the answer
A (* = 0) 5069906	Sum of all digits (5 + 0 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 0 + 6 = 35) 35 -> Sum of digits (3 + 5 = 8) 8 is not divisible by 9	Option B is not the answer
A (* = 5) 5569956	Sum of all digits (5 + 5 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 5 + 6 = 45) 45 -> Sum of digits (4 + 5 = 9) 9 is divisible by 9	Option C is the correct answer
A (* = 2) 5269926	Sum of all digits (5 + 2 + 6 + 9 + 9 + 2 + 6 = 39) 39 -> Sum of digits (3 + 9 = 12) 12 -> Sum of digits (1 + 2 = 3) 3 is not divisible by 9	Option D is not the answer

Divisibility Test for 10:

If Rightmost digit of number is 0 then number is completely divisible by 10.

Look at below numbers and observe:

Number	Observation [right most digit 0]	Divisible by 10 or not
3000	Rightmost Last digit is 0	Number is divisible by 10
70	Rightmost Last digit is 0	Number is divisible by 10
269	Rightmost Last digit is 9	Number is not divisible by 10
1000	Rightmost Last digit is 0	Number is divisible by 10

Problem 1:

Number 3788869* is completely divisible by 10. What number could be there in place of * ?

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 10, any number whose rightmost digit is 0 is completely divisible by 10.

So in place of * there could be below values:

0

Answer is 0

Problem 2:

Which of the following numbers are completely divisible by 10 ?

12366650, 888886, 99999950, 9876543

Solution :

As per divisibility test for 10, any number whose rightmost digit is 0 is completely divisible by 2.

So let us look at **right most number** and decide if number is divisible by 10 or not.

Number	Observation [Rightmost digit 0]	Divisible by 5 or not
1236665	Rightmost Last digit is 5	Number is not divisible by 5
8888860	Rightmost Last digit is 0	Number is not divisible by 5
99999950	Rightmost Last digit is 0	Number is not divisible by 10
9876543	Rightmost Last digit is 3	Number is not divisible by 10

Answer is 8888860, 99999950 is completely divisible by 10

Divisibility Test for 11:

Calculate sum of digits at odd places (1, 3, 5...from left)

Calculate sum of digits at even places (2, 4, 6...from left)

Now get difference of both:

Sum of odd places digits – Sum of even places digits.

Sample Number: 278354

2	7	8	3	5	4
Odd place	Even place	Odd place	Even place	Odd place	Even place

Odd places sum = $2 + 8 + 5 = 15$

Even places sum = $7 + 3 + 4 = 14$

Difference = Odd place sum – Even places sum

$$= 15 - 14 = 1$$

As 1 is not divisible by 11 number 278354 is also not divisible by 11.

If this difference is divisible by 11 then number is divisible by 11 [irrespective sign of difference]

Let us look at some examples to understand:

Number	Sum of odd places digits	Sum of even places digits	Difference [Odd places sum – even place sum]	Divisible by 11 or not
451	$4 + 1 = 5$	5	$5 - 5 = 0$ 0 is divisible by 11	Divisible by 11
12133	$1 + 1 + 3 = 5$	$2 + 3 = 5$	$5 - 5 = 0$ 0 is divisible by 11	Divisible by 11
3916	$3 + 1 = 4$	$9 + 6 = 15$	$4 - 15 = -11$ -11 is divisible by 11	Divisible by 11
7586	$7 + 8 = 15$	$5 + 6 = 11$	$15 - 11 = 4$ 4 is not divisible by 11	Not divisible by 11

Summary of Divisibility Tests

Number	Divisibility test
2	Rightmost digit number should be divisible by 2 [0 ,2, 4, 6, 8 at rightmost]
3	Sum of all digits of the number should be divisible by 3
4	Last 2 digit number should be divisible by 4
5	Rightmost digit number should be 0 or 5
6	Number should be divisible by 2 and 3
8	Last 3 digit number should be divisible by 8
9	Sum of all digits of the number should be divisible by 9
10	Rightmost digit number should be 0
11	Sum of odd places digit – sum of even places digit should be divisible by 11

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Power Cycle (x^n – Unit Place Digit)

Each of the aptitude question exam paper contains 2 Or more questions on identifying unit place digit for some number(x) to the power of some other number (n).

Let us look at 1 of the example :

What will be unit's place digit for 77^{123} ?

- Do you really feel that we are supposed to multiply 77 number 123 times during exam?
- **Obviously Not!** We need to work with the way so that without doing that much multiplication we should be capable of answering.

Power cycle will help us to solve this problem.

Let us take real life example to understand power cycle

Let us assume **Sun** as number for which index **n** is to be calculated.

Sun follows below 2 steps:

Step 1: Sunrise

Step 2: Sunset

So let us look at power and respective values for Sun to the power n

Sun^1	Sunrise
Sun^2	Sunset
Sun^3	Sunrise
Sun^4	Sunset
Sun^5	Sunrise

Looking at above table we can see that Sun follow pattern Sunrise, Sunset.

(Sunrise, Sunset) is Power cycle for Sun

We will identify power cycles for all numbers 0 to 9 and you would be able to solve any problem asked in exam easily and post practice orally as well.

If you can remember power cycle values that would be great however even if you are unable to remember it, we will look at technique to **calculate power cycle of number in less than 1 minute during exam** as well and you can solve problem.

Power Cycles for all Numbers (Focus on Unit place digit only)

Number 0 :

Let us calculate values for 0^1 to 0^5

Power of 0	Value
0^1	0
0^2	0
0^3	0
0^4	0
0^5	0

So as you can observe:

Value of 0^1 to 0^5 is 0 only. So Unit place digit is 0 for any power of 0

Power Cycle for 0 : (0)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 250^{123} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number **250**.

Unit's place digit is **0**.

Power Cycle of 0 : (0)

Answer is unit's place digit for 250^{123} will be 0

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 670^{4123} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 670.

Unit's place digit is 0.

Power Cycle of 0 : (0)

Answer is unit's place digit for 670^{4123} will be 0

Number 1 :

Let us calculate values for 1^1 to 1^5

Power of 1	Value
1^1	1
1^2	1
1^3	1
1^4	1
1^5	1

So as you can observe:

Value of 1^1 to 1^5 is 1 only. So Unit place digit is 1 for any power of 1

Power Cycle for 1 : (1)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 121^{53} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 121.

Unit's place digit is 1.

Power Cycle of 1 : (1)

Answer is unit's place digit for 121^{53} will be 1

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 791^{5643} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 791.

Unit's place digit is 1.

Power Cycle of 1 : (1)

Answer is unit's place digit for 791^{5643} will be 1

Number 2 :

Let us calculate values for 2^1 to 2^5

Power of 2	Value
2^1	2
2^2	4
2^3	8
2^4	16
2^5	32

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 2^1 to 2^5 is in order 2, 4, 8, 6 and it will keep repeating as 2, 4, 8, 6

Power Cycle for 2 : (2, 4, 8, 6)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 2^{33} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 2.

Unit's place digit is 2.

Power Cycle of 2 : (2, 4, 8, 6)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 2.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 33

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 2, we need to divide 33 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{33}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 8 \text{ and } \mathbf{Remainder} = 1$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	2
2	4
3	8
0	6

You don't need to remember this table you just need to make sure as you know pattern of power cycle you have to reach till index number.

Like in this case:

To reach 33 and you have size of 4

4, 8, 12.....32 so 32nd index would be last number in power cycle that is 6

33rd index would have 1st number in power cycle that is 2

Answer is unit's place digit for 2^{33} will be 2

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 1222^{438}

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 1222.

Unit's place digit is **2**.

Power Cycle of 2 : (2, 4, 8, 6)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 2.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 438

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 2, we need to divide 438 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{438}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 109 \text{ and } \mathbf{Remainder} = 2$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	2
2	4
3	8
0	6

Answer is unit's place digit for 1222^{438} will be 4

Number 3 :

Let us calculate values for 3^1 to 3^5

Power of 3	Value
3^1	3
3^2	9
3^3	27
3^4	81
3^5	243

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 3^1 to 3^5 is in order 3, 9, 7, 1 and it will keep repeating as 3, 9, 7, 1

Power Cycle for 3 : (3, 9, 7, 1)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 3^{36} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 3.

Unit's place digit is 3.

Power Cycle of 3 : (3, 9, 7, 1)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 3.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 36

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 3, we need to divide 36 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{36}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 9 \text{ and } \text{Remainder} = 0$$

Whenever remainder is 0 it is last digit in power cycle.

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	3
2	9
3	7
0	1

Answer is unit's place digit for 3^{36} will be 1

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 123^{498} ? ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 123.

Unit's place digit is **3**.

Power Cycle of 3 : (3, 9, 7, 1)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 3.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 498

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 3, we need to divide 498 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{498}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 124 \text{ and } \text{Remainder} = 2$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	3
2	9
3	7
0	1

Answer is unit's place digit for 123^{498} will be 9

Number 4 :

Let us calculate values for 4^1 to 4^5

Power of 4	Value
4^1	4
4^2	16
4^3	64
4^4	256
4^5	1024

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 4^1 to 4^5 is in order 4, 6 and it will keep repeating as 4, 6

Power Cycle for 4 : (4, 6)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 4^{360} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 4.

Unit's place digit is 4.

Power Cycle of 4 : (4, 6)

There are total 2 values which keep repeating always for power of 4.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 360

As 2 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 4, we need to divide 360 by 2 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{360}{2}, \text{ Quotient} = 180 \text{ and } \mathbf{Remainder = 0}$$

Whenever remainder is 0 it is last digit in power cycle.

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	4
0	6

Answer is unit's place digit for 4^{360} will be 6

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 1234^{6987} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 1234.

Unit's place digit is **4**.

Power Cycle of 4 : (4, 6)

There are total 2 values which keep repeating always for power of 4.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 6987

As 2 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 2, we need to divide 6987 by 2 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{6987}{2}, \text{ Quotient} = 3493 \text{ and } \text{Remainder} = 1$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	4
0	6

Answer is unit's place digit for 1234^{6987} will be 4

Number 5:

Let us calculate values for 5^1 to 5^5

Power of 1	Value
5^1	5
5^2	25
5^3	125
5^4	625
5^5	3125

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 5^1 to 5^5 is 5 only. So Unit place digit is 5 for any power of 5

Power Cycle for 5 : (5)**Problem 1**

What will be unit's place digit for 5^{12}

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 5.

Unit's place digit is 5.

Power Cycle of 5 : (5)

Answer is unit's place digit for 5^{12} will be 5

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 25^{56} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 25.

Unit's place digit is 5.

Power Cycle of 5 : (5)

Answer is unit's place digit for 25^{56} will be 5

Number 6:

Let us calculate values for 6^1 to 6^5

Power of 6	Value
6^1	6
6^2	36
6^3	216
6^4	1296
6^5	7776

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 6^1 to 6^5 is 6 only. So Unit place digit is 6 for any power of 6

Power Cycle for 6 : (6)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 56^{142} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 56.

Unit's place digit is 6.

Power Cycle of 6 : (6)

Answer is unit's place digit for 56^{142} will be 6

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 286^{56} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 286.

Unit's place digit is 6.

Power Cycle of 6 : (6)

Answer is unit's place digit for 286^{56} will be 6

Number 7 :

Let us calculate values for 7^1 to 7^5

Power of 7	Value
7^1	7
7^2	49
7^3	343
7^4	2401
7^5	16807

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 7^1 to 7^5 is in order 7, 9, 3, 1 and it will keep repeating as 7, 9, 3, 1

Power Cycle for 7 : (7, 9, 3, 1)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 7^{77} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 7.

Unit's place digit is 7.

Power Cycle of 7 : (7, 9, 3, 1)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 7.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 77

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 7, we need to divide 77 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{77}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 19 \text{ and } \text{Remainder} = 1$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	7
2	9
3	3
0	1

Answer is unit's place digit for 7^{77} will be 7

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 1237^{496} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 1237.

Unit's place digit is 7.

Power Cycle of 7 : (7, 9, 3, 1)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 7.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 496

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 7, we need to divide 496 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{496}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 124 \text{ and } \text{Remainder} = 0$$

Whenever remainder is 0 that is last number of power cycle.

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	7
2	9
3	3
0	1

Answer is unit's place digit for 1237^{496} will be 1

Number 8 :

Let us calculate values for 8^1 to 8^5

Power of 8	Value
8^1	8
8^2	64
8^3	512
8^4	4096
8^5	32768

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 8^1 to 8^5 is in order 8, 4, 2, 6 and it will keep repeating as 8, 4, 2, 6

Power Cycle for 8 : (8, 4, 2, 6)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 8^{67} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number **8**.

Unit's place digit is **8**.

Power Cycle of 7 : (8, 4, 2, 6)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 8.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 67

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 8, we need to divide 67 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{67}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 14 \text{ and } \text{Remainder} = 3$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	8
2	4
3	2
0	6

Answer is unit's place digit for 8^{67} will be 2

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 128^{6802} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 128.

Unit's place digit is **8**.

Power Cycle of 8 : (8, 4, 2, 6)

There are total 4 values which keep repeating always for power of 8.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 6802

As 4 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 8, we need to divide 6802 by 4 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{6802}{4}, \text{ Quotient} = 1700 \text{ and } \text{Remainder} = 2$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	8
2	4
3	2
0	6

Answer is unit's place digit for 128^{6802} will be 4

Number 9 :

Let us calculate values for 9^1 to 9^5

Power of 9	Value
9^1	9
9^2	81
9^3	729
9^4	6651
9^5	59859

So as you can observe:

Unit place digit of 9^1 to 9^5 is in order 9, 1 and it will keep repeating as 9, 1

Power Cycle for 9 : (9, 1)

Problem 1

What will be unit's place digit for 9^{99} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number **9**.

Unit's place digit is **9**.

Power Cycle of 9 : (9, 1)

There are total 2 values which keep repeating always for power of 9.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 99

As 2 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 9, we need to divide 99 by 2 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{99}{2}, \text{ Quotient} = 49 \text{ and } \mathbf{Remainder} = 1$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	9
0	1

Answer is unit's place digit for 9^{99} will be 9

Problem 2

What will be unit's place digit for 999^{1000} ?

Solution :

Look at the unit place of number 999.

Unit's place digit is **9**.

Power Cycle of 9 : (9, 1)

There are total 2 values which keep repeating always for power of 9.

Now look at index which is to be identified: 1000

As 2 numbers keep on repeating for power cycle of 9, we need to divide 1000 by 2 and identify remainder of it so that we can understand what can be unit place number.

$$\frac{\text{Index to be found}}{\text{Size of power cycle}} = \frac{1000}{2}, \text{ Quotient} = 500 \text{ and } \mathbf{Remainder} = 0$$

Remainder	Unit Place digit
1	9
0	1

Whenever remainder is 0 it is last digit in power cycle.

Answer is unit's place digit for 999^{1000} will be 1

Summary of Power Cycle (Unit place Digit)

Number	Power Cycle	Size of power Cycle
0	0	1
1	1	1
2	2, 4, 6, 8	4
3	3, 9, 7, 1	4
4	4, 6	2
5	5	1
6	6	1
7	7, 9, 3, 1	4
8	8, 4, 2, 6	4
9	9, 1	2

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Aptitude Made Simple

Number Series

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on number series, therefore candidates must possess the required knowledge.

Number series can be quickly solved and is a biggest time saver!!!

Number series refers to a sequence of numbers following some pattern.

In our day to day life whenever we come across any problem we think whether we or any of our friend or family has already faced the problem. Depending on those previous experience (**pattern**) and what actions we did to solve it so we can use same thing to solve our current problems.

What is pattern and what is series?

Let us assume you live on 6th floor and you are going by stairs. So you will go from 0th floor to 1st floor. 1st floor to 2nd floor and subsequently from 5th floor to 6th floor. So each time we are going 1 floor up.

Each of these floor is pattern and our journey from Ground floor to 6th floor is Series.

Pre-requisites for solving series problems quickly and orally:

1. Tables 1 to 30
2. Squares 1 to 30
3. Cubes 1 to 10
4. Prime numbers 2 to 100

We will be looking at approaches to solve number series problems:

Addition (+)	Squares (n^2)
Subtraction (-)	Cubes (n^3)
Multiplication (*)	Odd/Even number
Division (/)	Prime Number
Miscellaneous [Combination of 2 or more any of these]	

Approach1: Addition

Problem 1 : 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

Series is in increasing (ascending) order.

How much added in 7 to get 11? -> 4

How much added in 11 to get 15? -> 4

How much added in 15 to get 19? -> 4

How much added in 19 to get 23? -> 4

Pattern: 4 is getting added in number to get next number.

7	11	15	19	23	?
+4	+4	+4	+4		

To find number in place of ? we need to add 4 to 23.

$23+4=27$.

Answer is 27.

Problem 2 : 8, 12, 17, 23, 30, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

All numbers are increasing order.

How much added in 8 to get 12-> 4

How much added in 12 to get 17-> 5

How much added in 17 to get 23 -> 6

How much added in 23 to get 30-> 7

Pattern: 4,5,6,7,...are getting added in number to get next number

8	12	17	23	30	?
+4	+5	+6	+7		

To find number in place of ? we need to add 8 in 30

$30+8 = 38$

Answer is 38

Approach2: Subtraction

Problem 1 : 45, 35, 25, 15, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

It is in decreasing (descending) order.

How much to be subtracted from 45 to get 35 -> 10

How much to be subtracted from 35 to get 25 -> 10

How much to be subtracted from 25 to get 15 -> 10

Pattern: 10 is getting subtracted from number to get next number.

45	35	25	15	?
-10	-10	-10		

To find number in place of ? we need to subtract 10 from 15

$$15 - 10 = 5$$

Answer is 5.

Problem 2 : 72, 63, 54, 45, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

It is in decreasing (descending) order.

If look at the numbers carefully and you know table of 9, you can easily figure it out that all numbers are from table of 9.

How much to be subtracted from 72 to get 63 -> 9

How much to be subtracted from 63 to get 54 -> 9

How much to be subtracted from 54 to get 45 -> 9

Pattern: 9 is getting subtracted from number to get next number.

72	63	54	45	?
-9	-9	-9		

To find number in place of ? we need to subtract 9 from 45

$$45 - 9 = 36$$

Answer is 36.

Approach3: Multiplication

In this approach there is common multiplication factor from 1st term to 2nd term and 2nd term to 3rd term in series till last term.

Problem 1: 4, 8, 16, 32, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

With which number 4 is to be multiplied to get 8-> 2

With which number 8 is to be multiplied to get 16-> 2

With which number 16 is to be multiplied to get 32-> 2

Pattern: Number is multiplied by 2 to get next number.

4	8	16	32	?
*2		*2		*2

To find number in place of ? we need to multiply 32 by 2.

$$32 * 2 = 64$$

Answer is 64.

Problem 2: 8, 12, 18, 27, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

As it is increasing try to see if addition pattern exists.

8	12	18	27	?
+4		+6		+9

Not able to see any pattern of addition and So we will check for multiplication.

So there is multiplication factor 1.5

Note here multiplication factor can be decimal as well.

Pattern: Number is multiplied by 1.5 to get next number.

8	12	18	27	?
*1.5		*1.5		*1.5

To find number in place of ? we need to multiply 27 by 1.5

Multiplication by 1.5 means adding half of number to it.

$$27 + (27/2) = 27 + 13.5 = 40.5$$

Answer is 40.5

Approach4: Divison

Problem 1: 200, 100, 50, 25, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

With which number 200 is to be divided to get 100-> 2

With which number 100 is to be divided to get 50-> 2

With which number 50 is to be divided to get 25-> 2

Pattern: Number is divided by 2 to get next number.

200	100	50	25	?
/2	/2	/2		

To find number in place of ? we need to divide 25 by 2.

$$25/2 = 12.5$$

Answer is 12.5

Problem 2: 270, 90, 30, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

With which number 270 is to be divided to get 90-> 3

With which number 90 is to be divided to get 30-> 3

Pattern: Number is divided by 3 to get next number.

270	90	30	?
/3	/3	/3	

To find number in place of ? we need to divide 30 by 3.

Answer is 10

Approach 5: Squares

If you have squares learned from 1 to 30 it would help you and speed up your calculation in each aptitude topic.

Problem 1: 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

You can see 1 number is added and its square is calculated.

Pattern: 1 is added to current number and its square is calculated to get next number.

9	16	25	36	49	?
3^2	$(3+1)^2$	$(4+1)^2$	$(5+1)^2$	$(6+1)^2$	
3^2	4^2	5^2	6^2	7^2	

To find number in place of ? we need to add 1 in 7 and calculate square of it.

$$(7+1)^2 = 8^2 = 64$$

Answer is 64

Problem 2: 121, 100, 81, 64, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

Pattern: 1 is reduced to current number and its square is calculated to get next number.

121	100	81	64	?
11^2	$(11-1)^2$	$(10-1)^2$	$(9-1)^2$	
11^2	10^2	9^2	8^2	

To find number in place of ? we need to reduce 1 from 8 and calculate square of it.

$$(8-1)^2 = 7^2 = 49$$

Answer is 49

Approach 6: Cubes

If you have cubes learned from 1 to 10 it would help you and speed up your calculation in each aptitude topic.

Problem 1: 1, 8, 27, 64, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

Pattern: 1 is added to current number and its cube is calculated to get next number.

1	8	27	64	?
1^3	$(1+1)^3$	$(2+1)^3$	$(3+1)^3$	
1^3	2^3	3^3	4^3	

To find number in place of ? we need to add 1 to 4 and calculate cube of it.

$$(4+1)^3 = 5^3 = 125$$

Answer is 125

Problem 2: 125, 64, 27, 8, ?

Solution :

Look at the series and try to identify what is pattern?

Pattern: 1 is reduced from current number and its cube is calculated to get next number.

125	64	27	8	?
5^3	$(5-1)^3$	$(4-1)^3$	$(3-1)^3$	
5^3	4^3	3^3	2^3	

To find number in place of ? we need to subtract 1 from 2 and calculate cube of it.

$$(2-1)^3 = 1^3 = 1$$

Answer is 1

Approach7: Prime number

Problem 1: 7, 13, 19, 29, ?

Solution :

Looking at all terms we can figure out that all are prime number.

Pattern: After current number consecutive 1st prime number is ignored and 2nd prime number is taken as next number in series

Prime number(n)	7	13	19	29	?
n+1 Prime no	11	17	23	31	
n+2 Prime no	13	19	29	37	

To find number in place of ? we need to find 2nd consecutive prime number after 29.

1st Prime number after 29 : 31

2nd Prime number after 29 : 37

Answer is 37

Problem 2: 61, 59, 53, 47, ?

Solution :

Looking at all terms we can figure out that all are prime number.

Pattern: After current number previous consecutive 1st prime number is taken as next number in series

Prime number(n)	61	59	53	47	?
n-1 Prime no	59	53	47	43	

To find number in place of ? we need to find 1st previous consecutive prime number before 47.

Previous prime number of 47 : 43

Answer is 43

Approach8: Odd/Even number

Problem 1 : 23, 25, 27, 29, 31,?

Solution :

Looking at all terms we can figure out that all are odd numbers.

This can be solve with approach of addition as well as odd number.

Consecutive odd number of 23 ->25

Consecutive odd number of 25 ->27

Consecutive odd number of 27 ->29

Consecutive odd number of 29 ->31

To find number in place of ? we need to find consecutive odd number after 31.

Answer is 33

Problem 2: 60, 45, 58, 43, 56, 41, ?

Solution:

Sometimes it may happen that pattern is not in continuous numbers but in alternate numbers.

Pattern: Even numbers are decreasing on 1st, 3rd and 5th term and odd numbers are decreasing in 2nd, 4th and 6th position

Even n		Even n-1		Even n-2		
60	45	58	43	56	41	?
Odd n		Odd n-1		Odd n-2		

To find number in place of ? we need to find previous consecutive even number before 56.

Answer is 54

Miscellaneous:

This approach contains combination of 2 or more approaches that we discussed earlier.

Problem 1: 4, -8, 16, -32, 64, ?

Solution:

Pattern: Number is multiplied by -2 to get next number.

4	-8	16	-32	64	-128
$\times -2$	$\times -2$	$\times -2$	$\times -2$	$\times -2$	

Answer is -128

Problem 2: 16, 33, 65, 131, 261, ?

Pattern: 1st number multiplied by 2 and 1 added. 2nd number multiplied by 2 and 1 is subtracted.

Solution

16	33	65	131	261	523
$(16 \times 2) + 1$	$(33 \times 2) - 1$	$(65 \times 2) + 1$	$(131 \times 2) - 1$	$(261 \times 2) + 1$	

Answer is 523

Problem 3: 165, 195, 255, 285, 345, ?

Pattern: 30 added in 1st number to get 2nd number and 60 gets added to get 3rd number. Subsequently 30 and 60 are added to get next numbers in series.

Solution :

165	195	255	285	345	375
$+30$	$+60$	$+30$	$+60$	$+30$	

Answer is 375

Problem 4:

7, 26, 63, 124, 215, 342, ?

Pattern: 1 number is added to current number and cube of it is calculated and then 1 is reduced from it.

Solution :

7	26	63	124	215	342	511
2^3-1	$(2+1)^3-1$	$(3+1)^3-1$	$(4+1)^3-1$	$(5+1)^3-1$	$(6+1)^3-1$	$(7+1)^3-1$
2^3-1	3^3-1	4^3-1	5^3-1	6^3-1	7^3-1	8^3-1

Answer is 511

Problem 5: 8,7,11,12,14,17,17,22,?

Solution :

Pattern: Alternate number series with add 3 and 5 in both sub-series.

8,11,14,17,20

7,12,17,22.

8	+3	=11	+3	=14	+3	=17	+3	
8		7		11		12		14
		7	+5			12	+5	
						17	+5	
								22
								20

Answer is 20

Problem 6: 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, ?

Solution :

Pattern: If you look at all numbers, all are prime numbers and consecutive prime numbers.

After 41 next prime number -> 43

Answer is 43

Problem 7: 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, 42, 56,?

Solution :

Pattern: Number is getting added in each number is in sequence 4,6,8,10,12,14,16

2	6	12	20	30	42	56	72
+4	+6	+8	+10	+12	+14	+16	

Answer is 72

Problem 8: 80, 99, 120, 143, ?

Solution:

Pattern: Number is increased by 1 and its square is calculated and 1 is reduced from it.

80	99	120	143	168
9^2-1	$(9+1)^2-1$	$(10+1)^2-1$	$(11+1)^2-1$	$(12+1)^2-1$
9^2-1	10^2-1	11^2-1	12^2-1	13^2-1

Answer is 168

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Aptitude Made Simple

Average

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Average. Average is one of the the important aspect which we see in each of our observation.

Why average?

When you plan to take bike/car you will see how much average that car will be giving, even you go for interview or placement you will be asked for average percentage of graduation degree.

When we know average, we get high level idea. Basically to make us capable of getting overall idea looking at data, average questions are asked in exams.

Important formulae:

$$1) \quad \text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of All Numbers}}{\text{Number Count}}$$

- 2) Average speed when we travel from Source place A to B and come back from B to A [Assuming distance will be equal as source and destination A, B]

$$\frac{2xy}{x + y}$$

Where:

x speed from Source(A) to Destination (B)

y speed from Destination(B) to Source (A)

Problem 1

David obtained 76, 65, 82, 67, 85 marks out of 100 in English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. What is average of his marks?

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Average} &= \frac{\text{Total of All Marks}}{\text{Number Count}} \\
 &= \frac{76+65+82+67+85}{5} \\
 &= \frac{375}{5} = 75
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer is 75 marks

Problem 2

A Student was asked to find arithmetic mean of numbers 3, 11, 7, 9, 15, 13, 8, 19, 7, 21, 14, x. He find mean to be 12. What should be number in place of x.

Solution:

Average is 12 and numbers count is also 12.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Average} &= \frac{\text{Sum of All Numbers}}{\text{Number Count}} \\
 12 &= \frac{13 + 11 + 7 + 9 + 15 + 13 + 8 + 19 + 7 + 21 + 14 + x}{12} \\
 12 &= \frac{137 + x}{12} \\
 137 + x &= 144 \\
 x &= 144 - 137 = 7
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer is 7

Problem 3

What is Average of 50 natural numbers ?

Solution :

Sum of 1 to 50 (n natural numbers)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum of 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ n natural numbers} &= \frac{n*(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{50* (50+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{50* (50+1)}{2} \\ &= 25* 51 = 1275\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of All Numbers}}{\text{Number Count}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average} &= \frac{1275}{50} = \frac{255}{10} \\ &= 25.5\end{aligned}$$

Simple Tricks

If you observe properly when you are identifying average of consecutive number:

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{\text{1st number} + \text{Last number}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1 + 50}{2} \\ &= 25.5\end{aligned}$$

Answer is 25.5

Problem 4

Average of weight if A, B, C is 45 kg. If average weight of A and B is 40 kg. Average weight of B and C is 43 kg. What is weight of B?

Solution :

Average weight of A, B and C is 45

$$\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of All weights}}{\text{Person Count}}$$

$$45 = \frac{\text{Sum of All weights}}{3}$$

$$\text{Total of weights of A + B + C} = 45 * 3 = 135$$

A and B average weight is 40

$$\text{So } A + B = 40 * 2 = 80$$

B and C average weight is 43

$$\text{So } B + C = 43 * 2 = 86$$

To find value of B we should first get value of either C or A

$$A + B = (A+B+C) - C$$

$$80 = 135 - C$$

$$C = 55 \text{ kg}$$

To get value of B we have to solve

$$B + C = 86$$

$$B + 55 = 86$$

$$B = 31 \text{ kg}$$

Answer is 31 kg

Problem 5

Average of 50 numbers is 30. If 35 and 50 are removed from list what will be average of remaining numbers?

Solution :

As average of 50 numbers is 30

So Total of all numbers would be

$$50 * 30 = 1500$$

As 35 and 40 discarded total would be reduced by

$$35 + 40 = 75$$

$$\text{New Total would be: } 1500 - 75 = 1425$$

As 2 numbers removed, numbers count will be 28

$$\begin{aligned} \text{New Average} &= \frac{\text{New Total}}{\text{New number Count}} \\ &= \frac{1424}{28} \\ &= 29.68 \end{aligned}$$

Answer is 29.68

Problem 6

Average of 11 numbers is 10.9. If average of 1st 6 numberd is 10.5 and that of last 6 numbers is 11.4. Find out middle number in series.

Solution :

$$\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of All Numbers}}{\text{Number Count}}$$

$$10.9 = \frac{\text{Sum of All Numbers}}{11}$$

$$\text{Total of all numbers} = 10.9 * 11 = 119.9$$

1st 6 numbers average is 10.5

$$\text{Total of 1st 6 numbers} = 10.5 * 6 = 63$$

Last 6 numbers average is 11.4

$$\text{Total of last 6 numbers} = 11.4 * 6 = 68.4$$

$$\text{Total of 12 numbers} = \text{Total of 1st 6 numbers} + \text{Total of last 6 numbers} - \text{Middle number}$$

This is because as you can see middle number is common in both places and added twice.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 st 6 numbers											
						Last 6 numbers					

$$119.9 = 63 + 68.4 - \text{Middle number}$$

$$\text{Middle number} = 131.4 - 119.9 = 11.5$$

Answer is 11.5

Problem 7

Average of 36 students in group 14 years. When teachers age is added to it average increases by 1. What is teacher's age?

Solution :

$$\text{Average weight} = \frac{\text{Sum of All Weights}}{\text{Number of Students}}$$

$$\text{Sum of all weights} = 36 * 14 = 504$$

Assume teacher's weight x.

Once teacher's age is added average is increased by 1.

$$\text{New average} = 15$$

$$\text{New Person count} = 37$$

$$\text{Student + Teacher weight} = \text{New average} * \text{New count}$$

$$504 + x = 15 * 37$$

$$x = 555 - 504 = 51$$

Answer is Teacher's age is 51 years

Problem 8

In 50 Over ODI match, in 1st 10 overs of cricket game run rate was only 3.2 What should be run rate in remaining overs to reach target of 282?

Solution :

In 10 overs run rate was 3.2 runs

So total score after 10 overs = $10 * 3.2 = 32$

Total target = 282 runs

Pending runs after 10 over = $282 - 32 = 250$

Remaining overs = $50 - 10 = 40$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Required run rate} &= \frac{\text{Remaining Runs}}{\text{Remaining Overs}} \\ &= \frac{250}{40} \\ &= 6.25\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Required run rate is 6.25

Problem 9

Grocer has sale Rs 6435, Rs 6927, Rs 6855, Rs 7230, Rs 6562 for 5 consecutive months. How much should be in 6th month to have average sale is 6500?

Solution :

In order to get average sale for 6 month 6500 Rs.

Total of sales of 5 months = $6500 \times 6 = 39000$ Rs

Total of initial 5 months = $6435 + 6927 + 6855 + 7230 + 6562$
 $= 34009$

6th Month sales should be = Total sales – 1st 5 month sales
 $= 39000 - 34009$
 $= 4991$

Answer is 6th month sale should be 4991 Rs

Problem 10

Motorist travel 150 km away at average of 30 km/hr and returns at speed of 50 km/hr

His average speed is?

Solution :

Please don't confuse here with distance as it is not required at all.

Average speed when we travel from Source place A to B and come back from B to A
[Assuming distance will be equal as source and destination A, B]

$$= \frac{2xy}{x + y}$$

Where:

x speed from Source(A) to Destination (B)

y speed from Destination(B) to Source (A)

$$= \frac{2 * 30 * 50}{30 + 50}$$

$$= \frac{3000}{80}$$

$$= 37.5$$

Answer is Average speed is 37.5 km/hr

Problem 11

A cricketer has certain average of 10 innings in 11th inning he scored 108 runs thereby increasing average by 6 runs. His new average??

Solution :

We have last inning's score as 108 and total number of innings 11.

Let us assume x is original average

So new average is $x + 6$

Total of 1st 10 innings + 108 = 11 * New average

$$10 * x + 108 = 11 (x + 6)$$

$$10x + 108 = 11x + 66$$

$$x = 108 - 66 = 42$$

Old average is 42

$$\text{New average} = x + 6 = 42 + 6 = 48$$

Answer is New average is 48

Problem12

Average weight of 8 person is increases by 2.5 kg when new person comes in place of one of them weighs 65 kg. What might be weight of new number?

Solution :

Average weight of 8 person increased by 2.5 kg.

So Original total weight would increase by $8 * 2.5 = 20$ Kg

In order to get total increase by 20 Kg, new person's weight should be more than 20 from old person

New person weight = old person weight + 20

New person weight = $65 + 20 = 85$

Answer is new person's weight is 85 Kg

Problem 13

Average of 10 number is 7 if each number is multiplied by 12 then average of new number is

Solution :

Let us look at small example before we solve this:

Average of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 will be 3

Let us multiply each number by 10

Average of 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 will be 30 [$3 * 10 = 30$ as all number multiplied by 10]

So you can observe if you multiply all number by common constant

Original average of 10 numbers is 7

If we multiply all numbers by 12, average would also will increase by 12

So new average = $7 * 12 = 84$

Answer is 84

Problem 14

Average of 35 student is 16 years. Average of 21 students is 14 years

What is average age of remaining 14 students?

Solution :

35 student age average 16 years.

So total of 35 student ages = $35 * 16 = 460$

21 students age average is 14 years

So total of 21 student ages = $21 * 14 = 294$

We have to find average of pending 14 students

Total of ages of 35 students = Total of ages of 21 students + Total of ages of 14 students

$460 = 294 + \text{Total of Remaining 14 student ages}$

Total of remaining 14 student ages = $460 - 294 = 166$

$$\text{Average of 14 student ages} = \frac{\text{Total of remaining 14 student ages}}{14}$$

$$= \frac{166}{14}$$

$$= 19$$

Answer is average of remaining 14 students is 19 Years

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Problems on Numbers

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Problems on Numbers.

Many students face challenges in understanding and solving problems as they are not able to convert problem statements from words into equation of numbers.

Let us take real life example and will try to understand concept of Problem of numbers.

Real life example for Problems on Numbers:

Assume you have 1000 Rs with you and your friend has some amount of Rs. Total money you and your friend has is 2000 Rs. What is amount your friend have?

You will feel this thing very simple $1000 + 1000 = 2000$
So your friend has 2000 Rs.

We just need to solve similar problems but before solving we just need to convert problem statement given in words to equation.

Here we can say equation as:

Money you have + Money friend have = 2000

Assume your friend has x Rs with him/her.

$$1000 + x = 2000$$

$$x = 1000$$

So basically, if we are able to convert problem statement into equation we have solved 80% of the problem. We will practice initially for this before solving problem.

Assume **original number as x** and we will convert problem statement into equation.

Statement	Re-presentation in equation
Reciprocal of number	$1/x$
Number is doubled	$2x$
Number is trebled	$3x$
Half of the number	$x/2$
$1/5^{\text{th}}$ of the number	$x/5$
Number increased by 20	$x + 20$
20 added to the number	$x + 20$
10 subtracted from number	$x - 10$
Number multiplied by 12	$12x$
Number divided by 10	$x/10$
Square of number	x^2
3 consecutive natural numbers	$x, x+1, x+2$
4 consecutive odd numbers	$x, x+2, x+4, x+6$
3 consecutive even numbers	$x, x+2, x+4$
Sum of squares of 3 consecutive natural numbers	$x^2 + (x+1)^2 + (x+2)^2$

Practice these similar statements and most of the time in numbers problem, you will either see 1 or more number of statement combination.

First step in problem would be convert problem statement into equation and then solve it.

Some places it might be easy to substitute answers given in option and check whether our equation satisfies it or not.

We will solve problems now.

Problem 1:

The sum of rational number and its reciprocal is $13/6$. Find the number.

Solution :

Let us assume number as x

Reciprocal of number = $\frac{1}{x}$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{13}{6}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 1}{x} = \frac{13}{6}$$

$$6x^2 + 6 = 13x$$

$$6x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$$

Note: I will create 1 separate document on solving quadratic equations

$$6x^2 - 9x - 4x + 6 = 0$$

$$3x(2x-3) - 2(2x-3) = 0$$

$$(3x-2)(2x-3) = 0$$

So either $(3x-2) = 0$ or $(2x-3) = 0$

$$x = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{3}{2}$$

Answer is number is $2/3$ or $3/2$

Problem 2:

The difference of two numbers is 11 and one-fifth of their sum is 9. Find the numbers?

Solution :

Let us assume number as x and y

Difference of 2 numbers = 11

$$x - y = 11 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

$$\frac{1}{5} (x + y) = 9$$

$$x + y = 45 \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

Adding 2 equations:

$$x - y = 11 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

$$x + y = 45 \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

$$2x = 56$$

$$\mathbf{x = 28}$$

Put value of x in equation 1

$$x - y = 11$$

$$28 - y = 11$$

$$\mathbf{y = 17}$$

Answer is the numbers are 28 and 17

Problem 3:

The sum of two numbers is 15 and sum of their squares is 113. Find the numbers?

Solution :

Let us assume number as x and y

Sum of number is 15

$$x + y = 15 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

Sum of squares is 113

$$x^2 + y^2 = 113 \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

We need to represent y in form of x so that we can get equation to solve.

As $x + y = 15$ means $y = 15 - x$

Put this value of y in Equation 2

$$x^2 + (15 - x)^2 = 113$$

$$\text{use } (a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$x^2 + 225 - 30x + x^2 = 113$$

$$2x^2 - 30x + 112 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 16x - 14x + 112 = 0$$

$$2x(x - 8) - 14(x - 8) = 0$$

$$(2x - 14)(x - 8) = 0$$

$$\text{So } 2x - 14 = 0 \quad \text{or } x - 8 = 0$$

$$2x = 14 \quad \text{or } x = 8$$

$$x = 7$$

When $x = 7$ then $y = 15 - 7 = 8$ and vice versa [you can cross check your answer by putting these values in Equation 1 and Equation 2]

Answer is numbers are 7 and 8 or 8 and 7

Problem 4:

The average of 4 consecutive even numbers is 27. Find the largest of these numbers.

Solution :

As you can see numbers are consecutive even.

Let us assume 1st smallest number x so next numbers would be $x+2$, $x+4$ and $x+6$

Average of 4 number is 27

So total of number would be $4 * 27 = 108$

$$x + (x + 2) + (x + 4) + (x + 6) = 108$$

$$4x + 12 = 108$$

$$4x = 96$$

$$x = 24$$

So smallest number is 24

$$\text{Largest number} = x + 6 = 24 + 6 = 30$$

Answer is largest number is 30

Problem 5:

Sum of squares of three consecutive odd number is 2531. Find the numbers.

Solution :

As you can see numbers are consecutive odd.

Let us assume 1st smallest number x so next numbers would be $x+2$, $x+4$

Sum of squares of these three numbers = 2531

$$x^2 + (x + 2)^2 + (x + 4)^2 = 2531 \quad \text{use } (a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$x^2 + x^2 + 4x + 4 + x^2 + 8x + 16 = 2531$$

$$3x^2 + 12x + 20 = 2531$$

$$3x^2 + 12x - 2511 = 0$$

Divide by 3 throughout

$$x^2 + 4x - 837 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 31x - 27x - 837 = 0$$

$$x(x + 31) - 27(x + 31) = 0$$

$$(x + 31)(x - 27) = 0$$

$$x = 27 \text{ or } x = -31$$

Take positive number

$$\text{Smallest number} = x = 27$$

$$\text{Next number} = x + 2 = 27 + 2 = 29$$

$$\text{Last number} = x + 4 = 27 + 4 = 31$$

Answer is numbers are 27, 29 and 31

Problem 6:

The difference between a number and its three-fifth is 50. What is the number?

Solution :

Let us assume number as x

Difference between number and its $\frac{3}{5}$ th is 50.

$$x - \frac{3}{5}x = 50$$

$$x \left(1 - \frac{3}{5}\right) = 50$$

$$\frac{2}{5}x = 50$$

$$x = \frac{50 * 5}{2} = 125$$

Answer is number is 125

Problem 7:

If one-third of one fourth of a number is 15. Then three-tenth of number is?

Solution :

Let us assume number as x

one-third of one fourth of a number = 15

$$\frac{1}{3} * \frac{1}{4} * x = 15$$

$$\frac{x}{12} = 15$$

$$x = 180$$

Three tenth of number:

$$= \frac{3}{10} * 180 = 3 * 18 = 54$$

Answer is three-tenth of number is 54

Problem 8:

A number is doubled and 9 is added. If the resultant is trebled, it becomes 75. What is that number?

Solution :

Let us assume number as x

Number is doubled and 9 added = $2x + 9$

Resultant is trebled = $3 * (2x + 9) = 6x + 27 = 75$

$$6x + 27 = 75$$

$$6x = 48$$

$$x = 8$$

Answer is number is 8

Problem 9:

When 24 is subtracted from a number, it reduces to its four-seventh. What is the sum of digits of that number?

Solution :

Let us assume number as x.

24 subtracted from number : $x - 24$

$\frac{4}{7}$ th of number: $\frac{4}{7}x$

$$x - 24 = \frac{4}{7}x$$

$$x - \frac{4}{7}x = 24$$

$$x \left(1 - \frac{4}{7}\right) = 24$$

$$x * \frac{3}{7} = 24$$

$$x = \frac{24 * 7}{3} = 8 * 7 = 56$$

The number is 56

Sum of digits of 56 = $5 + 6 = 11$

Answer is sum of digits of number is 11

Problem 10:

Find number which when multiplied by 15 is increased by 196.

Solution :

Let us assume number as x .

Number is multiplied by 15 : $15x$

It is increased by 196.

This means :

Number multiplied by 15 – number = 196

$$15x - x = 196$$

$$14x = 196$$

$$x = 14$$

Answer is number is 14

Problem 11:

A number whose 5th part increased by 4 is equal to its fourth part diminished by 10, is? number which when multiplied by 15 is increased by 196.

Solution :

Let us assume number as x.

5th part of number: $\frac{x}{5}$

5th part Increased by 4: $\frac{x}{5} + 4$ -----Equation1

4th part of number : $\frac{x}{4}$

4th part of number diminished by 10 : $\frac{x}{4} - 10$ -----Equation2

As per problem statement both equation1 and equation2 are equal

$$\frac{x}{5} + 4 = \frac{x}{4} - 10$$

$$\frac{x}{4} - \frac{x}{5} = 4 + 10$$

$$x \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right) = 14$$

$$x \left(\frac{1}{20} \right) = 14$$

$$x = 14 * 20 = 280$$

Answer is number is 280

Problem 12:

The sum of two numbers is 25 and their difference is 13. Find their product.

Solution :

Let us assume numbers are x and y.

Sum of numbers is 25: $x + y = 25$ -----Equation1

Difference of numbers is 13: $x - y = 13$ -----Equation2

Add Equation1 and Equation2

$$\begin{array}{r} x + y = 25 \\ + x - y = 13 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$2x = 38$$

$$x = 19$$

Put value of x in Equation1

$$x + y = 25$$

$$19 + y = 25$$

$$y = 6$$

Numbers are 19 and 6

Product of numbers: $19 * 6 = 114$

Answer is product of numbers is 114

Problem 13

Three numbers are in ratio 4 : 5 : 6 and their average is 25. Largest number is?

Solution :

Numbers are in proportion 4 : 5 : **6** so largest number would be 3rd (with 6 in ratio)

Let us assume common multiple of ratio as x.

So our numbers are 4x : 5x : 6x

Average of number is 25 means their sum is $25 * 3 = 75$

$$4x + 5x + 6x = 75$$

$$15x = 75$$

$$x = 5 \text{ [Common multiple is 5]}$$

$$\text{Largest number} = 6x = 6 * 5 = 30$$

Answer is largest number is 30

Problem 14

Find positive integer which when increased by 17 is equal to 60 times the reciprocal of the number.

Solution :

Let us assume number as x.

Reciprocal of number : $\frac{1}{x}$

Integer increased by 17 : $x + 17$ -----Equation 1

60 times of reciprocal: $60 * \frac{1}{x} = \frac{60}{x}$ -----Equation 2

As per problem statement Equation1 and Equation2 are equal

$$x + 17 = \frac{60}{x}$$

$$x(x + 17) = 60$$

$$x^2 + 17x - 60 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 20x - 3x - 60 = 0$$

$$x(x + 20) - 3(x + 20) = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x + 20) = 0$$

$$x - 3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x + 20 = 0$$

$$x = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -20$$

As per problem statement, we need positive integer.

So $x = 3$

Answer is number is 3

Problem 15

The sum of four consecutive even integers is 1284. The greatest of them is ?

Solution :

Let us assume smallest number as x .

As next consecutive even would be $x + 2$, $x + 4$, $x + 6$.

Sum of 4 consecutive digit is 1284

$$x + (x + 2) + (x + 4) + (x + 6) = 1284$$

$$4x + 12 = 1284$$

$$4x = 1272$$

$$x = 318$$

Smallest number is 318.

$$\text{Largest number : } x + 6 = 318 + 6 = 324$$

Answer is largest number is 324

Problem 16

What is the sum of consecutive even numbers, the difference of whose square is 84?

Solution :

Let us assume smallest number as x .

Next even number would be $x + 2$

Difference of square is 84

$$(x + 2)^2 - x^2 = 84$$

$$\text{use } (a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 - x^2 = 84$$

$$4x + 4 = 84$$

$$4x = 80$$

$$x = 20$$

Smaller number = $x = 20$

Next number = $x + 2 = 20 + 2 = 22$

Numbers are 20 and 22.

Sum of numbers = $20 + 22 = 42$

Answer is sum of number is 42

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Problems on Ages

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Problems on Ages.

Many students face challenges in understanding and solving problems as they are not able to convert problem statements from words into equation of ages and ratio.

Let us take real life example and will try to understand concept of Problem of Ages.

Real life example for Problems on Ages:

Let us assume Today your age is half of your father's age.

- ➔ If your father age is 50 years then your age would be $50/2 = 25$ years
- ➔ If your father's age is 60 years then your age would be $60/2 = 30$ years
- ➔ If your father age is 100 years, your age would be $100/2 = 50$ years.

Ratio of Father's age to your age today is **2:1**

Problems would be based on Today's [Present] age, Past age or future age.

If we are able to convert problem statement into equation we have solved 80% of the problem. We will practice initially for this before solving problem.

Assume your Present age is x years and we will understand meaning of different statements and its respective value.

Statement	Meaning in form of equation
Age after 10 years	$x + 10$
Age after 5 years	$x + 5$
Age 10 years ago	$x - 10$
Age 25 years ago	$x - 25$
5 years Hence	$x + 5$
10 years Hence	$x + 10$
Age 5 years back	$x - 5$
Age 15 years back	$x - 15$
3 times of today's age	$3x$

Assume:

Age of A : 20 Years

Age of B : 25 Years

As B's age is more than A,

B will be referred as **Elder** and A will be referred as **Younger**

Practice these similar statements and most of the time in numbers problem, you will either see 1 or more number of statement combination.

First step in problem would be convert problem statement into equation and then solve it.

We will solve problems now.

Problem 1:

The ages of two persons differ by 16 years. If 6 years ago, elder one by 3 times as old as younger one, find their present ages.

Solution :

Difference of present age for 2 Persons : 16 Years

6 Years ago, Elder age = 3 * younger age

Present ages = ?

Let us assume age of Person1 as x years

As difference between Person1 and Person2 is 16 years

Person2 age = Person1 age – 16

Person2 age = x – 16

So Person1 is elder and Person2 is Younger.

6 Years ago:

Person1 age = x - 6

Person2 age = (x – 16) – 6 = x - 22

It is given that 6 Years ago, Elder age = 3 * younger age

$$x - 6 = 3 (x - 22)$$

$$x - 6 = 3x - 66$$

$$2x = 60$$

$$x = 30$$

Person1 Present age = x = 30 Years

Person2 Present age = x – 16 = 30 – 16 = 14 Years.

Note: You can cross-check your answer.

Like present ages 30 and 14. So 6 years before, ages would be 24 and 8.

So elder was 3 times of younger. So our answer is correct.

Answer is Present ages of Persons are 30 Years and 14 Years

Problem 2:

The product of ages of Ankit and Nikita is 240. If twice age of Nikita is more than Ankit's age by 4 years, what is Nikita's age?

Solution :

$$\text{Age of Ankit} * \text{Age of Nikita} = 240$$

$$2 * \text{age of Nikita} = \text{Age of Ankit} + 4$$

$$\text{Nikita Age} = ?$$

Let us assume age of Nikita is x years and age of Ankit is y years.

$$\text{As it is given: } 2 * \text{age of Nikita} = \text{Age of Ankit} + 4$$

$$2x = y + 4$$

$$y = 2x - 4$$

$$\text{Age of Ankit} * \text{Age of Nikita} = 240$$

$$y * x = 240$$

$$(2x - 4) * x = 240$$

$$2x^2 - 4x - 240 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 120 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 12x + 10x - 120 = 0$$

$$x(x - 12) + 10(x - 12) = 0$$

$$(x + 10)(x - 12) = 0$$

$$\text{So } x + 10 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 12 = 0$$

$$x = -10 \text{ or } x = 12$$

we need to ignore -10 and consider $x = 12$

Nikita present age = 12 years

Answer is Nikita's age is 12 Years

Problem 3:

Rohit was 4 times as old as his son 8 years ago. After 8 years, Rohit will be twice as old as his son. What are their present ages?

Solution :

8 Years ago : Rohit's age = 4 * Son's age

After 8 year: Rohit's age = 2 * Son's age

Let us assume Present age of Rohit as x years and present age of his son y years

8 Years ago:

Rohit's age = x + 8 years

Son's age = y + 8

Looking at given : 8 Years ago : Rohit's age = 4 * Son's age

$$x - 8 = 4 * (y - 8)$$

$$x - 8 = 4y - 32$$

$$x - 4y = -24 \text{ -----Equation1}$$

After 8 Years:

Rohit's age = x + 8 years

Son's age = y + 8

Looking at given : After 8 year: Rohit's age = 2 * Son's age

$$x + 8 = 2 * (y + 8)$$

$$x + 8 = 2y + 16$$

$$x - 2y = 8 \text{ -----Equation2}$$

$$x - 4y = -24 \text{ -----Equation1}$$

$$- \quad x - 2y = 8 \text{ -----Equation2}$$

$$- \quad + \quad -$$

$$-2y = -32$$

$$-2y = -32$$

$$y = 16 \text{ [Present age of Son]}$$

Put value of y in Equation1

$$x - 4y = -24$$

$$x - (4 * 16) = -24$$

$$x - 64 = -24$$

$$x = 40 \text{ [Present age of Rohit].}$$

Answer is Present age of Rohit is 40 Years and Present age of son is 16 years

Problem 4:

One year ago, the ratio of Gaurav's and Sachin's age was 6: 7 respectively. Four years hence, this ratio would become 7 : 8. How old is Sachin?

Solution :

1 Year ago Gaurav Age : Sachin age = 6 : 7

4 Years hence, Gaurav Age : Sachin age = 7 : 8

Sachin's Age = ?

Let us assume Gaurav's present age as x years and present age of Sachin as y years.

1 Year ago:

Gaurav's age = x - 1 years

Sachin's age = y - 1 years

As per Given: 1 Year ago Gaurav Age : Sachin age = 6 : 7

$$\frac{x-1}{y-1} = \frac{6}{7}$$

$$7(x - 1) = 6(y - 1)$$

$$7x - 7 = 6y - 6$$

$$7x - 6y = 1 \text{ -----Equation1}$$

Four years hence:

Gaurav's age = $x + 4$ years

Sachin's age = $y + 4$ years

As per Given: 4 Years hence, Gaurav Age : Sachin age = 7 : 8

$$\frac{x + 4}{y + 4} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$8x + 32 = 7y + 28$$

$$8x - 7y = -4 \text{ -----Equation2}$$

We can not solve Equation1 and Equation2 directly as nothing is common to cancel

We will multiply Equation1 by 8 and Equation2 by 7

$$\text{Equation1 : } 7x - 6y = 1 \text{ [Multiply by 8 both sides]}$$

$$56x - 48y = 8 \text{ -----Equation3}$$

$$\text{Equation2 : } 8x - 7y = -4 \text{ [Multiply by 7 both sides]}$$

$$56x - 49y = -28 \text{ -----Equation4}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 56x - 48y = 8 \\ - \quad 56x - 49y = -28 \\ \hline y = 36 \end{array}$$

Answer is Sachin's present age is 36 years

Problem 5:

At present, the ratio between ages of Arun and Deepak is 4 : 3. After 6 years, Arun's age will be 26 years. What is age of Deepak as present?

Solution :

Present age of Arun : Present age of Deepak = 4 : 3

After 6 years Arun age = 26 Years

Deepak's Present age = ?

After 6 years Arun's age will be 26 years.

So at Present Arun's age = 26 – 6 = 20 years

Given that Present age ratio Arun : Deepak = 4 : 3

$$\frac{\text{Present age of Arun}}{\text{Present age of Deepak}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{20}{\text{Present age of Deepak}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Cross multiply to get answer

$$\text{Present age of Deepak} = \frac{20 * 3}{4} = \frac{60}{4} = 15 \text{ Years}$$

Answer is Deepak's Present age is 15 years.

Problem 6:

Hitesh is 40 years old and Ronnie is 60 years old. How many years ago was their ratio 3:5?

- a) 5 years b) 10 years c) 20 years d) 37 years

Solution :

In such kind of scenario it is always better to go with options rather than solving question.

How many years ago ratio was 3 : 5?

Hitesh present age = 40 years

Ronnie present age = 60 years

Option a: 5 years

5 years ago Hitesh age = $40 - 5 = 35$

5 years ago Ronnie age = $60 - 5 = 55$

$35 : 55 = 7 : 11$ [So a is not answer]

Option b: 10 years

10 years ago Hitesh age = $40 - 10 = 30$

10 years ago Ronnie age = $60 - 10 = 50$

$30 : 50 = 3 : 5$ [As it is matching with our expectation as 3: 5 ,so it is correct answer]

Answer is 10 Years ago ratio of Hitesh and Ronnie's age was 3 : 5

Problem 7:

A man is 24 years older than his son. In two years, his age will be twice age of his son.
The present ages of Son is?

Solution :

Man present age = Son's present age + 24

After 2 years, Man's age = 2 * son's age

Present age son =?

Let us assume present age of son is x years.

Man's Present age = $x + 24$

After 2 years:

Son age = $x + 2$

Man age = $2(x + 2) = 2x + 4$ -----Equation1

However Man's age after 2 years will be $(x + 24) + 2 = x + 26$ -----Equation2

Equation1 and Equation2 both are equal and nothing but man's age after 2 years

$$2x + 4 = x + 26$$

$$x = 22 \text{ [Present age of son]}$$

Answer is Present age of Son is 22 years

Problem 8:

The total age of A and B is 12 years more than total age of B and C. C is how many years younger than A?

Solution :

$$A \text{ age} + B \text{ age} = B \text{ age} + C \text{ age} + 12$$

C how many years younger = ?

Assume A age : A years, B: B years and C : C years

It is given that:

$$A + B = B + C + 12$$

$$A = C + 12$$

This means C is 12 years younger than A.

Answer is C is 12 years younger than A

Problem 9:

The sum of ages of father and his son is 45 Years. Five years ago, the product of their ages was 34 years. The ages of son and father are respectively

Solution :

Present Father age + Son age = 45 years

5 years ago product of ages = 34

Present age of Father's age and Son's age = ?

Here we can take 2nd part to solve problem quickly.

5 years ago product of ages = 34

As to get product 34 there are only two options:

1) $17 * 2$

2) $34 * 1$

Let us take *option 1* :

5 years ago Father's age 17 and Son age 2

So present age Father's age = $17 + 5 = 22$

Present age Son = $2 + 5 = 7$

Total of 22 and 7 is not 45

Option 2

5 years ago Father's age 34 and Son age 1

So present age Father's age = $34 + 5 = 39$

Present age Son = $1 + 5 = 6$

Total of 39 and 6 is 45

Answer is Present age of Father 39 Years and Son age is 6 years.

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Aptitude Made Simple

Work and Time

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Work and Time. Work and Time is one of the highest rated topic by Paper setter for any competitive exam and it is lowest rated/most challenging topic from students point of view.

Why Work and Time???

Consider simple work of taking 20 printouts from your computer.

You may require 10 minutes to do this work. However, if same work to be done by your parents they may require 20 minutes to do it. If you ask same work to grandparents they may need 30 minutes to do same.

Consider simple work of writing letter manually on paper and post it to your friend.

Here you can observe that your grandparents can do this work in 10 minutes [as they are used to with writing and posting letters]. However, as you are not very familiar or used to write letter manually and post it by visiting post office you may need 30 minutes to do same work.

Here you can observe that every-one is different in terms of efficiency and time required to do work. It also depends on area of expertise to that specific work for that person.

This is something really important in real time world while allocating people for work, doing estimates of any project etc. Therefore it is very important for us to solve Work and Time problems and apply them in our day to day work.

Simple Method to solve Work and Time:

We will be using simple LCM method to solve Work and Time problems. This is different from conventional method which we generally study in our academics.

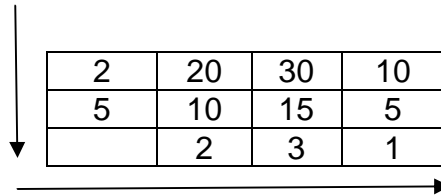
If we calculate LCM of numbers, we are almost 70% completion of problem.

Let us look at simple LCM examples first before looking at actual problems:

Example 1: Calculate LCM of 20, 30, 10

Method 1: Divisional Method

This is conventional method and we will keep dividing numbers till we get either 1 or all prime numbers.



2	20	30	10
5	10	15	5
	2	3	1

$$\text{LCM} = 2 * 5 * 2 * 3 * 1 = \mathbf{60}$$

Method 2: Orally by table method.

Find greatest number from list for which LCM is to be identified.

Now look at table of this number and keep checking whether that number is divisible by other numbers in list.

Here largest number is 30. So we will write tables of 30 and table of 20, 10 as well.

We will write 30 table till we get the number which is completely divisible by 10 and 20

20	30	10
40	60	20
60		30
		40
		50
		60

As you can see 30 is divisible by 10 but not by 20.

However 60 is divisible by 10 and 20 both.

So 60 is LCM [you can do this calculation orally in fraction of seconds if tables are learned 1 to 30].

Example 2: Calculate LCM of 25, 50

Method 1: Divisional Method

This is conventional method and we will keep dividing numbers till we get either 1 or all prime numbers.

5	25	50
5	5	10
	1	2

$$\text{LCM} = 5 * 5 * 2 * 1 * 2 = \mathbf{50}$$

Method 2: Orally by table method.

Find greatest number from list for which LCM is to be identified.

Now look at table of this number and keep checking whether that number is divisible by other numbers in list.

Here largest number is 50. So we will write tables of 50 and table of 25 as well.

We will write 50 table till we get the number which is completely divisible by 25.

25	50
50	

As you can see 50 is divisible by 25

So **50 is LCM**

Types of Problems:

Type	Given	To Find
Type 1	A do in x days B do in y days	Together A & B will do in how much time
Type 2	A+B do in x days A do in y days	B alone will do in how much time
Type 3	A do in x days B do in y days If they work alternate days	How much time will be required to complete work
Type 4	A do in x days A leaves job on 3 rd day and B worked alone	How much work pending / How much work is done.

Type1:

Problem 1:

A does a work in 10 days and B does work in 15 days. In how many days they together can complete work?

Solution :

Let us assume Work -> Eating mangoes.

A takes 10 days to eat certain number of mangoes.

B takes 15 days to eat certain number of mangoes.

Calculate LCM of 10,15 -> LCM of 10 and 15 is 30.

Person	Total Mango	Number of days	1 day speed
A	30	10	$30/10 = 3$ Mango
B	30	15	$30/15 = 2$ Mango

So A eats 3 Mango in 1 day and B eats 2 Mango in 1 day.

In order to do complete work [30 Mangos]:

1 day Speed of A + B = $3 + 2 = 5$

Time required to complete work = $30/5 = 6$ Days

Answer is 6 Days

Problem 2:

A does a work in 10 hours. B does same work in 30 hours. C completes same work in 60 hours. How much time required to complete work if A, B and C worked together?

Solution :

Let us assume Work -> Eating mangoes.

A takes 10 hours to eat certain number of mangoes.

B takes 30 hours to eat certain number of mangoes.

C takes 60 hours to eat certain number of mangoes.

Calculate LCM of 10, 30, 60 -> LCM of 10, 30, 60 is 60.

Person	Total Mango	Number of hours	1 Hour speed
A	60	10	$60/10 = 6$ Mango
B	60	30	$60/30 = 2$ Mango
C	60	60	$60/60 = 1$ Mango
A+B+C	60	60/9	$6+2+1 = 9$ Mango

A+B+C will require $60/9$ hours to complete work.

$$60/9 = 6\frac{6}{9}$$

Answer is $6\frac{6}{9}$ Hours

Type2:**Problem 1:**

The man can do a work in 5 days. With help of his son he can do that work in 3 days.
How much time his son will take alone to complete work.

Solution :

Calculate LCM of 5, 3 -> LCM of 5, 3 is 15.

Person	Total Mango	Number of days	1 day speed
Man	15	5	$15/5 = 3$ Mango
Man+Son	15	3	$15/3 = 5$ Mango
Son	15	?	$5-3 = 2$ Mango

The speed of Man alone = 3 Mango in 1 day

The speed of Man +Son = 5 Mango in 1 day.

Speed of Son alone = (Speed of Man +Son) – (Speed of Man alone)
 $= 5 - 3 = 2$ Mango

Number of days son alone will require = Total mango / 1 Day speed
 $= 15/2 = 7.5$ days

Answer is 7.5 days

Problem 2:

A & B together completes a work in 6 days. B alone can do same work in 24 days. How much A will take alone to complete work.

Solution :

Calculate LCM of 6, 24 -> LCM of 6, 24 is 24.

Person	Total Mango	Number of days	1 day speed
A+B	24	6	$24/6 = 4$ Mango
B	24	24	$24/24 = 1$ Mango
A	24	?	$4-1 = 3$ Mango

The speed of A + B = 5 Mango in 1 day.

The speed of B alone = 1 Mango in 1 day

Speed of A alone = (Speed of A + B) – (Speed of B alone)

$$= 4 - 1 = 3 \text{ Mango}$$

Number of days A alone will require = Total mango / 1 Day speed

$$= 24/3 = 8 \text{ days}$$

Answer is 8 days

Type3:**Problem 1:**

A completes work in 9 days and B completes same work in 12 days. If they work on alternate days, how much time they will require to finish work.

Solution :

Calculate LCM of 9, 12 -> LCM of 9, 12 is 36.

Person	Total Mango	Number of days	1 day speed
A	36	9	$36/9 = 4$ Mango
B	36	12	$36/12 = 3$ Mango

A speed is 4 Mango per day

B speed is 3 Mango per day.

As A and B are working on Alternate days:

Total Mango to finish : 36

Day	Mango eaten	Pending Mango(36-eaten)
1 [A will work]	4	32
2 [B will work]	$4+3 = 7$	29
3 [A will work]	$7+4 = 11$	25
4 [B will work]	$11+3 = 14$	22

Looking at this we can understand that in 2 days 7 Mango eaten.

As we need to complete 36 Mango.

36 is not completely divisible by 7 so we need to find number less than and nearest to 36 and should be completely divisible by 7.

To complete 35:

2 days - 7 Mango

?days - 35 Mango

Cross multiply to get answer

$$2 * 35 = 7 * ?$$

$$? = 70/7 = 10$$

35 Mango completed in 10 days and 1 still pending [as $36 - 35 = 1$]

On 11th day 1 mango pending and A will be working.

So A will require $\frac{1}{4}$ time eat same [as in 1 day he eats 4].

$$\text{Total days required} = 10 + \frac{1}{4}$$

Answer is $10\frac{1}{4}$ Days

Problem 2:

A completes work in 20 days and B completes same work in 30 days. If they work on alternate days, how much time they will require to finish work.

Solution :

Calculate LCM of 20,30 -> LCM of 20, 30 is 60.

Person	Total Mango	Number of days	1 day speed
A	60	20	$60/20 = 3$ Mango
B	60	30	$60/30 = 2$ Mango

A speed is 3 Mango per day

B speed is 2 Mango per day.

As A and B are working on Alternate days:

Total Mango to finish 60.

Day	Mango eaten	Pending Mango(36-eaten)
1 [A will work]	3	57
2 [B will work]	$3+2 = 5$	55

Looking at this we can understand that in 2 days 5 Mango eaten.

As we need to complete 60 Mango.

To complete 60:

2 days - 5 Mango

? days - 60 Mango

Cross multiply to get answer.

$$2 * 60 = 5 * ?$$

$$? = 120/5 = 24 \text{ days will be required.}$$

Answer is 24 days

Type4:**Problem 1:**

A completes work in 15 days and B completes same work in 10 days. They started working together but after 2 days work, B left the job and A continued alone to complete work. In how much day pending work will be completed?

Solution :

Calculate LCM of 15, 10 → LCM of 15, 10 is 30.

Person	Total Mango	Number of days	1 day speed
A	30	15	$30/15 = 2$ Mango
B	30	10	$30/10 = 3$ Mango

A speed is 2 Mango per day

B speed is 3 Mango per day.

A+B speed for 1 day is 5 Mango.

A +B worked together for 2 days.

Number of mangoes eaten in this time = $2 * 5 = 10$

Pending work [mango] = Total Mango – Completed work [mango]

Pending = $30 - 10 = 20$

A as alone, To complete pending work : 20 mango

1 day - 2 Mango

? days - 20 Mango

Cross multiply to get answer.

$1 * 20 = 2 * ?$

$? = 20/2 = 10$ days

To complete pending work by A alone 10 days will be required.

Answer is 10 days

Problem 2:

A completes work in 18 days and B completes same work in 15 days. They started working together but after 5 days work, B left the job and A continued alone to complete work. How much work pending and in how much days pending work will be completed?

Solution :

Calculate LCM of 18, 15 \rightarrow LCM of 18, 15 is 90.

Person	Total Mango	Number of days	1 day speed
A	90	18	$90/18 = 5$ Mango
B	90	15	$90/15 = 6$ Mango

A speed is 5 Mango per day

B speed is 6 Mango per day.

A+B speed for 1 day is 11 Mango.

A +B worked together for 5 days.

Number of mangoes eaten in this time = $11 * 5 = 55$

Pending work [mango] = Total Mango – Completed work [mango]

Pending = $90 - 55 = 35$ Mango

Pending Work in terms of total work = $35/90 = 7/18$

A as alone, To complete pending work : 35 mango

1 day - 5 Mango

? days - 35 Mango

Cross multiply to get answer.

$1 * 35 = 5 * ?$

$? = 35/5 = 7$ days

Answer is Pending work $7/18$ and 7 days will be required to complete pending work

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Pipes and Cisterns

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Pipes and Cisterns.

If you have gone through my Work and Time document then solving Pipes and Cistern would definitely be very easy for you to solve.

I would recommend you to go through work and time topic document once, before reading this. Work and Time, Pipes and Cisterns topics are almost similar to each other only the difference is that in Pipes and Cisterns, we need to look at negative work as well.

What are Pipes and Cisterns???

Let us look at 1 real life example to understand concept of Pipes and Cisterns.

Consider you have water storage tank of 1000 Liters on your terrace at 3rd floor.

You utilize same water in your Kitchen, daily activities etc. through different pipes

Assume you get water supply from Corporation at ground floor and you don't have facility of electric motor to transfer that water to Terrace tank.

So you fill water in bucket and go upstairs to fill tank. During this activity some water gets wasted due to leakage in bucket.

Someday magic happened and you got new Pipe in Tank itself which gets water from Corporation directly but your Tank also starts leaking at terrace itself.

Now let us summarize things in terms of Pipes and Cisterns Problem

Terrace water Tank: **Tank / Cisterns**

Magic Pipe : **Inlet Pipe/Tap**

Water supply in Bath, Kitchen etc: **Outlet Pipe/Tap**

Bucket/Tank leakage: **Leakage in Tank**

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Simple Method to solve Pipes and Cisterns:

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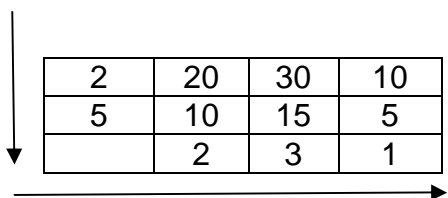
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Example 1: Calculate LCM of 20, 30, 10

Method 1: Divisional Method

This is conventional method and we will keep dividing numbers till we get either 1 or all prime numbers.



2	20	30	10
5	10	15	5
	2	3	1

$$\text{LCM} = 2 * 5 * 2 * 3 * 1 = 60$$

Method 2: Orally by table method.

Find greatest number from list for which LCM is to be identified.

Now look at table of this number and keep checking whether that number is divisible by other numbers in list.

Here largest number is 30. So we will write tables of 30 and table of 20, 10 as well.

We will write 30 table till we get the number which is completely divisible by 10 and 20

20	30	10
40	60	20
60		30
		40
		50
		60

As you can see 30 is divisible by 10 but not by 20.

However 60 is divisible by 10 and 20 both.

So 60 is LCM [you can do this calculation orally in fraction of seconds if tables are learned 1 to 30]

Example 2: Calculate LCM of 25, 50

Method 1: Divisional Method

This is conventional method and we will keep dividing numbers till we get either 1 or all prime numbers.

5	25	50
5	5	10
	1	2

$$\text{LCM} = 5 * 5 * 2 * 1 * 2 = \mathbf{50}$$

Method 2: Orally by table method.

Find greatest number from list for which LCM is to be identified.

Now look at table of this number and keep checking whether that number is divisible by other numbers in list.

Here largest number is 50. So we will write tables of 50 and table of 25 as well.

We will write 50 table till we get the number which is completely divisible by 25.

25	50
50	

As you can see 50 is divisible by 25

So **50 is LCM**

Types of Problems:

Type	Given	To Find
Type 1	Pipe A fills tank in x hours Pipe B fills tanks n y hours	Together A & B will fill tank in how much time
Type 2	Pipe A fills tank in x hours Pipe B empties tank n y hours	Together A & B will fill tank in how much time tank will be filled
Type 3	Pipe A fills tank in x hours Due to leak it takes more time	How much time will be required to empty tank completely
Type 4	Miscellaneous	

Type1:**Problem 1:**

Pipe A fills tank in 10 hours and Pipe B fills tank in 15 hours. In how much time tank will fill completely if both pipes are opened together?

Solution :

Pipe A takes 10 hours to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 15 hours to fill tank

First we will try to calculate what is capacity of tank in liters: which is nothing but LCM.

Calculate LCM of 10,15 -> LCM of 10 and 15 is 30.

Pipe	Tank Capacity	Time to fill tank(hours)	Speed for 1hour
A	30	10	$30/10 = 3$ liters
B	30	15	$30/15 = 2$ liters

So A fills 3 liters in 1 hour and 2 liters in 1 hour.

In order to fill complete tank [30 Liters]:

1 hr Speed for Pipe A + B = $3 + 2 = 5$

Time required to fill complete tank = $30 / 5 = 6$ Hours

Answer is 6 Hours

Problem 2:

Pipe A fills tank in 10 hours. Pipe B fills tank in 30 hours. Pipe C fills tank in 60 hours. How much time required to fill tank completely if A, B and C worked together?

Solution :

Pipe A takes 10 hours to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 30 hours to fill tank.

Pipe C takes 60 hours to fill tank.

Calculate LCM of 10, 30, 60 -> LCM of 10, 30, 60 is 60.

Total tank capacity : 60 Liters

Pipe	Tank Capacity	Time to fill tank(hours)	1 Hour speed
A	60	10	$60/10 = 6$
B	60	30	$60/30 = 2$
C	60	60	$60/60 = 1$
A+B+C	60	$60/9$	$6+2+1 = 9$

A+B+C will require $60/9$ hours to fill tank completely

$$60/9 = 6\frac{6}{9}$$

Answer is $6\frac{6}{9}$ Hours

Problem 3:

Pipe A fills tank in 20 minutes and Pipe B fills tank in 30 minutes. In how much time tank will fill completely if both pipes are opened together?

Solution :

Pipe A takes 20 hours to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 30 hours to fill tank

Calculate LCM of 20, 30 -> LCM of 20 and 30 is 60.

Tank capacity :

Pipe	Tank Capacity	Time to fill tank(minutes)	Speed for 1minute
A	60	20	$60/20 = 3$
B	60	30	$60/30 = 2$
A + B	60	$60/5 = 12$	$3 + 2 = 5$

Answer is 12 Minutes

Type2:

Problem 1:

A Cistern can be filled by tap in 4 hours while it can be emptied by another tap in 9 hours. If both the taps are opened simultaneously then after how much time will cistern get filled?

Solution :

Pipe A takes 4 hours to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 9 hours to fill tank

We need to use minus sign in speed of B as it is outlet pipe.

Calculate LCM of 4, 9 → LCM of 4, 9 is 36.

So Cistern capacity is 36 Liters.

Pipe	Cistern Capacity	Time to fill/empty(hours)	1 hour speed
A	36	4	$36/4 = 9$
B	36	9	$36/9 = -4$
A+B	36	?	$9 + (-4) = 5$

As you can see 1st pipe is filling tank and 2nd pipe is outlet pipe so we are using minus sign for 2nd pipe

In 1 hr total speed is 5

To fill complete tank that is 36 Litres.

$$\frac{36}{5} = 7\frac{1}{5}$$

1/5 means $60/5 = 12$ Minutes

Answer is 7.2 Hours or 7 Hours 12 minutes

Problem 2:

Two pipes can fill tank in 10 hours and 12 hours respectively, while 3rd pipe empties the full tank in 20 hours. If all three pipes are operated simultaneously then in how much time tank will be filled completely?

Solution :

Pipe A takes 10 hours to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 12 hours to fill tank

Pipe C takes 20 hours to fill tank

We need to use minus sign in speed of C as it is outlet pipe.

Calculate LCM of 10, 12 , 20 -> LCM of 10, 12, 20 is 60.

So Tank capacity is 60 Liters.

Pipe	Cistern Capacity	Time to fill/empty(in hours)	1 hour speed
A	60	10	$60/10 = 6$
B	60	12	$60/12 = 5$
C	60	20	$60/20 = -3$
A+B+C	60	?	$6 + 5 + (-3) = 8$

As C pipe empties pipes we have used minus sign

In 1 hr if all opened together : 8 liters water would be filled.

In order to fill complete tank that is 60Liters:

$$\frac{60}{8} = \frac{15}{2} = 7\frac{1}{2}$$

$\frac{1}{2}$ means $60/2 = 30$ minutes

Answer is 7.5 Hours or 7 Hours 30 minutes

Type 3:

Problem 1:

An electric pump can fill tank in 3 hours. Because of leak in the tank, it took $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to fill tank. If tank is full, how much time it will take to empty it.

Solution:

Pipe A takes 3 hours to fill tank.

Pipe A with leakage (Assume leakage as B) takes $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours = $\frac{7}{2}$ hours

Here we need to find how much time leakage will require to empty completely filled pipe.

Let us calculate LCM of 3 and $\frac{7}{2}$

As it sometimes become challenging to find LCM of fraction, let us see simple method

Multiply both number for which LCM to be find.

After that multiplication contains fraction multiply same with denominator to get natural number

$$3 * \frac{7}{2} = \frac{21}{2}$$

Here we have denominator and we cant take it as LCM.

So

$$\frac{21}{2} * 2 = 21$$

LCM of 3 and $\frac{7}{2}$ is 21

Now let us use same method what we used earlier:

Please note that B is leakage pipe so it will have minus sign

Pipe	Cistern Capacity	Time to fill/empty(in hours)	1 hour speed
A	21	3	$21/3 = 7$
A+B	21	$7/2$	$21/(7/2) = 6$
B	21	21	$7 - 6 = -1$

Speed of A : 7

Speed of A with Leakage B : 6

So speed of Leakage B is 1.

In order to empty filled pipe leakage will need $21 / 1 = 21$ Hours

Answer is 21 Hours

Problem 2:

A pump can fill tank with water in 2 hours. Because of leak, it took $2\frac{1}{3}$ hours to fill the tank. The leak can drain all water in tank in how much time?

Solution:

Pipe A takes 2 hours to fill tank.

Pipe A with leakage (Assume leakage as 2) takes $2\frac{1}{3}$ hours = $\frac{7}{3}$ hours

Here we need to find how much time leakage will require to empty completely filled pipe.

Let us calculate LCM of 2 and $\frac{7}{3}$

As it sometimes become challenging to find LCM of fraction, let us see simple method

Multiply both number for which LCM to be find.

After that multiplication contains fraction multiply same with denominator to get natural number

$$2 * \frac{7}{3} = \frac{14}{3}$$

Here we have denominator and we cant take it as LCM.

So

$$\frac{14}{3} * 3 = 14$$

LCM of 2 and $\frac{7}{3}$ is 14

Now let us use same method what we used earlier:

Please note that B is leakage pipe so it will have minus sign

Pipe	Cistern Capacity	Time to fill/empty	1 hr speed
A	14	2	$14/2 = 7$
A+B	14	$7/3$	$14/(7/3) = 6$
B	14	14	$7 - 6 = -1$

Speed of A : 7

Speed of A with Leakage B : 6

So speed of Leakage B is 1.

In order to empty filled pipe leakage will need $14 / 1 = 14$ Hours

Answer is 14 Hours

Type 4:

Problem 1:

Two pipes A and B can fill a tank in 6 hours and 4 hours respectively. If they are opened on alternate hours and if Pipe A is opened first, in how many hours tank will be full?

Solution:

Pipe A takes 6 hours to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 4 hours to fill tank

Calculate LCM of 6, 4 -> LCM of 6 and 4 is 12.

Tank capacity :

Pipe	Tank Capacity	Time to fill tank(hours)	Speed for 1hour
A	12	6	$12/6 = 2$
B	12	4	$12/4 = 3$

We have calculated 1 hour speed of pipe A and B. However we cant use it directly to solve problem as pipes are opened alternatative starting form A

Hour	Tank filled (in liters)	Tank remaining (in liters)
1 [Pipe A will be open]	2	10
2 [Pipe B will be open]	$2+3 = 5$	7
3 [Pipe A will be open]	$5+2 = 7$	5
4 [Pipe B will be open]	$7+3 = 10$	2

In 4 hours, 10 Liters will be filled and 2 Liters is remaining.

And now Pipe A will open and Pipe A speed is 2 liters per hour.

In order to fill 2 liters by pipe A:

$$\frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$4 + 1 = 5 \text{ Hours}$$

Answer is 5 Hours

Problem 2:

Two pipes A and B can fill tank in 15 hours and 20 hours respectively while third pipe C can empty full tank in 25 hours. All 3 pipes are opened in beginning. After 10 hours , C is closed. In how much time will tank be full?

Solution :

Pipe A takes 15 hours to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 20 hours to fill tank

Pipe C takes 25 hours to empty full tank

We need to use minus sign in speed of C as it is outlet pipe.

Calculate LCM of 15, 20,25 -> LCM of 15, 20, 25 is 300

Tank capacity is 300 Liters

Pipe	Tank Capacity	Time to fill/empty(in hours)	1 hour speed
A	300	15	$300/15 = 20$
B	300	20	$300/20 = 15$
C	300	25	$300/25 = -12$
A+B+C			$20 + 15 + (-12) = 23$
A+B			$20 + 15 = 35$

All 3 pipes initially opened:

Speed during this time **23**

For 10 hours all pipes opened:

In 1 hour speed of all 3 pipes together is 23

So in 10 hours: $23 * 10 = 230$ Liters filled

Post 10 hours pending tank :

$300 - 230 = 70$ Liters

Now C pipe is closed so only A and B is opened.

Speed of A+B is 35

In order to complete pending 70 Liters:

$$\frac{70}{35} = 2$$

Total time = 10 + 2 = 12 Hours

Answer is 12 Hours

Problem 3:

Two pipes A and B can fill a tank in 24 min and 32 min respectively. If both pipes are opened simultaneously after how much time B should be closed so that tank full in 18 minutes.

Solution:

Pipe A takes 24 minutes to fill tank.

Pipe B takes 32 minutes to fill tank

We need to complete tank in 18 minutes by closing B after some interval.

Calculate LCM of 24, 32, -> LCM of 24, 32 is 96

Tank capacity is 96 Liters

Pipe	Tank Capacity	Time to fill/empty(minutes)	1 minute speed
A	96	24	$96/24 = 4$
B	96	32	$96/32 = 3$
A+B			$4 + 3 = 7$

A+B speed is 7

Let us assume A and B both were opened for 18 minutes.

In 18 minutes:

$18 * 7 = 126$ liters of water would be filled.

However our tank is of 96 Liters only.

In order to find when B should be closed we need to see what extra water filled by Pipe B.

Extra water by B = $126 - 96 = 30$ Liters.

As B speed is 3 it will take ($30/3 = 10$) 10 minutes to do this extra water so we need to close B 10 minutes before 18 minutes.

So $18 - 10 = 8$ minutes

Answer is we should close B after 8 minutes so tank will be filled in 18 minutes.

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Aptitude Made Simple

Partnership

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Partnership.

Many students face challenges in understanding and solving problems as they face challenge while working in Ratio and proportion.

Let us take real life example and will try to understand first what is partnership and how we need to find ratio and proportion. Once you understand concept clearly, you can solve Partnership problems easily.

What is Partnership?

Partnership is something where more than 1 person effort is needed to complete goal. Imagine world cup match India v/s Australia and you have target of 300 Runs. Without doing multiple good partnership, can we win the game?
Obviously not!!!

Let us use same example to understand Partnership concept.

We will look at scorecards for multiple cricket matches where Sachin and Sehwag did opening partnership for India and we will award them some amount as rewards for runs they did during partnership.

Match	Partnership (runs)	Sachin's contribution	Sehwag's contribution	Reward per run(Rs)	Sachin's reward	Sehwag's Reward
1	100	65	35	1	$65 * 1 = \mathbf{65}$	$35 * 1 = \mathbf{35}$
2	200	110	90	1	$110 * 1 = \mathbf{110}$	$90 * 1 = \mathbf{90}$
3	160	100	60	10	$100 * 10 = \mathbf{1000}$	$60 * 10 = \mathbf{600}$
4	300	160	140	20	$160 * 20 = \mathbf{3200}$	$140 * 20 = \mathbf{2800}$
5	90	50	40	100	$50 * 100 = \mathbf{5000}$	$40 * 100 = \mathbf{4000}$
6	80	60	20	1000	$60 * 1000 = \mathbf{60000}$	$20 * 1000 = \mathbf{20000}$
7	50	25	25	500	$25 * 500 = \mathbf{12500}$	$25 * 500 = \mathbf{12500}$

Looking at table:

- 1) Individual person gets reward/ profit based on individual contribution
- 2) Total reward is divided based on efforts/contribution done by individual person

Now we try to find out ratio of efforts and subsequently ratio of rewards.

What is ratio?

Let us assume Today your age is half of your father's age.

- ➔ If your father age is 50 years then your age would be $50/2 = 25$ years
- ➔ If your father's age is 60 years then your age would be $60/2 = 30$ years
- ➔ If your father age is 100 years, your age would be $100/2 = 50$ years.

Let us represent same in ratio:

$$\frac{\text{Father's age}}{\text{Your's age}} = \frac{50}{25} = \frac{60}{30} = \frac{100}{50} = \frac{2}{1} \quad \text{it is nothing but } \mathbf{2:1}$$

Ratio of Father's age to your's age today is **2:1**

We will refer same table of Partnership of Sachin and Sehwag and we will calculate ratio of their contribution and accordingly ratio of their rewards

Match	Sachin's contribution	Sehwag's contribution	Ratio of Contribution Sachin : Sehwag	Ratio of Rewards Sachin : Sehwag
1	65	35	$65/35 = 13 : 7$	$65/35 = 13 : 7$
2	110	90	$110/90 = 11 : 9$	$110/90 = 11 : 9$
3	100	60	$100/60 = 5 : 3$	$1000/600 = 5 : 3$
4	160	140	$160/140 = 8 : 7$	$3200/2800 = 8 : 7$
5	50	40	$50/40 = 5 : 4$	$5000/4000 = 5 : 4$
6	60	20	$60/20 = 3 : 1$	$60000/2000 = 3 : 1$
7	25	25	$25/25 = 1 : 1$	$12500/12500 = 1 : 1$

As you can observe in table, ratio of contribution is always same as ratio of Rewards.

Now we will co-relate terms to Partnership problems.

Summary:

Real life example(Sachin -Sehwag partnership)	Meaning in Partnership problems
Contribution in Partnership	Investment
Ratio of contribution(Runs)	Ratio of Investment
Reward	Profit
Individual reward	Individual share of Profit.

Types of Problems:

Type	Given	To Find
Type 1	Investment amount for 2 or more persons (A, B, C)	Ratio of Profit
Type 2	Investment amount 2 or more persons (A, B, C) for same time period and Total Profit	Individual Profit share
Type 3	Investment amount 2 or more persons (A, B, C) for different time period and Total Profit	Individual Profit share
Type 4	Investment amount 2 or more persons (A, B, C) and Individual Profit for 1 person	Total Profit / Individual Profit share
Type 5	Miscellaneous	

Type1:

Problem 1:

P and Q started a business investing 85000 Rs and 15000 Rs respectively. In what ratio the profit earned after 2 years be divided between P and Q respectively?

Solution :

Investment of P = 85000 Rs

Investment of Q = 15000 Rs

Ratio of Profit of P : Q = ?

Here, individual investment of P and Q is given.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ratio of Profit for P : Q} &= \frac{\text{Investment of P}}{\text{Investment of Q}} \\ &= \frac{85000}{15000} = \frac{85}{15} = \frac{17}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Ratio of Profit for P :Q is 17 : 3

Problem 2:

A, B and C started a business by investing 120000 Rs, 135000 Rs and 150000 Rs respectively. Find out ratio of Profit for A, B, C respectively.

Solution :

Investment of A = 120000 Rs

Investment of B = 135000 Rs

Investment of C = 150000 Rs

Ratio of Profit of A : B : C = ?

Here, individual investment of A, B and C is given

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ratio of Profit for A : B : C} &= \text{Investment of A : Investment of B : Investment of C} \\ &= 120000 : 135000 : 150000\end{aligned}$$

We need to simplify them so that we can find answer.

$$120000 : 135000 : 150000$$

$$120 : 135 : 150 \quad [\text{cancelled all 3 zeroes}]$$

$$8 : 9 : 10 \quad [\text{if you know table of 15 you can see all of them divisible by 15}]$$

Answer is Ratio of Profit for A : B : C is 8 : 9 : 10

Type2:

Problem 1:

Sanjay and Deepak started a business investing 22500 Rs and 35000 Rs respectively. Out of total profit of 13800 Rs, Deepak share is?

Solution :

Investment of Sanjay = 22500 Rs

Investment of Deepak = 35000 Rs

Total profit : 13800 Rs

Deepak share : ?

Here, individual investment of Sanjay and Deepak are given:

Ratio of Profit for Sanjay : Deepak = $\frac{\text{Investment of Sanjay}}{\text{Investment of Deepak}}$

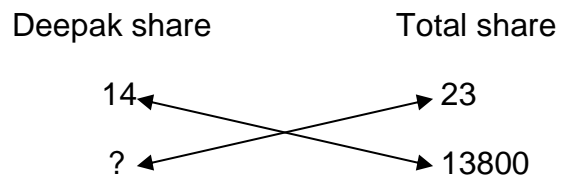
$$= \frac{22500}{35000} = \frac{225}{350} = \frac{9}{14}$$

Ratio of Profit for Sanjay : Deepak is 9 : 14

This means that if Sanjay gets 9 Rs profit then Deepak will get 14 Rs

So total profit = 9 + 14 = 23 Rs

It is given that profit is 13800. So we need to cross multiply to get answer we need to find share of Deepak:



$$\text{Deepak share} = \frac{14 * 13800}{23} = \frac{14 * 600}{1} = 8400$$

Answer is Deepak's share of Profit is 8400 Rs

Problem 2:

A , B, C enter into a partnership investing 35000 Rs, 45000 Rs and 55000 Rs respectively. The respective shares of A, B and C in annual profit of 40500 Rs are?

Solution :

Investment of A = 35000 Rs

Investment of B = 45000 Rs

Investment of C = 55000 Rs

Annual profit = 40500 Rs

Individual Profit of A , B and C = ?

Ratio of Profit for A : B : C = Investment of A : Investment of B : Investment of C

$$= 35000 : 45000 : 55000$$

$$= 35 : 45 : 55$$

$$= 7 : 9 : 11$$

This means if A gets Profit 7 Rs then B will get 9 Rs, C will get 11 Rs

So total $7 + 9 + 11 = 27$ Rs

To identify common factor of multiplication [assume x]:

$$27x = 40500$$

$$x = \frac{40500}{27} = \frac{13500}{9} = 1500 \text{ [common multiplication factor to get actual profit]}$$

$$A : B : C = 7 : 9 : 11$$

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$$A's \text{ Profit} = 7 * 1500 = 10500 \text{ Rs}$$

$$B's \text{ Profit} = 9 * 1500 = 13500 \text{ Rs}$$

$$C's \text{ Profit} = 11 * 1500 = 16500 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is A, B, C profits are 10500 Rs, 13500 Rs and 16500 Rs

Problem 3:

A , B, C enter into a partnership investing 120000 Rs, 135000 Rs and 150000 Rs respectively. Find the share of each out of annual profit of Rs 56700

Solution :

Investment of A = 120000 Rs

Investment of B = 135000 Rs

Investment of C = 150000 Rs

Annual profit = 56700 Rs

Individual Profit of A , B and C = ?

Ratio of Profit for A : B : C = Investment of A : Investment of B : Investment of C

$$= 120000 : 135000 : 150000$$

$$= 120 : 135 : 150$$

$$= 8 : 9 : 10$$

This means if A gets Profit 8 Rs then B will get 9 Rs, C will get 10 Rs

So total $8 + 9 + 10 = 27$ Rs

To identify common factor of multiplication [assume x]:

$$27x = 56700$$

$$x = \frac{56700}{27} = \frac{6300}{3} = 2100 \text{ [common multiplication factor to get actual profit]}$$

$$A : B : C = 8 : 9 : 10$$

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$$A's \text{ Profit} = 8 * 2100 = 16800 \text{ Rs}$$

$$B's \text{ Profit} = 9 * 2100 = 18900 \text{ Rs}$$

$$C's \text{ Profit} = 10 * 2100 = 21000 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is A, B, C profits are 16800 Rs, 18900 Rs and 21000 Rs

Type 3

Problem 1:

A , B, C starts a business each investing 20000 Rs,. After 5 months A withdrew 5000 Rs, B withdrew 4000 Rs and C invests 6000 Rs more. At end of year, total profit of 69900 Rs was recorded. Find the share of each.

Solution :

Investment of A = 20000 Rs [post 5 month withdraw 5000]

Investment of B = 20000 Rs [post 5 month withdraw 4000]

Investment of C = 20000 Rs [post 5 month invests 6000 more]

Annual profit = 69900 Rs

Individual Profit of A , B and C = ?

As you can see here contribution from start of business to end of year [Profit time], we need to calculate investment yearly based on intermediate withdraw / more investment].

As time is 1 year [12 months]:

A withdraw 5000 Rs after 5 months , so for last 7 month investment to be reduced

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A's investment in year} &= (20000 * 12) - (5000 * 7) \\ &= 240000 - 35000 = \mathbf{205000 \text{ Rs}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{B's investment in year} &= (20000 * 12) - (4000 * 7) \\ &= 240000 - 28000 = \mathbf{212000 \text{ Rs}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{C's investment in year} &= (20000 * 12) + (6000 * 7) \\ &= 240000 + 42000 = \mathbf{282000 \text{ Rs}} \end{aligned}$$

As you can see for withdraw we will use minus sign (-) and for more investment (+)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ratio of Profit for A : B : C} &= \text{Investment of A : Investment of B : Investment of C} \\ &= 205000 : 212000 : 282000 \\ &= 205 : 212 : 282 \end{aligned}$$

If A gets Profit 205 Rs then B will get 212 Rs and C will get 282 Rs

Total profit = $205 + 212 + 282 = 699$

To identify common factor of multiplication [assume x]:

$$699x = 69900$$

$$x = 100 \text{ [Common factor is 100]}$$

Ratio of Profit for A : B : C = 205 : 212 : 282

A's profit = $205 * 100 = 20500$ Rs

B's profit = $212 * 100 = 21200$ Rs

C's profit = $282 * 100 = 28200$ Rs

Answer is A, B, C profits are 20500 Rs, 21200 Rs and 28200 Rs

Problem 2

Reema and Sayali are partners in business. Reema invests 35000 Rs for 8 months and Sayali invests 42000 Rs for 10 months. Out of profit 31570 Rs. Reema's share is ?

Solution :

Investment of Reema = 35000 Rs [For 8 months]

Investment of Sayali = 42000 Rs [For 10 months]

Profit = 31570 Rs

Individual Profit of Reema = ?

As you can see here contribution is for different time period, we need to find actual investment done by Reema and Sayali.

Investment of Reema = 35000 for 8 months

$$= 35000 * 8 = \mathbf{280000 \text{ Rs}}$$

Investment of Sayali = 42000 for 10 months

$$= 42000 * 10 = \mathbf{420000 \text{ Rs}}$$

Ratio of Profit for Reema : Sayali = Investment of Reema : Investment of Sayali

$$= 280000 : 420000$$

$$= 28 : 42$$

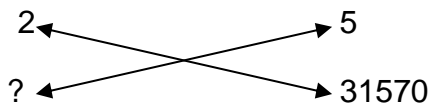
$$= 2 : 3$$

If Reema gets 2 Rs Profit then Sayali will get 3 Rs.

So total is 5 Rs Profit.

Reema share

Total share



$$\text{Reema share} = \frac{2 * 31570}{5} = \frac{2 * 6314}{1} = 12628 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is Reema's share of Profit is 12628 Rs

Type 4

Problem 1

Four milkmen rented a pasture. A grazed 24 cows for 3 months, B 10 cows for 5 months, C 35 cows for 4 months and D 21 cows for 3 months. If A's share of rent is 720 Rs, find total rent?

Solution

A's usage of place : 24 cows for 3 months

B's usage of place : 10 cows for 5 months

C's usage of place : 35 cows for 4 months

D's usage of place : 21 cows for 3 months

A's share of rent : 720 Rs

Total rent: ?

We will calculate individual contribution of investment first:

A's usage = 24 cows for 3 month

$$= 24 * 3 = \mathbf{72}$$

B's usage = 10 cows for 5 month

$$= 10 * 5 = \mathbf{50}$$

C's usage = 35 cows for 4 month

$$= 35 * 4 = \mathbf{140}$$

D's usage = 21 cows for 3 month

$$= 21 * 3 = \mathbf{63}$$

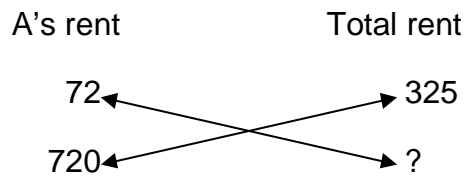
They will pay rent as per area they will be using.

Ratio of Rent = Ratio of area of usage A : B: C: D

$$= 72 : 50 : 140 : 63$$

When A will pay 72 Rs rent, then B will pay 50 Rs, C will pay 140 Rs and D will pay 63 Rs

So total $72 + 50 + 140 + 63 = 325$ Rs



$$\text{Total rent} = \frac{720 * 325}{72} = \frac{10 * 325}{1} = 3250$$

Answer is Total rent is 3250 Rs

Problem 2

A, B and C started shop by investing 27000 Rs, 72000 Rs and 81000 Rs respectively. At end of year profit was distributed among them. If C's profit is 36000 Rs, then what is total profit?

Solution

A's investment : 27000 Rs

B's investment : 72000 Rs

C's investment : 81000 Rs

C's share of profit : 36000 Rs

Total profit : ?

Ratio of Profit for A : B : C = Investment of A : Investment of B : Investment of C

$$= 27000 : 72000 : 81000$$

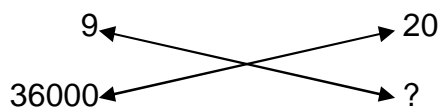
$$= 27 : 72 : 81$$

$$= 3 : 8 : 9$$

This means if A gets Profit 3 Rs then B will get 8 Rs, C will get 9 Rs

So total $3 + 8 + 9 = 20$ Rs

C's Profit Total profit



$$\text{Total Profit} = \frac{20 * 36000}{9} = \frac{20 * 400}{1} = 8000$$

Answer is Total profit is 8000 Rs

Type 5

Problem 1

X and Y invested in a business. They earned some profit which they divided in ratio of 2: 3. If X invested 4000 Rs, the amount invested by Y is?

Solution

Profit ratio of X: Y = 2: 3

X's Investment : 40000 Rs

Y's Investment: ?

We know that profit ratio is same as Investment ratio. So here profit ratio is given and we need to find out Original investment

$$\frac{\text{X Profit}}{\text{Y Profit}} = \frac{\text{X Investment}}{\text{Y Investment}}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{40000}{\text{Y Investment}}$$

Cross multiplying:

$$\text{Y's investment} = \frac{40000 * 3}{2} = 20000 * 3 = 60000$$

Answer is Y's investment is 60000 Rs

Problem 2

A invested 76000 Rs in business. After few months, B joined him with 57000 Rs. At the end of year, total profit was divided between them in the ratio of 2 : 1. After how many months did B join?

Solution

A's investment throughout year = 76000 Rs

B's investment after some time = 57000 Rs

Profit ratio A : B = 2 : 1

After how much time B should have joined = ?

We need to first calculate exact investment for year for both A and B.

For A : it is simple as it was for throughout year (12 months)

A's investment = $76000 * 12 = 912000$ Rs

Let us assume B enters after x months, so total investment for B will be:

$(12 - x) * 57000$

$$\frac{\text{A Profit}}{\text{B Profit}} = \frac{\text{A Investment}}{\text{B Investment}}$$

$$\frac{2}{1} = \frac{91200}{(12-x) * 57000}$$

$$2 * 57000 * (12 - x) = 912000$$

$$12 - x = \frac{912000}{2 * 57000} = \frac{912}{2 * 57} = \frac{48}{2 * 3} = 8$$

$$12 - x = 8$$

$$x = 4$$

Answer is B joined after 4 months

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Aptitude Made Simple

Time and Distance

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Time and Distance.

Many students face challenges in understanding and solving problems. This is thing which we really use a lot while driving bike, car or travelling from one city to other etc.

Most of people would say remember formula and then you can solve problems. However, we are able to remember limited amount of formulae only. So we will focus on concept with real life examples and once we are good with concept, we can reproduce/ generate formula at any point of time [even you forget during exam].

Real life example for Problems on Time and Distance:

Let us assume you are driving bike at 40 km/hr

- ➔ In 1 hour you will go 40 km distance.
- ➔ In 2 hours you will go $40 + 40 = 80$ Km distance
- ➔ In 3 hours you will go $40 + 40 + 40 = 120$ Km distance.

As you can observe, as number of hours increasing, covered distance is increasing by your speed of bike.

So, if someone asks you how much distance you cover in 5 hours?

You will say:

If I drive bike at speed of 40 km/hr then I will cover $40 * 5 = 200$ Km

If I drive back at speed of 50 km/hr then I will cover $50 * 5 = 250$ Km

We can simply write as :

Distance = Speed * Time

As you are able to understand formula, you never need to mug it up. Instead just try to remember concept, automatically you will be able to recall:

$$\text{Distance} = \text{Speed} * \text{Time}$$

As per requirement, you can derive other 2 formulae:

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

With this simple understanding our most of the problems for Time and Distance will be solved.

Now we need to look at some additional terms

Term	Symbol
Meter	m
Second	s
Hour	hr
Kilometer	km
Kilometer per hour	km/hr or kmph

Term	Meaning
1 hour	60 minutes
1 minute	60 seconds
1 hour	3600 seconds
1 kilometer	1000 meters
Kilometer per hour	Km/hr or kmph

Salman and Shahrukh were fighting with each other who can run faster and drive bicycle faster.

Salman was saying he can run at speed of **18 km/hr** and he can drive bicycle at speed of **36 km/hr**.

Shahrukh said he can run at speed of **5 m/s** and drive bicycle at **10m/s**.

Deepika was listening to them and she thought of stopping this fight.

She came and said, lets sort this out step by step and she will decide who is faster among Salman and Shahrukh.

Part 1: Running Speed

Deepika asked Salman what is your running speed?

Salman said 18 km/hr.

Deepika said:

1 km means 1000 m and 1 hr means 60 mins that is $60 \times 60 = 3600$ seconds

So km/hr means $1000/3600 = 10/36 = 5/18$ m/s

$$18 \times 5/18 = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

18 km nothing but **5 m/s** which is nothing but speed of Shahrukh.

So at Running speed of Salman and Shahrukh both same.

Part 2: Bicycle Speed

Deepika asked Salman what is your speed when you ride bicycle?

Salman said **36 km/hr**.

Deepika said:

1 km means 1000 m and 1 hr means 60 mins that is $60 \times 60 = 3600$ seconds

So km/hr means $\frac{1000}{3600} = 10/36 = 5/18$ m/s

$$36 \times 5/18 = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

36 km/hr is nothing but **5 m/s** which is same as Bicycle speed of Shahrukh.

So at Bicycle ride speed of Salman and Shahrukh both same.

With this conversation we can figure out

Conversion Table 1: Try to remember

Speed in Km/hr	Speed in m/s
18	5
36	10
54	15
72	20
90	25

You can keep in mind $18 \text{ km/hr} = 5 \text{ m/s}$ or $5 \text{ m/s} = 18 \text{ km/hr}$ and then convert

OR

You can convert with normal formula

$$1 \text{ km/hr} = 1000/3600 = 5/18 \text{ m/s}$$

So if you multiply any km/hr speed by 5/18 you will get speed in m/s

For m/s to km/ hr just reverse multiplication factor that is **18/5**

$$1 \text{ m/s} = 18/5 \text{ km/hr} = 3.6 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\text{So } 1 \text{ m} = 3.6 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$2 \text{ m} = 3.6 * 2 = 7.2 \text{ km/hr}, 5 \text{ m/s} = 5 * 3.6 = 18 \text{ km/hr}$$

Conversion Table 2: Try to remember

Speed in m/s	Speed in Km/hr
1	3.6
2	7.2
5	18
10	36
20	72

Note:

It would be based on problem you need to see you feel multiplying by 18/5 is easy or multiplying by 3.6 is easy.

Conversion formulae:

Km/hr -> m/s [Multiply by 5/18]

m/s -> Km/hr [Multiply by 18/5 or Multiply by 3.6]

Problem 1:

How many minutes does Aditya take to cover a distance of 400 m , if he runs at a speed of 20 km/hr?

Solution :

Speed in km/hr = 20 km/hr
Time for 400 m distance = ?

As you can see here, we are supposed to find time for 400 m. However, speed given in km/hr.

So before solving this we need to find speed in m/s

$$20 \text{ km/hr} = 20 * \frac{5}{18} = \frac{100}{18} \text{ m/s}$$

Now we need to find time required to cover 400 m

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{400}{100/18} = \frac{400 * 18}{100} = 4 * 18 = 72 = 1 \text{ min } 12 \text{ sec} = 1 \frac{1}{5} \text{ mins}$$

[note 12 sec = 12/60 = 1/5 mins]

Answer is To Cover distance of 400 meters, Aditya will need $1 \frac{1}{5}$ mins

Problem 2:

A cyclist covers a distance of 750 m in 2 min 30 sec. What is the speed in km/hr of the cyclist?

Solution :

750 m distance in 2 min 30 sec.

Speed in km/hr = ?

2 min 30 sec = (2 * 60) + 30 = 150 sec

$$Speed = \frac{Distance}{Time}$$

$$Speed = \frac{750}{150} = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

Speed in m/s is 5 m/s.

From **Coverision-Table 1** we know that 18 km = 5 m/s

Or

Just convert m/s to km/hr

$$5 * \frac{18}{5} = 18 \text{ km/hr}$$

Answer is Speed in km/hr is 18 km/hr

Problem 3:

A person crosses a 600 m long street in 5 minutes. What is speed in km/hr?

Solution :

600 m distance in 5 minutes.

Speed in km/hr = ?

5 minutes = $5 * 60 = 300$ s

$$Speed = \frac{Distance}{Time}$$

$$Speed = \frac{600}{300} = 2 \text{ m/s}$$

Speed in m/s is 2 m/s.

From **Conversion-Table 2** we know that $1 \text{ m/s} = 3.6 \text{ km/hr}$

So $2 \text{ m/s} = 2 * 3.6 = 7.2 \text{ Km/hr}$

Or

Just convert m/s to km/hr

$$2 * \frac{18}{5} = \frac{36}{5} = 7.2 \text{ km/hr}$$

Answer is Speed of person in km/hr is 18 km/hr

Problem 4:

A car is running at 108 kmph. What distance will it cover in 15 seconds?

Solution :

Speed of Car in km/hr = 108 kmph

Distance covered in 15 s = ?

As we can see here speed is given in km/hr and distance covered in 15 seconds is asked.

So we will first convert km/hr to m/s and then we can solve further.

From **Conversion-Table 1** we know that 18km/hr = 5 m/s

36 km/hr = 10 m/s etc...

Quick Method to convert:

Km/hr	m/s
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18-----	5
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108-----	?
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If we cross multiply,

$$18 * ? = 5 * 108$$

$$\text{Speed in m/s} = \frac{108 * 5}{18} = 6 * 5 = 30$$

Conventional Method to convert:

If you want to follow conventional method for conversion

$$108 * \frac{5}{18} = 30 \text{ m/s}$$

As speed of Car is 30 m/s, in 15 seconds:

It will cover $30 * 15 = 450$ m distance

Answer is Car will cover 450 m distance in 15 seconds

Problem 5:

Which of the following train is the fastest?

a) 25 m/s b) 1500 m/min c) 90 km/hr d) None of these

Solution :

Whenever we have to compare 2 or more different speed, distance etc., It is always preferable to convert them into single unit either km/hr or m/s

Here we have 1 with m/s , m/min and km/hr

We will convert all of them into m/s

a) 25 m/s \rightarrow 25 m/s [no conversion needed]

b) 1500 m/min

1 min = 60 seconds

So it covers 1500 m in 60 seconds

Speed in m/s = $1500/60 = 500/20 = 25$ m/s

Converted speed 25 m/s

c) 90 km/hr

We know that 18 km/hr is 5 m/s

18-----5

90-----?

Either you can cross multiply and get answer or

18-----5

90 [=18 * 5]-----5 * 5 = 25

Converted speed 25 m/s

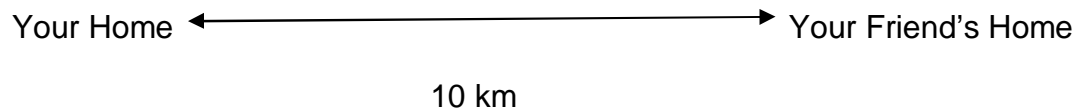
As you can see after conversion, speed is same in all a, b and c option

Answer is None of these as all speeds are equal

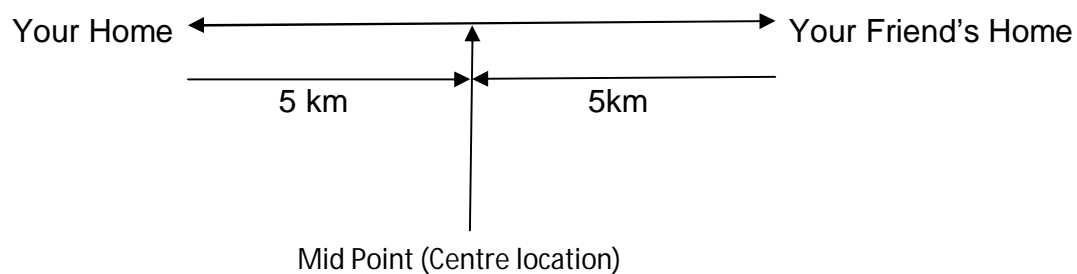
2 Person / Trains cross Concept:

Before solving this problem we will understand this concept with some real life example.

Imagine distance between your home and your friend's home 10 km



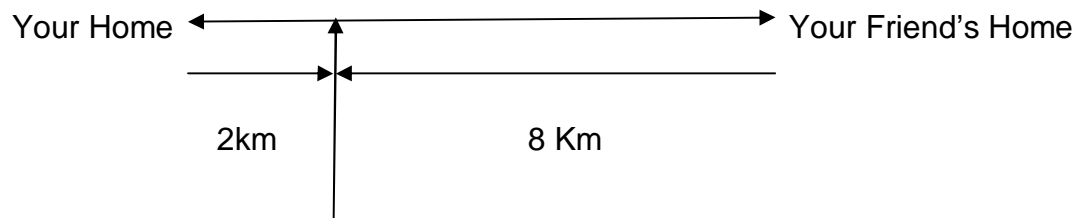
Now both of you side to meet on exact mid location today.



So you need to travel 5 km and your friend also need to travel so that you can meet.

Your travel + Your friend's travel = $5 + 5 = 10$ km [Total distance]

Next day again you decide to meet but you did not had bike so you can travel only 2 km. But your friend has bike so he said come 2km from your house and I will meet you there



So distance traveled by you = 2km

Your friend needs to travel = 8km

Your travel + your friend's travel = total distance = 10km

Trick:

You need to remember when we are looking for meeting 2 things travelling towards each other then we need to remember:

The point they will meet each other.

Dist Traveled by 1st + Distance traveled by 2nd = Total distance

In our case $5 + 5 = 10$ and $2 + 8 = 10$ etc.

Problem 6:

A and B are two stations 390 km apart. A train starts from A at 10 am and travel towards B at 65 kmph. Another train starts from B at 11 am and travels towards A at 35 kmph. At what time do they meet?

Solution :

Distance between 2 stations = 390 Km

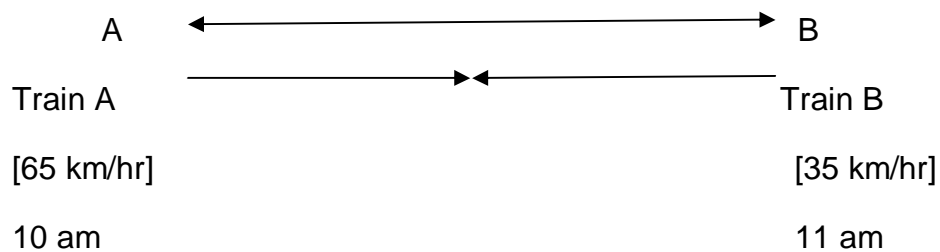
A train started from A at 10 am

Speed of Train A = 65 km/hr

B Train started from B at 11 am

Speed of train B = 35 km/hr

Time when they meet = ?



Let us assume that they meet each after x hours of 10 am.

We know that at meet point:

$$\text{Dist Traveled by 1}^{\text{st}} + \text{Distance traveled by 2}^{\text{nd}} = \text{Total distance}$$

In x hours Train A will cover $65 * x = 65x$ Km

As Train B started 1 hour after 10 am so it will be x-1 hours travel for B

Distance traveled by B would be $35 * (x-1) = 35x - 35$

$$\text{Dist Traveled by Train A} + \text{Distance traveled by Train B} = \text{Total distance}$$

$$65x + 35x - 35 = 390$$

$$100x = 425$$

$x = 4.25$ Hours which is nothing but 4 hours and $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs

$x = 4$ hours 15 mins

So Time of Meet = 10 am + 4 Hours 15 mins = 2 pm 15 mins

Answer is Both trains will meet at 2 :15 pm

Problem 7:

A train M leaves Meerut at 5 am and reaches Delhi at 9 am. Another train leaves Delhi at 7 am and reaches Meerut at 10:30 am. At what time do the 2 trains cross each other?

Solution :

Train M from Meerut [5 am] to Delhi [9 am] -> 4 hours journey

Train D from Delhi [7 am] to Meerut [10.30 am] -> 3.5 hours journey

Time when they cross = ?

Here as you can see we don't know distance as well as we don't know speed of trains.

Our distance will be constant but speed will vary as both of train requires different time.

Let us try to take some common number as distance which is divisible by 3.5 and 4

Convert decimal to normal number and then take common number so calculation would be easy

$$3.5 \times 10 = 35 \text{ and } 35 \times 4 = 140$$

140 is divisible by 3.5 as well as 4.

So Let us assume distance = 140 km

Speed of Train M

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{140}{4} = 35 \text{ km/hr}$$

Speed of Train D

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{140}{3.5} = \frac{1400}{35} = \frac{200}{5} = 40 \text{ km/hr}$$

Let us assume that they meet each after x hours of 5 am.

We know that at meet point:

Dist Traveled by 1st + Distance traveled by 2nd = Total distance

In x hours Train M will cover $35 * x = 35x$ Km

As Train D started 2 hour after 5 am so it will be x-2 hours travel for Train D

Distance traveled by D would be $40 * (x-2) = 40x - 80$

Dist Traveled by Train M + Distance traveled by Train D = Total distance

$$35x + 40x - 80 = 140$$

$$75x = 220$$

$$x = \frac{220}{75} = \frac{44}{15} = 2 \frac{14}{15}$$

2 hours and 14/15 hours

$$\frac{14}{15} * 60 = 56 \text{ mins}$$

x = 2 hours 56 Mins

After 2 hours and 56 Mins train will meet

5 am + 2 hours 56 mins = 7 Hours 56 mins

Answer is Both trains will cross each other at 7:56 am

Problem 8:

A truck covers a distance of 550 meters in 1 minute whereas bus covers a distance of 33 kms in 45 mins. Ratio of their speed is ?

Solution :

Truck cover 550 m in 1 minute

Bus cover 33 km in 45 mins

As you can see both speed are given in different units, we need to convert them to same unit to find ratio

Let us convert both of them into m/s

Truck: 550 m in 1 minute

1 minute = 60 sec

Truck Speed in m/s = $550 / 60 = \mathbf{55/6 \text{ m/s}}$

Bus : 33 km in 45 mins

First let us convert it into km/hr and then m/s. As 1 hour = 60 mins

Km	Mins
33-----	45
? -----	60

Cross multiply to get Km/hr speed

$33 * 60 = 45 * \text{km/hr speed}$

Bus km/hr speed = $\frac{33 * 60}{45} = \frac{33 * 4}{3} = 44 \text{ km/hr}$

In order to convert km/hr -> m/s , multiply by 5/18

Bus m/s speed = $44 * \frac{5}{18} = \frac{22 * 5}{9} = \frac{110}{9} \text{ m/s}$

Ratio of Truck speed : Bus speed

55 / 6 : 110 / 9

$$\frac{55/6}{110/9} = \frac{55}{6} * \frac{9}{110} = \frac{55 * 9}{6 * 110} = \frac{9}{6 * 2} = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Answer is Ratio of Speed of Truck to Bus is 3 : 4

Problem 9:

Three persons are walking from a Place A to another place B. Their speed are in ratio 4:3:5. The time ratio to reach by these persons will be?

Solution :

Speed ratio : 4 : 3: 5

Time ratio: ?

Let us solve this problem by 2 methods 1) Concept 2) Formula

Method 1: Concept oriented

In order to find time ratio we should know how much time individual person need.

We have speed given. SO we will take LCM and assume it as our distance

So once we get distance and speed we can calculate time and subsequently their ratio

LCM for 4, 3 , 5 is 60

Distance 60

Assume person A:B:C speed ratio is 4: 3: 5

So A will need = 60/ 4 = 15 units [min/hr anything]

B will need = 60 / 3 = 20 units [mins/hr anything]

C will need = 60 / 5 = 12 units [mins/hrs anything]

Answer is Ratio of Time for A:B:C = 15 : 20 : 12

Method 2: Formula

If ratio of Speed is given and Ratio of time to be identified or vice versa,

Reverse given ratio and take ratio of it

For current Speed ratio = 4: 3: 5

$$\text{Time ratio} = \frac{1}{4} : \frac{1}{3} : \frac{1}{5}$$

Now multiply by LCM at all numerators

$$= 15 : 20 : 12$$

Answer is Ratio of Time for A:B:C = 15 : 20 : 12

Problem 10:

Excluding stoppages, speed of bus is 54 km/hr and including stoppages, it is 45km/hr.
For how many minutes does bus stop per hour?

Solution :

Excluding stoppage speed = 54 km/hr

Considering stoppage speed = 45 km/hr

As we can see difference of distance covered when stoppage and not stoppages is

$$= 54 - 45 = 9 \text{ km}$$

In order to cover 9 km:

Mins km

60-----54

?-----9

Cross multiply

$$9 \text{ km time} = \frac{60 \times 9}{54} = \frac{60}{6} = 10 \text{ mins}$$

Answer is Stoppage time is 10 mins per hour

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Problems on Trains

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Trains.

In order to understand concept better way, please refer Time and Distance document before going through this document.

Recap of Time and Distance document:

Distance = Speed * Time

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

Term	Symbol
Meter	m
Second	s
Hour	hr
Kilometer	km
Kilometer per hour	km/hr or kmph

Term	Meaning
1 hour	60 minutes
1 minute	60 seconds
1 hour	3600 seconds
1 kilometer	1000 meters
Kilometer per hour	Km/hr or kmph

Conversion Table 1: Try to remember

Speed in Km/hr	Speed in m/s
18	5
36	10
54	15
72	20
90	25

Conversion Table 2: Try to remember

Speed in m/s	Speed in Km/hr
1	3.6
2	7.2
5	18
10	36
20	72

Conversion formulae:

Km/hr -> m/s [Multiply by 5/18]

m/s -> Km/hr [Multiply by 18/5 or Multiply by 3.6]

Types of Problems:

Type	Given	To Find
Type 1(Pole Tree, Man standing)	Speed of Train, Time to cover distance, Length of Train (Any 2 values Given)	3 rd value
Type 2(Bridge Platform etc.)	Length of Bridge, Length of Train, Time to cover Bridge, Speed of Train (Any 3 values Given)	4 th value
Type 3	2 Trains same direction	Speed/ Length of any Train
Type 4	2 Trains opposite direction	Speed/ Length of any Train

We will understand concept of each Type of problem before actually solving specific Type of Problem

Type 1: Pole, Tree, Man standing [Stationary]

Let say you go to beach and take 1 bucket water out of it. How much water reduced from sea? It is almost negligible right?

In similar way:

Imagine you are driving a Train . Now if you have to overtake standing person or pass tree. What could be length of person or tree with respect to your Train? Do you agree it is negligible in front of your Train.

So here you can conclude the distance cover by train to overtake person, tree or pole is same as length of Train.

Problem 1:

A train 100 m long is running at speed of 30km/hr. Find the time taken by it to pass man standing near the railway station.

Solution :

Train length = 100 m

$$\text{Speed of Train} = 30 \text{ km/hr} = 30 * \frac{5}{18} = \frac{25}{3} \text{ m/s}$$

Time To pass Man standing = ?

As we know in order to pass man, train has to cover distance as her length

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{100}{25/3} = \frac{100*3}{25} = \frac{300}{25} = \frac{60}{5} = 12$$

Answer is Time taken by Train to pass man standing near railway station is 12 seconds

Problem 2:

In what time will train 100 meters long cross an electric pole if its speed be 144 km/hr?

Solution :

Train length = 100 m

$$\text{Speed of Train} = 144 \text{ km/hr} = 144 * \frac{5}{18} = 8 * 5 = 40 \text{ m/s}$$

Time To pass Man standing = ?

As we know in order to pass electric pole, train has to cover distance as her length

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{100}{40} = \frac{50}{20} = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5$$

Answer is Time taken by Train to cross electric pole is 2.5 seconds

Problem 3:

A train 280 m long running with speed of 63 km/hr will pass tree in?

Solution :

Train length = 280 m

$$\text{Speed of Train} = 63 \text{ km/hr} = 63 * \frac{5}{18} = 7 * \frac{5}{2} = \frac{35}{2} \text{ m/s}$$

Time To pass Tree = ?

As we know in order to pass tree, train has to cover distance as her length

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{280}{35/2} = \frac{280 * 2}{35} = \frac{560}{35} = \frac{80}{5} = 16$$

Answer is Time taken by Train to pass tree is 16 seconds

Problem 4:

A train 132 m long passes electric pole in 6 seconds. Find the speed of train in km/hr.

Solution :

Train length = 132 m

Time to cross pole = 6 seconds

Speed of Train = ?

As we know in order to pass electric pole, train has to cover distance as her length

And this distance is travelled by Train in 6 seconds

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{132}{6} = 22 \text{ m/s}$$

$$= 22 * \frac{18}{5} = \frac{396}{5} = 79.2 \text{ km/hr}$$

Answer is Speed of Train is 79.2 km/hr

Type 2: Bridge Platform etc.

Let us look at other real time example.

You are driving train at Kolkata and you are passing via Howrah Bridge. Can you say that Bridge length is negligible as compared to Train length?

Obviously not. If your train length is 500 m, Bridge could be 200 m or 800 m or sometimes platform or tunnel like 1km or 2km.

On order to cover platform or bridge, So when your train start at platform and your last boggie of train cross end of platform then you can say you completely crossed platform

So in these problems:

Distance covered by train to pass bridge or platform = Length of Train + Length of platform

Problem 1:

A train moving at a speed of 132 km/hr. If length of the train is 110 meters, how long it will take to cross a railway platform 165 m long?

Solution :

$$\text{Speed of Train} = 132 \text{ km/hr} = 132 * \frac{5}{18} = 66 * \frac{5}{9} = 22 * \frac{5}{3} = \frac{110}{3} \text{ m/s}$$

Length of Train = 110 m

Railway platform length = 165m

In order to cross railway platform Train has to cover its distance + Length of Platform

Distance to cover = 110 m + 165 m = 275 m

$$Time = \frac{Distance}{Speed}$$

$$Time = \frac{275}{110/3} = \frac{275*3}{110} = \frac{55*3}{22} = \frac{5*3}{2} = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5$$

Answer is Train will cross platform of 165m length in 7.5 seconds

Problem 2:

How long does a train 110 meters long running at speed of 72 km/hr take to cross a bridge of 132 meters in length?

Solution :

$$Speed\ of\ Train = 72\ km/hr = 72 * \frac{5}{18} = 4 * 5 = 20\ m/s$$

Length of Train = 110 m

Bridge length = 132m

In order to Bridge Train has to cover its distance + Length of Bridge

Distance to cover = 110 m + 132 m = 242 m

$$Time = \frac{Distance}{Speed}$$

$$Time = \frac{242}{20} = \frac{121}{10} = 12.1$$

Answer is Train will cross Bridge of 132 m length in 12.1 seconds

Problem 3:

A goods train running at speed of 72 km/hr and crosses 250 m long platform in 26 seconds. What is length of goods train?

Solution :

$$\text{Speed of Train} = 72 \text{ km/hr} = 72 * \frac{5}{18} = 4 * 5 = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

Platform length = 250 m and it is crossed by Goods Train in 26 seconds
Length of Train = ?

In order to cross platform Train has to cover its length + Length of Platform
Let us assume Train length as x meters
Distance covered = x + 250

X + 250 meters distance covered in 26 seconds.

As Train speed is 20 m/s :
In 26 seconds it will cover Distance = Speed * Time
= 20 * 26 = 520 m

We know that distance covered in 26 seconds is x + 250

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So } x + 250 &= 520 \\ x &= 520 - 250 = 270 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Length of Goods Train is 270 m

Problem 4:

A train 800 meters long running at speed of 78 km/hr. If it crosses a tunnel in 1 minute then length of tunnel in meters is?

Solution :

$$\text{Speed of Train} = 78 \text{ km/hr} = 78 * \frac{5}{18} = 13 * \frac{5}{3} = \frac{65}{3} \text{ m/s}$$

Length of Train = 800 m

Crosses Tunnel in 1 minute [60 seconds]

In order to cross Tunnel, Train has to cover its length + Length of Tunnel

Let us assume Tunnel length as x meters

Distance covered = $800 + x$

$800 + x$ meters distance covered in 60 seconds.

As Train speed is $\frac{65}{3}$ m/s

In 60 seconds it will cover Distance = Speed * Time

$$= \frac{65}{3} * 60 = 65 * 20 = 1300 \text{ m}$$

We know that distance covered in 60 seconds is $800 + x$

So $800 + x = 1300$

$x = 1300 - 800 = 500 \text{ m}$

Answer is Length of Tunnel is 500 m

Relative Speed Concept:

Imagine, have you ever seating in train and observing other train going for same direction or from opposite direction?

You would have always seen from window of train that who is coming from opposite side is travelling faster than our train.

And if you see other train which is going at same direction as your train, you will feel next train slow even though its speed greater than you.

Why it happens? It is because of relative speed.

When 2 trains travels in opposite direction they cross other very fast and when they are in same direction, crossing happens very slowly.

**When Train traveling from opposite direction,
Relative speed = Speed of Train1 + Speed of Train2**

**When both Trains are travelling in same direction,
Relative speed = Difference of 2 Trains speeds
If Speed of Train2 > Speed of Train1 then -> Speed of Train2 – Speed of Train1
If Speed of Train1 > Speed of Train2 then -> Speed of Train1 – Speed of Train2**

Type 3: 2 Trains same direction

Problem 1:

Two trains 100 meters and 120 meters long are running in the same direction with speed of 72km/hr and 54 km/hr. In how much time 1st train will cross second?

Solution :

Train1 Length = 100 m

Train2 Length = 120 m

$$\text{Train 1 Speed} = 72 \text{ km/hr} = 72 * \frac{5}{18} = 4 * 5 = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Train 2 Speed} = 54 \text{ km/hr} = 54 * \frac{5}{18} = 3 * 5 = 15 \text{ m/s}$$

Train1 and Train2 travelling in same direction

How much time Train1 will cross Train2 = ?

As we know train travelling in same direction ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Relative Speed for Train1} &= \text{Train1 Speed} - \text{Train2} \\ &= 20 - 15 = 5 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$

For Train1, In order to cross Train 2, it has cover Train1 Length + Train2 Length

$$\text{Distance to be covered} = 100 + 120 = 220 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{220}{5} = 44 \text{ seconds}$$

Answer is Train1 will cross Train2 in 44 seconds

Problem 2:

Two trains of equal length running on parallel lines in the same direction at 46 km/hr and 36 km/hr. The faster train passes slower train in 36 seconds.
The length of each train is?

Solution :

Train1 Length = Train2 Length

$$\text{Train 1 Speed} = 46 \text{ km/hr} = 46 * \frac{5}{18} = \frac{23 * 5}{9} = \frac{115}{9} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Train 2 Speed} = 36 \text{ km/hr} = 36 * \frac{5}{18} = \frac{18 * 5}{9} = \frac{90}{9} \text{ m/s}$$

As Train1 Speed > Train2 speed [46 > 36] . Hence Train1 is faster
Train2 is slower

Faster train [Train1] passes slower Train[Train2] in 36 seconds
Length of Trains =?

Let us assume Length of Trains as x meters

Train1 Length = Train2 Length = x meters

For Train1, in order to pass Train2 need to cover = Length of Train1 + Length of Train2
Distance to be covered by Train1 to pass Train2 = x + x = 2x meters

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Relative speed} &= \text{Speed of Train1} - \text{Speed of Train2} \\ &= \frac{115}{9} - \frac{90}{9} = \frac{25}{9} \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Train1 Passed Train2 in 36 seconds

Distance = Speed * Time

$$= \frac{25}{9} * 36 = 25 * 4 = 100 \text{ m}$$

We know that distance covered is 2x

So 2x = 100 m

x = 50 m

Answer is Length of Train1 and Train2 is 50 m

Type 4: 2 Trains opposite direction

Problem 1:

A Train 108 m long moving at speed of 50 km/hr crosses a train 112 m long coming from opposite direction in 6 seconds. The speed of Second Train is?

Solution:

Train1 Length = 108 m

Train2 Length = 112 m

$$\text{Train 1 Speed} = 50 \text{ km/hr} = 50 * \frac{5}{18} = \frac{25 * 5}{9} = \frac{125}{9} \text{ m/s}$$

Train1 and Train2 travelling in opposite direction

Train1 pass Train2 in 6 seconds

Train 2 Speed = ?

Let us assume speed of Train2 as x m/s

As we know train travelling in opposite direction ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Relative Speed for Train1} &= \text{Train1 Speed} + \text{Train2} \\ &= \frac{125}{9} + x \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

For Train1, In order to cross Train 2, it has cover Train1 Length + Train2 Length

$$\text{Distance to be covered} = 108 + 112 = 220 \text{ m}$$

This distance is covered in 6 seconds

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{220}{6} \text{ m/s}$$

We know that Relative speed is $\frac{125}{9} + x \text{ m/s}$

$$\text{So } \frac{125}{9} + x = \frac{220}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{220}{6} - \frac{125}{9}$$

$$= \frac{(220 \times 3) - (125 \times 2)}{18} = \frac{660 - 250}{18} = \frac{410}{18} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{410}{18} \times \frac{18}{5} = 82 \text{ km/hr}$$

Answer is Train2 speed is 82 km/hr

Problem 2:

Two trains each 100 m long, moving in opposite directions, crosses each other in 8 seconds. If one is moving as twice as fast as other, then speed of Faster train is?

Solution:

Let us Assume Train1 is faster and Train2 slower

Train1 Length = 100 m

Train2 Length = 100 m

Travelling in opposite direction.

Train1 crosses Train2 in 8seconds.

Speed of Fast Train (Train1) =?

Let us assume speed of Train2 x m/s

As Faster train speed = 2 * Speed of slower Train

Speed of Train1 = 2 * Speed of Train2 = 2x m/s

Train1 to pass Train2 it needs to cover distance = Length of Train1 + Length of Train2
= 100 + 100 = 200 m

As we know train travelling in opposite direction ,

Relative Speed for Train1 = Train1 Speed + Train2 Speed
= 2x + x = 3x m/s

Train1 has crossed Train2 in 8 seconds.

Distance = Speed * Time
= 3x * 8 = 24x

We know that distance is = 200 m

$$24x = 200$$

$$x = \frac{200}{24} = \frac{100}{12} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Faster Train (Train1 speed)} = 2x = 2 * \frac{100}{12} = \frac{200}{12} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{200}{12} * \frac{18}{5} = \frac{40*3}{2} = 60 \text{ km/hr}$$

Answer is Speed of Faster train is 60 km/hr

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Boats and Streams

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Boats and Streams.

Many students face challenges in understanding and solving Boats and Stream problems.

Mainly we face challenge to solve Boats and Stream problems, as we never experienced much in boat travelling or rowing with/against flow of water etc. Therefore we get confused when we see terms like downstream, upstream, Speed of stream/current, still water etc.

Let us take real life example and will try to understand Boats and stream. Once you understand concept clearly you need not to take much effort to remember formula and even if you forget it during exam, with help of known concept you can generate formula as and when required.

Real life example to understand concept of Boats and Streams:

Consider you have enrolled for 1 of the marathon for 1st time. Marathon means you need to complete **42km running**. As you are participating for 1st time in marathon, you started doing practice in one of playground nearby your home.

Playground is completely plain surface with-out any upward or downward slope in it. After practicing for couple of month you achieved speed of running on this **plain playground as 10 km/hr**.

On Marathon day, you saw the Marathon track:

1st half : Start from Point A and reach to Point B [21 Km slope **downwards**]

2nd Half: Same route return from point B to Point A. [21 km slope **upwards**]

Marathon start/end

A

1st Half: Down-wards : Speed increased

$$10 + 5 = 15 \text{ km/hr}$$

B

2nd Half: Up-wards : Speed decreased

$$10 - 5 = 5 \text{ km/hr}$$

As you see in image, 1st half there is complete slope downwards. So obviously you get some boost for your speed and let us assume that boost is 5km/hr.

While returning whatever extra boost you got in 1st half is reduced as you were coming upwards of slope and naturally your speed would reduce by 5 km/hr.

Let us summarize in terms of Boats and Stream

Real life example	Term	Speed (km/hr)
Speed on playground	Speed in still water	10
Boost you got during slope	Speed of stream / Current	5
Speed Downwards slope(A to B)	Speed at Downstream / with stream	$10 + 5 = 15$
Speed Upwards slope(B to A)	Speed at Upstream/against stream	$10 - 5 = 5$

So Downstream speed will always greater than Upstream speed.

Let us practice of calculating Upstream, Downstream speed and then will look at formulae and different types of problem.

Sr. No	Speed in still water(km/hr)	Speed of Stream/ Current(km/hr)	Speed at Downstream / with direction of stream(km/hr)	Speed at Upstream/against direction of stream(km/hr)
1	10	3	$10 + 3 = 13$	$10 - 3 = 7$
2	14	4	$14 + 4 = 18$	$14 - 4 = 10$
3	18	5	$18 + 5 = 23$	$18 - 5 = 13$
4	16	2	$16 + 2 = 18$	$16 - 2 = 14$
5	21	6	$21 + 6 = 27$	$21 - 6 = 15$
6	15	5	$15 + 5 = 20$	$15 - 5 = 10$

Observe this table and respective values carefully and we can get below formulae:

- 1) Speed at Downstream = Speed in Still water + Speed of Stream
- 2) Speed at Upstream = Speed in Still water – Speed of Stream

$$3) \text{ Speed in Still water} = \frac{\text{Downstream speed} + \text{Upstream speed}}{2}$$

$$4) \text{ Speed of stream} = \frac{\text{Downstream speed} - \text{Upstream speed}}{2}$$

$$5) \text{ Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} \text{ and } \text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

Types of Problems:

Type	Given	To Find
Type 1	Speed in still water Speed of Stream/Current	Speed at Upstream and Downstream
Type 2	Speed at Upstream and downstream	Speed in still water or speed of current
Type 3	Upstream, Downstream distances and time required	Speed in still water or speed of current
Type 4	Miscellaneous	

Type1:

Problem 1:

Speed of boat in still water is 20 km/hr and rate of stream is 4 km/hr. What is speed of boat during downstream and upstream?

Solution :

Speed in still water = 20 km/hr

Speed of stream = 4 km/hr

Downstream speed = ?

Upstream speed = ?

Formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed at Downstream} &= \text{Speed in Still water} + \text{Speed of Stream} \\ &= 20 + 4 \\ &= \mathbf{24 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed at Upstream} &= \text{Speed in Still water} - \text{Speed of Stream} \\ &= 20 - 4 \\ &= \mathbf{16 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Speed at Downstream is 24 km/hr and speed at upstream is 16 km/hr

Problem 2:

Speed of boat in still water is 15 km/hr and speed of stream is 1.5 km/hr. What is speed of boat during downstream and upstream?

Solution :

Speed in still water = 15 km/hr

Speed of stream = 1.5 km/hr

Downstream speed = ?

Upstream speed = ?

Formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed at Downstream} &= \text{Speed in Still water} + \text{Speed of Stream} \\ &= 15 + 1.5 \\ &= \mathbf{16.5 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed at Upstream} &= \text{Speed in Still water} - \text{Speed of Stream} \\ &= 15 - 1.5 \\ &= \mathbf{13.5 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Speed at Downstream is 16.5 km/hr and speed at upstream is 13.5 km/hr

Type2:

Problem 1:

Speed of boat at Upstream is 7 km/hr and speed of boat at downstream is 10 km/hr.
Find speed of boat in still water and rate of stream

Solution :

Speed at Upstream = 7 km/hr

Speed at Downstream = 10 km/hr

Speed in still water = ?

Speed of stream = ?

Formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed in Still water} &= \frac{\text{Downstream speed} + \text{Upstream speed}}{2} \\ &= \frac{10 + 7}{2} = \frac{17}{2} \\ &= \mathbf{8.5 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed of stream} &= \frac{\text{Downstream speed} - \text{Upstream speed}}{2} \\ &= \frac{10 - 7}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \\ &= \mathbf{1.5 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Speed in still water is 8.5 km/hr and Speed of stream is 1.5 km/hr

Problem 2:

In one hour, a boat goes 11 km along the stream and 5 km against the stream. Find speed of boat in still water and rate of stream

Solution :

Speed at Upstream [against stream] = 5 km/hr

Speed at Downstream [along stream] = 11 km/hr

Speed in still water = ?

Speed of stream = ?

Formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed in Still water} &= \frac{\text{Downstream speed} + \text{Upstream speed}}{2} \\ &= \frac{11 + 5}{2} = \frac{16}{2} \\ &= \mathbf{8 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed of stream} &= \frac{11 - 5}{2} \\ &= \frac{6}{2} \\ &= \mathbf{3 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Speed in still water is 8 km/hr and Speed of stream is 3 km/hr

Problem 3:

A man can row upstream at 8 km/hr and downstream at 13km/hr. Find speed of boat in still water and rate of stream

Solution :

Speed at Upstream = 8 km/hr

Speed at Downstream = 13 km/hr

Speed in still water = ?

Speed of stream= ?

Formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed in Still water} &= \frac{\text{Downstream speed} + \text{Upstream speed}}{2} \\ &= \frac{13 + 8}{2} = \frac{21}{2} \\ &= \mathbf{10.5 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed of stream} &= \frac{13 - 8}{2} \\ &= \frac{5}{2} \\ &= \mathbf{2.5 \text{ km/hr}}\end{aligned}$$

Answer is Speed in still water is 10.5 km/hr and Speed of stream is 2.5 km/hr

Type 3:

Problem 1:

A man takes 3 hours 45 minutes to row a boat 15 km downstream of river and 2 hours and 30 minutes to cover 5 km upstream. Find speed of the river current in km/hr.

Solution :

1 hour is 60 minutes so divide by 60 whenever time is given in minutes

Time taken to go 15 km downstream = 3 hours 45 minutes = $3 \frac{45}{60} = 3 \frac{3}{4}$

$$= \frac{15}{4} \text{ hours}$$

Time taken to go 5 km Upstream = 2 hours 30 minutes = $2 \frac{30}{60} = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \text{ hours}$$

Speed of river current = ?

We need to find downstream and upstream speed first to identify speed of river current.

Formula:

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

$$\text{For Downstream speed} = \frac{15}{\left(\frac{15}{4}\right)} = 4 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\text{For Upstream speed} = \frac{5}{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)} = 2 \text{ km/hr}$$

Now we have Upstream and downstream speed both available so we can easily find out speed of current

$$\text{Speed of stream} = \frac{\text{Downstream speed} - \text{Upstream speed}}{2}$$

$$\text{Speed of stream} = \frac{4 - 2}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \text{ km/hr}$$

Answer is speed of river Current is 1 km/hr

Problem 2:

A man rows downstream 32 km and 14 km upstream. If he takes 6 hours to cover each distance, velocity (speed) of current is?

Solution:

Time taken to go 32 km downstream = 6 hours

Time taken to go 14 km Upstream = 6 hours

Speed of river current = ?

We need to find downstream and upstream speed first to identify speed of river current.

Formula:

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

$$\text{For Downstream speed} = \frac{32}{6} = \frac{16}{3} \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\text{For Upstream speed} = \frac{14}{6} = \frac{7}{3} \text{ km/hr}$$

Now we have Upstream and downstream speed both available so we can easily find out speed of current

$$\text{Speed of stream} = \frac{\text{Downstream speed} - \text{Upstream speed}}{2}$$

$$\text{Speed of stream} = \frac{\frac{16}{3} - \frac{7}{3}}{2} = \frac{\frac{9}{3}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5 \text{ km/hr}$$

Answer is Speed of Stream is 1.5 km/hr

Problem 3:

A motorboat covers certain distance downstream in 1 hour, while it comes back in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. If speed of stream is 3 km/hr, what is speed of boat in still water?

Solution :

Let us assume speed in still water x km/hr.

Downstream speed = Speed in still water + speed of current = $(x + 3)$ km/hr

Upstream speed = Speed in still water - speed of current = $(x - 3)$ km/hr

Distance is constant during upstream and downstream.

Downstream 1 hr distance = Upstream 1.5 hr distance

Distance = Speed * time

During downstream distance: $(x + 3) * 1 = x + 3$

During upstream distance = $(x - 3) * \frac{3}{2}$

We need to solve below to get answer

$$x + 3 = (x - 3) * \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x + 3 = \frac{3x - 9}{2}$$

$$2x + 6 = 3x - 9$$

$$X = 6 + 9 = 15$$

Answer is speed in still water is 15 km/hr

Type 4:**Problem 1:**

A motorboat whose speed is 15 km/hr in still water goes 30 km downstream and comes back in total 4 hours 30 minutes. The speed of stream in km/hr is?

Solution :

Speed in still water = 15 km/hr

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Downstream 30 km + Upstream 30 km Time} &= 4 \text{ hours } 30 \text{ minutes} = 4 \frac{30}{60} = 4 \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \text{ hours}\end{aligned}$$

Speed of stream = ?

Let us assume speed of stream x

Downstream speed = Speed in still water + Speed of current = $(15 + x)$ km/hr

Upstream speed = Speed in still water - Speed of current = $(15 - x)$ km/hr

Formula:

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Downstream Time} = \frac{30}{15 + x}$$

$$\text{Upstream Time} = \frac{30}{15 - x}$$

$$\frac{30}{15 + x} + \frac{30}{15 - x} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\frac{450 - 30x + 450 + 30x}{225 - x^2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\frac{900}{225 - x^2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$1800 = 2025 - 9x^2$$

$$9x^2 = 2025 - 1800 = 225$$

$$x^2 = \frac{225}{9} = 25$$

Square of 5 is 25

So $x = 5$

Answer is speed of stream is 5 km/hr

Problem 2:

A man can row 5 km/hr in still water. If the velocity of current is 1 km/hr and it takes him 1 hour to row a place and come back, how far is the place?

Solution :

Speed in still water = 5 km/hr

Speed of current = 1 km/hr

Man rows to some place and returns back in 1 hour.

First we calculate speed of Downstream and upstream:

Downstream speed = Speed in still water + speed of current

$$= 5 + 1 = 6 \text{ km/hr}$$

Upstream speed = Speed in still water - speed of current

$$= 5 - 1 = 4 \text{ km/hr}$$

Let us assume total distance is $2x$ means x distance downstream and x distance back.

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Downstream Time} = \frac{x}{6}$$

$$\text{Upstream Time} = \frac{x}{4}$$

$$\frac{x}{6} + \frac{x}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{4x+6x}{24} = 1$$

$$10x = 24$$

$$x = 2.4 \text{ km}$$

Answer is place is 2.4 km far

Problem 3:

A man can row $7\frac{1}{2}$ km/hr in still water. If river running at 1.5 km/hr, it takes him 50 minutes to row to a place and back, how far off is the place?

Solution :

Speed in still water = $7\frac{1}{2}$ km/hr or 7.5 km/hr

Speed of current = 1.5 km/hr

As person going and coming back in 50 minutes:

$$\text{Downstream} + \text{Upstream time} = 50 \text{ minutes} = \frac{50}{60} = \frac{5}{6} \text{ hours}$$

Downstream speed = speed in still water + Speed of current

$$= 7.5 + 1.5$$

$$= 9 \text{ km/hr}$$

Upstream speed = speed in still water - Speed of current

$$= 7.5 - 1.5$$

$$= 6 \text{ km/hr}$$

Let us assume total distance is 2x means x distance downstream and x distance back.

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Downstream Time} = \frac{x}{9}$$

$$\text{Upstream Time} = \frac{x}{6}$$

$$\frac{x}{9} + \frac{x}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{6x+9x}{54} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{15x}{54} = \frac{5}{6}$$

Cross multiply:

$$90x = 54 \cdot 5$$

$$90x = 270$$

$$x = 3$$

Answer is distance is at 3 km far

Problem 4:

In stream running at 2 km/hr, motorboat goes 6 km upstream and back again to starting point 33 minutes. Find the speed of motorboat in still water.

Solution:

Speed of stream = 2 km/hr

$$\text{Upstream + Downstream time} = 33 \text{ minutes} = \frac{33}{60} = \frac{11}{20}$$

1 side distance is 6 km.

Let us assume speed in still water x km/hr

Downstream speed = speed in still water + Speed of current

$$= x + 2$$

Upstream speed = speed in still water - Speed of current

$$= x - 2$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Upstream Time} = \frac{6}{x-2}$$

$$\text{Downstream Time} = \frac{6}{x+2}$$

$$\frac{6}{x-2} + \frac{6}{x+2} = \frac{11}{20}$$

$$\frac{6x+12+6x-12}{x^2-4} = \frac{11}{20}$$

$$\frac{12x}{x^2-4} = \frac{11}{20}$$

$$240x = 11x^2 - 44$$

$$11x^2 - 240x - 44 = 0$$

($44 \times 11 = 484$ 242 and 2 are factors)

$$11x^2 - 242x + 2x - 44 = 0$$

$$(x-22)(11x+2) = 0$$

$$x = 22$$

Answer is Speed of boat is 22 km/hr

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Aptitude Made Simple

Simple Interest

Simple Interest is one of the most common topics across all competitive and academic exams.

Why you want Interest?

Let us assume one of your friend comes to you and ask for money of 10000 Rs. He will be giving you money back after 5 years.

Are you really interested in giving money to him if he is just going to return you same amount 10000 Rs only after 5 years?

Obviously not !!! You would be definitely expecting some amount more than that you given him. This **extra amount which you are expecting from friend is Interest.**

We will be focusing on Simple Interest only for now and once you get comfortable with simple interest we will look for Compound Interest.

Terms/ Terminologies in Simple Interest Calculation:

Terms	Symbol	Meaning
Principal	P	Original amount given to / taken from someone.
Number of Years	N	Number of years for which amount given
Rate of Interest	R	Rate of Interest in %
Simple Interest	I or SI	Simple Interest (Extra amount over original amount)
Amount	A	Original Amount + Simple Interest

Formulae:

Only 2 formulae are sufficient to solve any problem of Simple Interest.

It is just the way to use the formulae looking at given values matters.

Formula 1:

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

Formula 2:

$$A = P + SI$$

Let us understand this with simple example

Sample Example

If you given 10000 Rs money to your friend at rate of 10% per year with simple interest for 5 Years. How much money your friend should return you after 5 years?

Solution:

$$P = 10000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 10 \%$$

$$N = 5 \text{ Years}$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{10000 * 5 * 10}{100}$$

$$= 100 * 50$$

$$= 5000$$

You would get 5000 Rs interest from your friend.

To calculate total amount:

$$A = P + SI$$

$$= 10000 + 5000$$

$$= 15000$$

Answer is your friend should return 15000 Rs to you after 5 years

We will look at type of problems asked in Simple Interest and then we will solve problems for each type.

Note:

Principal	P
Number of Years	N
Rate of Interest	R
Simple Interest	I or SI
Amount	A

Type	Given	To find
Type 1	Out of P, N, R, I, any 3 values are given	4 th value?
Type 2	Out of P, N, R, I, A any 3 values given	4 th or 5 th value?
Type 3	Interest / Amount given for 2 different time periods (eg. 3 years and 5 years)	Rate of interest?
Type 4	Principal split in 2 parts and given on 2 different Interest rates	Original spited values of Principal?
Type 5	Amount gets x times in n years	Rate of interest?

Type 1:

Problem 1:

Find Simple Interest on 8000 Rs at 5% per annum for 4 years?

Solution :

$$P = 8000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 5 \%$$

$$N = 4 \text{ Years}$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{8000 * 5 * 4}{100}$$

$$= 80 * 5 * 4$$

$$= 80 * 20$$

$$= 1600$$

Answer is Simple Interest is 1600 Rs

Problem 2:

Find Simple Interest on 7500 Rs at 10% per annum for 2 Years 4 Months?

Solution :

$$P = 7500 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 10 \%$$

$$N = 2 \text{ Years } 4 \text{ months}$$

$$= 2 \frac{4}{12} = 2 \frac{1}{3} \text{ Years} = \frac{7}{3} \text{ Years}$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Simple Interest} &= \frac{7500 * 7 * 10}{100 * 3} \\ &= 25 * 70 \\ &= 1750 \end{aligned}$$

Answer is Simple Interest is 1750 Rs

Problem 3:

A sum fetched a total simple interest of 4016.25 Rs at rate of 9% in 5 years.

What is the sum?

Solution :

$$SI = 4016.25 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 9 \%$$

$$N = 5 \text{ Years}$$

$$P = ?$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$4016.25 = \frac{P * 5 * 9}{100}$$

$$P = \frac{4016.25 * 100}{5 * 9}$$

$$= \frac{4016.25 * 20}{9}$$

$$= 446.25 * 20$$

$$= 8925.00$$

$$= 8925$$

Answer is Sum is 8925 Rs.

Problem 4:

Anil has given amount of 10000 Rs to Sunil at the rate of 10% Simple Interest. After how much duration Sunil has to return money so that Anil will get Interest of 5000Rs?

Solution

$$P = 10000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$SI = 5000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 10\%$$

$$N = ?$$

$$5000 = \frac{10000 * N * 10}{100}$$

$$N = \frac{5000 * 100}{10000 * 10}$$

$$= 5$$

Answer is 5 Years

Type 2:

Problem 1

A sum of 12,500 Rs amounts to 15,500 Rs in 4 years at the rate of simple interest. What is rate of Interest?

Solution :

$$P = 12500 \text{ Rs}$$

$$A = 15500 \text{ Rs}$$

$$N = 4 \text{ years}$$

$$R = ?$$

As you can see here, we have to find rate of interest.

In order to find rate of Interest we need to first find the Simple interest.

$$A = P + SI$$

$$15500 = 12500 + SI$$

$$SI = 3000$$

As per Simple Interest formula,

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$3000 = \frac{12500 * 4 * R}{100}$$

$$R = \frac{3000 * 100}{12500 * 4}$$

$$= \frac{3000 * 4}{500 * 4}$$

$$= 6$$

Answer is Rate of Interest is 6%

Problem 2

Reema took loan of 1200 Rs with Simple Interest for as many as years as the rate of Interest. If she paid 432 Rs as Interest at the end of loan period, what was rate of Interest?

Solution:

$$P = 1200 \text{ Rs}$$

$$SI = 432 \text{ Rs}$$

$$N = R = \text{Let us assume it as } x$$

$$R = ?$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$432 = \frac{1200 * x * x}{100}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{432 * 100}{1200}$$

$$= 36$$

$$x^2 = 36$$

$$x = 6$$

Answer is Rate of Interest is 6%

Problem 3:

The Simple Interest on sum of money will be 600 after 10 years. If the principal is trebled (# times) after 5 years, what will be total interest

Solution:

Before solving this question we will see the pattern for simple Interest with Simple Example

P = 100 Rs, R = 10% and we will find Interest till 5 years with Simple Interest

Number of years (N)	Total Interest	Amount
1	10 Rs	$100 + 10 = 110$
2	20 Rs	$100 + 20 = 120$
3	30 Rs	$100 + 30 = 130$
4	40 Rs	$100 + 40 = 140$
5	50 Rs	$100 + 50 = 150$

If you look at interest of 5 years:

10, 20, 30, 40, 50

→ Consistently increasing by 10 Rs.

So In **Simple Interest** as long as **Principal and Rate of Interest is constant**
Amount of Interest at any 1 year is constant value.

Let us solve problem now.

SI for 10 years = 600 Rs

If Principal trebled after 5 years Total Interest = ??

As 10 years interest is 600 Rs,

$$\text{One Year Interest} = \frac{600}{10} = 60$$

One Year Interest is 60 Rs.

10 Years Interest = Interest of 1st 5 Years + Interest of last 5 years after Trebled Principal

As Principal is trebled after 5 years, Interest would also get trebled after 5 years.

[60 * 3 per month]

1 st 5 Year Interest	Last 5 Year Interest	Total Interest
$60 * 5 = 300$	$60 * 3 * 5 = 900$	$300 + 900 = 1200$

Answer is Total interest after 10th year is 1200 Rs

Type 3:

Problem 1 :

A certain sum of money amounts to 1008 Rs in 2 Years and 1164 Rs in 3.5 years. Find Sum and rate of Interest?

Solution :

A (after 2 years) = 1008

A (after 3.5 years) = 1164

P = ?

R = ?

1.5 years Interest = $1164 - 1008 = 156$ Rs

We will find 1 year interest

$$\begin{aligned}\text{One year interest} &= \frac{156}{1.5} = \frac{1560}{15} \\ &= 104\end{aligned}$$

One year Interest is 104

A = P + SI

Amount after 2 years = 1008

$$P = 1008 - (2 * 104)$$

$$P = 1008 - 208 = 800$$

Sum is 800

Now we will have to find rate of Interest (R)

$$SI \text{ for 2 years} = 2 * 104 = 208$$

$$P = 800$$

$$N = 2$$

$$R = ?$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$208 = \frac{800 * 2 * R}{100}$$

$$R = \frac{208 * 100}{800 * 2}$$

$$= \frac{208}{16}$$

$$= 13$$

Rate of Interest is 13%

Answer is Sum is 800 Rs and Rate of Interest is 13%

Problem 2

A certain sum of money at Simple interest amounts to 1012 in 2.5 years and to 1067.20 in 4 years. The rate of interest per annum is?

Solution:

$$A \text{ (after 2.5 years)} = 1012$$

$$A \text{ (after 4 years)} = 1067.20$$

$$P = ?$$

$$R = ?$$

$$1.5 \text{ years Interest} = 1067.20 - 1012 = 55.20 \text{ Rs}$$

We will find 1 year interest

$$\begin{aligned} \text{One year interest} &= \frac{55.20}{1.5} = \frac{5520}{150} \\ &= 36.8 \end{aligned}$$

One year Interest is 36.8

$$A = P + SI$$

$$\text{Amount after 4 years} = 1067.20$$

$$P = 1067.20 - (4 * 36.8)$$

$$P = 1067.20 - 147.20 = 920$$

Sum is 920 Rs

Now we will have to find rate of Interest (R)

$$SI \text{ for 4 years} = 4 * 36.8 = 147.2$$

$$P = 928$$

$$N = 4$$

$$R = ?$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$147.2 = \frac{920 * 4 * R}{100}$$

$$R = \frac{147.20 * 100}{920 * 4} = \frac{14720}{920 * 4} = \frac{1472}{92 * 4} = \frac{368}{92} = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

Rate of Interest is 4%

Answer is Sum is 920 Rs and Rate of Interest is 4%

Type 4

Problem 1:

A Sum of 1550 Rs is lent out into 2 parts .1 of part at 8% and another at 6%.If the annual income is 106 Rs, find the money at each rate?

Solution:

Here we have 2 Principals, 2 different rate of Interest and Total interest is given.

Let us assume 1 part of Principal (P1) as x.

Other part of Principal(P2) = 1550 –x

R1 = 8%

R2 = 6%

SI = 106

We know total interest but not individual interest.

Total Interest = Interest of Part1 (x) + Interest of Part 2 (1550-x)

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$106 = \frac{x * 1 * 8}{100} + \frac{(1550 - x) * 1 * 6}{100}$$

$$106 = \frac{8x + 9300 - 6x}{100}$$

$$10600 = 2x + 9300$$

$$2x = 1300$$

$$x = 650$$

Principal 1 (P1) which is at 8% = 650 Rs

$$P2 = 1550 - x = 1550 - 650 = 900$$

Answer is Sum given at 8% is 650 Rs and Sum given at 6% is 900

Type 5:

Problem 1:

At what rate percent per annum will a sum of money double in 16 Years?

Solution:

Similar kind of question can be asked with triple, 8 time of sum etc.

Here we need to understand how much interest we should get to make amount double.

Assume if Principal is P.

To get sum 2P we will $2P - P = P$ Simple Interest

So, $P = P$

$SI = P$

$N = 16$

$R = ?$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$P = \frac{P * 16 * R}{100}$$

$$R = \frac{100}{16} = \frac{50}{8} = \frac{25}{4} = 6\frac{1}{4}$$

Answer is To get Sum double in 16 years Rate of Interest should be $6\frac{1}{4}\%$

Problem 2:

In how many years a sum of money will be double itself at 12 % per annum?

Solution :

Similar kind of question can be asked with triple, 8 time of sum etc.

Here we need to understand how much interest we should get to make amount double.

Assume if Principal is P.

To get sum 2P we will $2P - P = P$ Simple Interest

So, $P = P$

$SI = P$

$R = 12\%$

$N = ?$

$$P = \frac{P * 12 * N}{100}$$

$$N = \frac{100}{12} = \frac{50}{6} = \frac{25}{3} = 8\frac{1}{3} = 8 \text{ Year} + 4 \text{ months [1/3 means 4 Months]}$$

Answer is to get Sum double with 12 % annum will be 8 Year and 4 Months

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Compound Interest

Compound Interest is one of the most common topics across all competitive and academic exams. Many people face challenges while solving Compound Interest.

Most of student thinks that Simple interest is Simple and Compound Interest id difficult.

If you know Simple Interest you already know compound interest. There is only minute difference you need to understand and you will feel it easy.

Terms/ Terminologies in Simple Interest Calculation:

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Rate of Interest	R	Rate of Interest in %
Simple Interest	I or SI	Simple Interest (Extra amount over original amount)
Amount	A	Original Amount + Simple Interest
Compound Interest	I or CI	Compound Interest(Extra amount over Original amount)

What is difference in Simple Interest and Compound Interest?

Let us assume you took 100 Rs from your friend at rate of 10%. (Simple Interest)

Simple Interest after 1 year : 10 Rs [Amount will become 110, Principal: 100]

Simple Interest after 2 years: $10 + 10 = 20$ Rs [Amount will become 120, Principal: 100]

Simple Interest after 3 years: $10 + 10 + 10 = 30$ Rs [Amount will become 130, Principal: 100]

As you can see Interest is always constant for each year.

This is because only Original Principal is always considered while calculating Simple Interest on any year.

Let us assume you took 100 Rs from your friend at rate of 10%. (Compound Interest)

Simple Interest after 1 year : 10 Rs [Amount will become 110, Principal: 110]

[Please note here Principal is Revised to Amount]

Simple Interest for 2nd year =

$$\frac{P * N * R}{100} = \frac{110 * 1 * 10}{100}$$

= 11 Rs

Simple Interest after 2nd year: 11 + 10 = 21 Rs [Amount will become 121, Principal: 121]

Simple Interest for 3rd year =

$$\frac{P * N * R}{100} = \frac{121 * 1 * 10}{100}$$

= 12.1 Rs

Simple Interest after 2nd year: 11 + 10 + 12.1 = 33.1 Rs **[Amount will become 133.1, Principal: 133.1]**

So basically in order to find compound interest we find simple interest only and we just keep Principal updating with Amount.

Now same example we will solve directly with formula for Compound Interest

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

$$A = 100 \left[1 + \frac{10}{100}\right]^3 = 100 * 1.1^3$$

$$= 100 * 1.21 * 1.1$$

$$= 121 * 1.1$$

$$\mathbf{A = 133.1}$$

Compound Interest = Amount – Principal

$$= 133.1 - 100$$

$$= 33.1$$

Compound Interest will be 33.1 Rs and Amount will be 133.1 Rs

So by chance, during exam if you forget Compound Interest formula and you need to calculate Compound Interest for 2 or 3 years, you can use Simple Interest formula 2 or 3 times to get you answer.

Formulae:

Formula 1:

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

Formula 2:

$$A = P + SI$$

Formula 3:

Compound Interest

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

Formula 4:

$$\text{Compound Interest (CI)} = A - P$$

We will look at type of problems asked on Compound Interest and then we will solve problems for each type.

Note:

Principal	P
Number of Years	N
Rate of Interest	R
Simple Interest	I or SI
Amount	A
Compound Interest	I or SI

Type	Given	To find
Type 1	P, N, R given and interest compound annually	CI or A?
Type 2	P, N, R given and interest half yearly/ Quarterly	CI or A?
Type 3	Any 3 values out of 5 [P, N, R, CI, A] given	Any of other 2?
Type 4	Amount given for 2 different period	Original Sum/Principal?
Type 5	Simple Interest / compound interest or difference between them given	P or R or SI or CI?

Type 1:**Problem 1:**

Find Compound Interest on 7500 Rs at 4% per annum for 2 years, compounded annually?

Solution :

$$P = 7500 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 4 \%$$

$$N = 2 \text{ Years}$$

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

$$A = 7500 \left[1 + \frac{4}{100} \right]^2$$

$$= 7500 * \left[\frac{100 + 4}{100} \right]^2$$

$$= 7500 * \left[\frac{104}{100} \right]^2$$

$$= 7500 * \frac{26}{25} * \frac{26}{25}$$

$$= \frac{300 * 26 * 26}{25}$$

$$= 12 * 676 = 8112$$

$$\text{Amount} = 8112 \text{ Rs}$$

$$CI = A - P$$

$$CI = 8112 - 7500$$

$$= 612 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is Compound Interest 612 Rs and Amount will be 8112 Rs

Problem 2:

Amrut invested amount of 8000 Rs on fixed deposit scheme for 2 years at compound interest rate 5 p.c.p.a. How much Compound Interest and total amount Amrut will get at maturity of fixed deposit?

$$P = 8000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 5 \%$$

$$N = 2 \text{ Years}$$

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

$$A = 8000 \left[1 + \frac{5}{100} \right]^2$$

$$= 8000 * \left[\frac{100 + 5}{100} \right]^2$$

$$= 8000 * \left[\frac{105}{100} \right]^2$$

$$= 8000 * \frac{21}{20} * \frac{21}{20}$$

$$= \frac{400 * 21 * 21}{20}$$

$$= 20 * 441 = 8820$$

$$\text{Amount} = 8820 \text{ Rs}$$

$$\text{CI} = \text{A} - \text{P}$$

$$\text{CI} = 8820 - 8000$$

$$= 820 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is Compound Interest 820 Rs and Amount will be 8820 Rs

Problem 3:

What will be Compound Interest and Total amount on sum of 25000 Rs after 3 years at rate of 12 p.c.p. a.

Solution :

$$\text{P} = 25000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$\text{R} = 12 \%$$

$$\text{N} = 3 \text{ Years}$$

$$\text{A} = \text{P} \left[1 + \frac{\text{R}}{100} \right]^n$$

$$\text{A} = 25000 \left[1 + \frac{12}{100} \right]^3$$

$$= 25000 * \left[\frac{100 + 12}{100} \right]^3$$

$$= 25000 * \left[\frac{112}{100} \right]^2$$

$$= 25000 * \frac{28}{25} * \frac{28}{25} * \frac{28}{25}$$

$$= \frac{1000 * 28 * 28 * 28}{25 * 25} = \frac{40 * 28 * 28 * 28}{25}$$

$$= \frac{8 * 28 * 784}{5}$$

$$= 1.6 * 21952 = 35123.2$$

Amount = 35123.2 Rs

$$CI = A - P$$

$$CI = 35123.2 - 25000$$

$$= 10123.2 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is Compound Interest 10123.2 Rs and Amount will be 35123.2 Rs

Type 2:

Problem 1

Find compound Interest on 10000 Rs in 2 years at 4% per annum, the interest being compounded half yearly.

Solution :

Before going at actual solution of this problem we will understand difference of compound interest calculated annually, half yearly and Quarterly

Compound Interest	Months in Year	Number of Times in year Interest calculated
Annually (12 Months)	12	$12 / 12 = 1 \text{ Times}$
Half yearly Annually (6 Months)	12	$12 / 6 = 2 \text{ Times}$
Quarterly (3 Months)	12	$12 / 3 = 4 \text{ Times}$

We will use same formula for Compound Interest only small changes will happen according to half yearly, quarterly etc.

Original formula for Compound Interest (Annually):

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

As you can imagine R means $\frac{R}{1}$

And n means $n * 1$

So for **Half yearly** we use **2** instead of 1 and for **Quarterly** we will use **4** instead of 1

[Refer to above table]

Formula for Compound Interest (Annually):

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

Formula for Compound Interest (Half Yearly):

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R/2}{100} \right]^{2n}$$

Formula for Compound Interest (Quarterly):

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R/4}{100} \right]^{4n}$$

Now we will solve Problem.

$$P = 10000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$N = 2 \text{ years}$$

$$R = 4\% \quad [\text{Note: Half Yearly interest calculated}]$$

As you can see here, we have to find Compound interest and calculated half yearly.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= P \left[1 + \frac{R/2}{100} \right]^{2n} \\ &= 10000 \left[1 + \frac{4/2}{100} \right]^{(2*2)} \\ &= 10000 \left[1 + \frac{2}{100} \right]^{(4)} \\ &= 10000 * \left[\frac{102}{100} \right]^4 \\ &= 10000 * \frac{102}{100} * \frac{102}{100} * \frac{102}{100} * \frac{102}{100} \\ &= \frac{102 * 102 * 102 * 102}{100 * 100} \end{aligned}$$

Let us do some trick here to solve $102 * 102 * 102 * 102$

$102 * 102$ means multiply 102 by 100 and then add $102 * 2$

$$102 * 102 = (102 * 100) + (102 * 2)$$

$$= 10200 + 204$$

$$= 10404$$

[I will create separate document to calculate Square in 1 step and orally as well]

$$\text{So } 102 * 102 * 102 * 102 = 10404 * 10404$$

Let us calculate this square

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$= (10400 + 4)^2$$

$$= 10400^2 + (2 * 10400 * 4) + 4^2$$

$$= 108160000 + 83200 + 16$$

$$= 108243216$$

$$A = \frac{102 * 102 * 102 * 102}{100 * 100} = = \frac{108243216}{10000}$$

$$\text{Amount} = 10824.32 \text{ Rs}$$

$$CI = A - P$$

$$= 10824.32 - 10000$$

$$CI = 824.32 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is Compound Interest 824.32 Rs and Amount will be 10824.32 Rs

Problem 2

Find compound interest on 16000 Rs at 20% per annum for 9 months. Compound interest is calculated quarterly.

Solution:

$$P = 16000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 20 \% \text{ [Calculated quarterly that is 4 times in year]}$$

$$N = 9 \text{ months} = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ Years}$$

$$CI = ?$$

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R/4}{100}\right]^4 n$$

$$A = 16000 \left[1 + \frac{20/4}{100}\right]^4 \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= 16000 \left[1 + \frac{5}{100}\right]^3$$

$$= 16000 \left[\frac{105}{100}\right]^3$$

$$= 16000 \times \frac{105}{100} \times \frac{105}{100} \times \frac{105}{100}$$

$$= \frac{16 \times 105 \times 105 \times 105}{1000}$$

$$= \frac{16 \times 21 \times 21 \times 105}{40} = \frac{16 \times 21 \times 21 \times 105}{40} = \frac{16 \times 21 \times 21 \times 21}{8}$$

$$= 2 \times 21 \times 441$$

$$= 42 \times 441 = 18522$$

$$A = 18522 \text{ Rs}$$

$$CI = A - P$$

$$= 18522 - 16000$$

$$= 2522$$

Answer is Compound Interest 2522 Rs and Amount will be 18522 Rs

Type 3:**Problem 1:**

If 500 Rs amounts to 583.20 Rs in 2 years compounded annually, find the rate of Interest per annum.

Solution:

$$P = 500 \text{ Rs}$$

$$N = 2 \text{ Years}$$

$$A = 583.20 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = ?$$

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^n$$

$$583.20 = 500 \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^2$$

$$\frac{11664}{10000} = \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^2$$

Get square root on both sides

$$\frac{108}{100} = \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]$$

$$\frac{108}{100} = \frac{100 + R}{100}$$

$$100 + R = 108$$

$$R = 8\%$$

Answer is Rate of Interest is 8% per annum

Problem 2:

In how many years will sum of 800 Rs at 10% annum compounded semi annually become 926.10 Rs?

Solution:

$$P = 800 \text{ Rs}$$

$$R = 10\% \text{ [Semi/ half yearly]}$$

$$A = 926.10$$

$$N = ?$$

As Compound Interest is Half Yearly:

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R/2}{100} \right] ^{2n}$$

$$926.10 = 800 \left[1 + \frac{10/2}{100} \right] ^{2n}$$

$$926.10 = 800 \left[1 + \frac{5}{100} \right] ^{2n}$$

$$\frac{9261}{8000} = \left[\frac{21}{20} \right] ^{2n}$$

As you can see 8000 is perfect cube of 20 and 9261 is also perfect cube of 21

$$\left[\frac{21}{20} \right] ^3 = \left[\frac{21}{20} \right] ^{2n}$$

$$2n = 3$$

$$N = 3/2$$

Answer is 1.5 years

Problem 3:

Compound interest on 30000 Rs at 7% per annum is 4347 Rs. The period in years?

Solution:

$$P = 30000$$

$$R = 7\%$$

$$CI = 4347 \text{ Rs}$$

$$N = ?$$

As compound Interest given we will find Amount first.

$$CI = A - P$$

$$4347 = A - 30000$$

$$A = 34347 \text{ Rs}$$

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

$$34347 = 30000 \left[1 + \frac{7}{100} \right]^n$$

$$\frac{34347}{30000} = \left[\frac{107}{100} \right]^n$$

$$\frac{11449}{10000} = \left[\frac{107}{100} \right]^n$$

$$100^2 = 10000$$

$$107^2 = 11449$$

$$n = 2 \text{ Years}$$

Answer is 2 Years

Type 4

Problem 1:

A sum of money amounts to 6690 after 3 years and to 1000 Rs after 6 years on compound Interest. Find the sum.

Solution

$$A = 6690 \text{ (when N is 3 years)}$$

$$A = 10000 \text{ (when A is 6 years)}$$

$$P = ?$$

We have 2 different amounts given So we will get 2 equations with this and then we can solve them.

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^n$$

$$\text{When } N = 3$$

$$6690 = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^3 \quad [\text{Equation 1}]$$

$$\text{When } N = 6$$

$$10000 = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^6 \quad [\text{Equation 2}]$$

We will divide Equation2 by Equation 1

$$[\text{index formula } \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}]$$

$$\frac{10000}{6690} = \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^3$$

$$\frac{3345}{2230} = \left[1 + \frac{R}{100} \right]^3$$

$$\frac{669}{446} = \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^3$$

$$\left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^3 = \frac{3}{2}$$

Putting this value in Equation 1

$$6690 = P * \frac{3}{2}$$

$$P = \frac{6690 * 2}{3} = 2230 * 2$$

$$= 4460 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is Sum is 4460 Rs

Problem 2:

A sum of money invested at compound interest amounts to Rs 800 in 3 years and to 840 Rs in 4 Years. The rate of interest is ?

Solution:

We have already discussed earlier that Compound Interest is similar to Simple Interest only Principal gets updated after every year.

Here we have amount after 3 years : 800 Rs

While calculating Interest on 4th year it is same as good as simple interest on Principal after 3 years

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Simple Interest on 4}^{\text{th}} \text{ year} &= 4^{\text{th}} \text{ year amount} - 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Year amount} \\
 &= 840 - 800 \\
 &= 40 \text{ Rs}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$40 = \frac{800 * 1 * R}{100}$$

$$R = \frac{40 * 100}{800} = 5$$

Answer is Rate of Interest is 5%

Type 5:

Problem 1:

If the simple interest of a sum of money at 5% per annum for 3 year is 1200 Rs. Find the compound Interest on same sum for same period at same rate.

Solution:

$$SI = 1200 \text{ Rs}$$

$$N = 3 \text{ years}$$

$$R = 5\%$$

$$CI = ?$$

As we have simple interest given we will first find Principal so that we can find compound Interest

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{P * N * R}{100}$$

$$1200 = \frac{P * 3 * 5}{100}$$

$$15 P = 120000$$

$$P = \frac{120000}{15}$$

$$P = 8000 \text{ Rs}$$

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^n$$

$$A = 8000 \left[1 + \frac{5}{100}\right]^3$$

$$A = 8000 \left[\frac{105}{100}\right]^3$$

$$= 8000 * \frac{105}{100} * \frac{105}{100} * \frac{105}{100}$$

$$= \frac{8*105*105*105}{1000} = \frac{8*21*21*105}{40} = \frac{21*21*105}{5}$$

$$= 21 * 21 * 21$$

$$= 9261 \text{ Rs}$$

$$CI = A - P$$

$$= 9261 - 8000$$

$$\text{Compound Interest} = 1261 \text{ Rs}$$

Answer is Compound Interest is 1261 Rs

Problem 2

Difference between Compound Interest and Simple Interest on an amount of 15000 Rs for 2 years is 96Rs. What is rate of Interest?

Solution:

When you take any similar period and similar rate of interest and Principal:

1st Year Compound interest and simple Interest will be always same if compounded annually.

2nd year onwards compound interest will be always greater than what you achieved in 2 years with simple Interest.

Here we have given difference between Compound Interest and Simple Interest.

$$\text{Simple Interest} = \frac{15000 * 2 * R}{100}$$

$$\text{Simple Interest} = 300 R$$

For Compound Interest:

$$A = P \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^n$$

$$A = 15000 \left[1 + \frac{R}{100}\right]^2$$

$$= 15000 \left[\frac{100+R}{100}\right]^2$$

$$= 15000 \left[\frac{10000 + R^2 + 200R}{10000}\right]$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2} * [10000 + R^2 + 200R]$$

$$A = \frac{30000 + 3R^2 + 600R}{2}$$

$$CI = A - P$$

$$= \frac{30000 + 3R^2 + 600R}{2} - 15000$$

$$= \frac{30000 + 3R^2 + 600R - 30000}{2}$$

$$CI = \frac{3R^2 + 600R}{2}$$

$$CI - SI = 96$$

$$\left[\frac{3R^2 + 600R}{2} \right] - 300R = 96$$

$$\left[\frac{3R^2 + 600R - 600R}{2} \right] = 96$$

$$\frac{3R^2}{2} = 96$$

$$R^2 = \frac{192}{3}$$

$$R^2 = 64$$

$$R = 8$$

Answer is Rate of Interest is 8%

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Aptitude Made Simple

Clocks

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Clocks. Clock is one of the most integral part of our day to day life.

Assume you have any exam or you are going to watch movie or cricket match every thing happens and depends on Clock.

If you don't follow it, you will miss your bus, train or flight or probably an academic year to if you don't reach on time.

Why Clocks problems are different?

We every time look at clock to see what time it is, how much time we have before we leave home etc. However we never come across problems in real life where someone ask us what is current angle in minute hand and hand hour hand? What will happen if your clock loses 5 minutes every hour.

Therefore, the way of us looking normally at Clock is way different than what is asked in exam.

Let us try to understand which things we should know before we actually solve problems on clocks.

Important formulae:

1) To find angle between minute and hour hand at any time (hh:mm)

$$30h - 5.5 m$$

h- hour in timing

m –minute s in timing

Post calculation ignore minus sign if it comes

2) Remember fraction **12/11**

Types of Problems:

Type	To find	Things to remember
Type 1	What will be angle between minute hand and hour hand at hh:mm	Angle = $30h - 5.5m$ h – hour, m – minutes Ignore sign after solving
Type 2	Between 2 and 3 at what time minute hand and hour hand will coincide	0 degree angle
Type 3	Between 3 and 4 at what time minute hand and hour hand will be opposite to each other.	180 degree angle
Type 4	Between 5 and 6 at what time minute hand and hour hand will be Right angle	90 degree angle
Type 5	Static questions	

Angle Measurement in Clock



Have look at clock and try to remember minutes along with actual digits (1 to 12). When you see circle you can easily remember it as 360 degrees.

We have total 12 numbers and it is equally spaced. ($360/12 = 30$ degrees)

Angle between each consecutive digit on clock is 30 degrees.

We have 5 lines between 2 consecutive numbers and so $30/5=6$

Angle between each consecutive minute line is 6 degrees.

Look at below 3 tables for reference and once you see you really don't need to refer it later and will be able to solve problems easily.

Angle between	Angle in degrees	Angle between	Angle in degrees
12 and 1	$30 \times 1 = 30$	6 and 7	$30 \times 1 = 30$
1 and 2	$30 \times 1 = 30$	7 and 8	$30 \times 1 = 30$
2 and 3	$30 \times 1 = 30$	8 and 9	$30 \times 1 = 30$
3 and 4	$30 \times 1 = 30$	9 and 10	$30 \times 1 = 30$
4 and 5	$30 \times 1 = 30$	10 and 11	$30 \times 1 = 30$
5 and 6	$30 \times 1 = 30$	11 and 12	$30 \times 1 = 30$

Right Angle: (90 degrees)

Angle between	Angle in degrees	Angle between	Angle in degrees
12 and 3	$30 \times 3 = 90$	6 and 9	$30 \times 3 = 90$
1 and 4	$30 \times 3 = 90$	7 and 10	$30 \times 3 = 90$
2 and 5	$30 \times 3 = 90$	8 and 11	$30 \times 3 = 90$
3 and 6	$30 \times 3 = 90$	9 and 12	$30 \times 3 = 90$
4 and 7	$30 \times 3 = 90$	10 and 1	$30 \times 3 = 90$
5 and 8	$30 \times 3 = 90$	11 and 2	$30 \times 3 = 90$

Opposite to each other : 180 degree

Angle between	Angle in degrees	Angle between	Angle in degrees
12 and 6	$30 \times 6 = 180$	6 and 12	$30 \times 6 = 180$
1 and 7	$30 \times 6 = 180$	7 and 1	$30 \times 6 = 180$
2 and 8	$30 \times 6 = 180$	8 and 2	$30 \times 6 = 180$
3 and 9	$30 \times 6 = 180$	9 and 3	$30 \times 6 = 180$
4 and 10	$30 \times 6 = 180$	10 and 4	$30 \times 6 = 180$
5 and 11	$30 \times 6 = 180$	11 and 5	$30 \times 6 = 180$

Type1:**Problem 1:**

What will be angle between minute and hr hand at 2:30

Solution :

We have to remember simple formula whenever we have to calculate angle between minute n hr hand

For hh:mm = $30h - 5.5m$ [where h is hours and m is minutes]

$$= 30h - 5.5m$$

$$= 30 * 2 - (5.5 * 30)$$

$$= 60 - 165$$

$$= -105 \text{ degrees}$$

Ignore minus sign

Answer is 105 degrees

Problem 2:

What will be angle between minute and hr hand at 8:20

Solution :

We have to remember simple formula whenever we have to calculate angle between minute n hr hand.

For hh:mm = $30h - 5.5m$ [where h is hours and m is minutes]

$$= 30h - 5.5m$$

$$= 30 * 8 - (5.5 * 20)$$

$$= 240 - 110$$

$$= 130 \text{ degrees}$$

Answer is 130 degrees

Type2:

Problem 1:

At what time between 4 to 5 minute and hour hand will coincide each other?

Solution :

As we have to find between 4 and 5, imagine it is 4 o'clock time.



Let us make hour hand constant on 4.

In order to make minute and hour hand coincide minute hand has to travel from 12 to 4.
This is nothing but $\rightarrow 4 \times 5 = 20$ minutes

Now recall fraction number **12/11** which will help to solve maximum clock problems

$$\begin{aligned} &= 20 \times 12/11 \\ &= 240/11 = 21 \frac{9}{11} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 21 \frac{9}{11}$$

$$= 4 \text{ hr} + 21 \frac{9}{11} \text{ min}$$

Answer is 4 hr 21 $\frac{9}{11}$ mins

Problem 2:

At what time between 11 to 12 minute and hour hand will coincide each other?

Solution :

As we have to find between 11 and 12, imagine it is 11 o'clock time.



Let us make hour hand constant on 11.

In order to make minute and hour hand coincide minute hand has to travel from 12 to 11.

This is nothing but $\rightarrow 11 * 5 = 55$ minutes

Now recall fraction number **12/11** which will help to solve maximum clock problems

$$= 55 * 12/11$$

$$= 5 * 12$$

$$= 60$$

$$= 11 \text{ hr} + 60 \text{ mins}$$

$$= 12 \text{ hr}$$

Answer is 12 o'clock

Type3:

Problem 1:

At what time between 7 to 8 minute and hour hand will be in straight line but in opposite direction of each other?

Solution :

As we have to find between 7 and 8, imagine it is 7 o'clock time.



Let us make hour hand constant on 7.

In order to make minute and hour hand opposite of each other:

As hr hand is on 7 and to make in straight line and opposite we need to cover 180 degrees.

Opposite of 7 is 1 [you can refer table that we created earlier for 18- degrees]

So minute hand has to travel from 12 to 1

This is nothing but -> 5 minutes

Now recall fraction number **12/11** which will help to solve maximum clock problems

$$= 5 * 12/11$$

$$= 60/11$$

$$= 5 \frac{5}{11}$$

$$= 7 \text{ hr} + 5 \frac{5}{11} \text{ mins}$$

Answer is 7 hr $5 \frac{5}{11}$ mins

Problem 2:

At what time between 8 to 9 , minute and hour hand will be in straight line but in opposite direction of each other?

Solution :

As we have to find between 8 and 9, imagine it is 8 o'clock time.



Let us make hour hand constant on 8.

In order to make minute and hour hand opposite of each other:

As hr hand is on 8 and to make in straight line and opposite we need to cover 180 degrees.

Opposite of 8 is 2 [you can refer table that we created earlier for 180 degrees]

So minute hand has to travel from 12 to 2

This is nothing but $\rightarrow 2 * 5 = 10$ minutes

Now recall fraction number **12/11** which will help to solve maximum clock problems

$$= 10 * 12/11$$

$$= 120/11$$

$$= 10\frac{10}{11}$$

$$= 8 \text{ hr} + 10\frac{10}{11} \text{ mins}$$

Answer is 8 hr $10\frac{10}{11}$ mins

Type4:

Problem 1:

At what time between 10 to 11, minute and hour hand will be in right angle?

Solution :

As we have to find between 10 and 11, imagine it is 10 o'clock time.



Let us make hour hand constant on 10.

In order to make minute and hour hand at right angle:

As hr hand is on 10 and to make in right angle it need to travel 90 degrees.

TO get 90 degrees to 10 we need to move 3 digits ahead that is 1 [you can refer table that we created earlier for 90 degrees]

So minute hand has to travel from 12 to 1

This is nothing but -> 5 minutes

Now recall fraction number **12/11** which will help to solve maximum clock problems

$$= 5 * 12/11$$

$$= 60/11$$

$$= 5 \frac{5}{11}$$

$$= 10 \text{ hr} + 5 \frac{5}{11} \text{ mins}$$

Answer is 10 hr $5 \frac{5}{11}$ mins

Problem 2:

At what time between 2 to 3 , minute and hour hand will be in straight line but in opposite direction of each other?

Solution :

As we have to find between 2 and 3, imagine it is 2 o'clock time.



Let us make hour hand constant on 2.

In order to make minute and hour hand at right angle:

As hr hand is on 2 and to make in right angle it need to travel 90 degrees.

To get 90 degrees to 2 we need to move 3 digits ahead that is 6 [you can refer table that we created earlier for 90 degrees]

So minute hand has to travel from 12 to 6

This is nothing but $\rightarrow 5 \times 5 = 25$ minutes

Now recall fraction number **12/11** which will help to solve maximum clock problems

$$= 25 \times 12/11$$

$$= 300/11$$

$$= 27\frac{3}{11}$$

$$= 2 \text{ hr} + 27\frac{3}{11} \text{ mins}$$

Answer is 2 hr $27\frac{3}{11}$ mins

Type5:**Problem 1:**

How many times do hands (hour and minutes hand) of clock coincide in a day?

Solution:

In 12 hrs

Timings	Number of coincide	Timings	Number of coincide
11 to 1	Only 1 time	5 to 6	1
		6 to 7	1
1 to 2	1	7 to 8	1
2 to 3	1	8 to 9	1
3 to 4	1	9 to 10	1
4 to 5	1	10 to 11	1

In 12 hrs: 11 times

In entire day 24 hrs : 22 times

Answer is 22 Times in a day hands of clock coincide

Problem 2:

How many times do hands (hour and minutes hand) of clock are straight?

Solution:

Hands of clock coincides 22 times in day

[Note: Coincide 1 time between 11 to 1 and for rest 1 hr 1 time each]

Hands of clock are in opposite direction 22 times

[Note: Opposite in direction 1 time only between 5 to 7 and for rest 1 hr 1 time each]

Answer is 44 times in day hands of clock are straight

Problem 3:

How many times do hands (hour and minutes hand) of clock are in right angle?

Solution:

[Note: In Right angle 1 time only between 8 to 10` and for rest 1 hr 1 time each]

Answer is 22 Times in a day hands of clock are in right angle

Problem 4:

How many times do hands (hour and minutes hand) of clock are straight line but opposite in direction?

Solution :

[Note: Opposite and straight 1 time only between 5 to 7 and for rest 1 hr 1 time each]

Answer is 22 times in day hands of clock are in straight and opposite direction.

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Aptitude Made Simple

Calendar

Various competitive examinations ask questions regularly based on Calendar. Calendar is the thing by which our day starts. If someone asks you what is today's date and day you will check your mobile or laptop or sometime watch if it has capability to see date and day.

How you would feel if you can calculate **day of any date of any century** irrespective of it is Past or Present or Future date???

Yes. If you go through below details and examples, able to memorize just 4 to 5 numbers and dates, you can definitely achieve this.

Initial focus would be on understanding calculation of day of Any date and once you get familiar, **you would be able to calculate day orally within 1 minute.**

Before proceeding to calculation we should know below terms thoroughly:

- 1) Leap year and Non-Leap (Normal) year
- 2) Odd days meaning
- 3) Which month contains 31 days or 30 days.

1) Leap Year: Look at year and see it is coming under which condition

Condition 1: Any year in which **last 2 digits** are not 00

➔ If year is completely divisible by 4 then it is Leap Year.

Condition 2: Any year in which **last 2 digits** are 00

➔ If year is completely divisible by 400 then it is Leap Year.

Parameters	Normal Year(NonLeap Year)	Leap Year
Number of days	365	366
Number of Odd days	1 [when you divide 365 by 7 then remainder is 1]	2 [when you divide 366 by 7 then remainder is 2]
Date difference	February 28 days only	February 29 days

Let us look at few examples and make sure that we can identify Leap year or Non Leap Year.

Year	Divisible by 4	Divisible by 400	Leap / Non-Leap Year
2021	No	Not required as last 2 digit 21	Non Leap/ Normal Year
1976	Yes	Not required as last 2 digit 76	Leap Year
1900	Yes	Not divisible by 400 and contains 00 at last 2 digits	Non Leap/ Normal Year
1600	Yes	Yes and contains last 2 digits 00	Leap Year
2028	Yes	Not required as last 2 digit 28	Leap Year

2) Odd days meaning

We know each week contains 7 days.

Each normal year has 1 odd day.

Normal year contains 365 days. If we calculate $365/7$

$$\frac{365}{7}, \text{ Quotient} = 52 \text{ and Remainder} = 1$$

This means that our normal year has complete 52 weeks and 1 odd day

Normal Year 1 Odd day.

1 Odd day means [getting next day]:

If 10th January 2021 has Monday

➔ Then 10th January 2022 will have Tuesday [Monday + 1 = Tuesday]

If 7th June 2021 has Sunday

➔ Then 7th January 2022 will have Monday [Sunday + 1 = Monday]

Leap year has 2 Odd days and

If 10th January 2020 has Monday

➔ Then 10th January 2021 will have Wednesday.

If 5th June 2020 has Friday

➔ Then 5th June 2021 will have Saturday not Sunday.

Please Note here even though 2020 is leap year it is moving with 1 day only because this range [5th June 2020 to 5th June 2021 does not contain leap year February part.

If 10th June 2019 has Monday

➔ Then 10th June 2020 will have Wednesday [Monday + 2 = Wednesday]

➔ This is because this range [10th June 2019 to 10th June 2020 contains leap year February part].

3) Which month contains 31 days or 30 days?

Most of the students get confused which month contains 30 or 31. February month any one able to remember as it is different from all months. So if you try to remember 30 days month so we can remember all 12 months days properly.

Simple Trick:

Imagine 4 people which you know [look for people whom you are close] and they have their birthday in April, June, September, November and taking 1 from each moth assume them as they are single family and create 1 picture of it.

Now at any point you look for calendar problem you would know which are 30 days , 28/29 days and remaining all months with 31.

You can try another trick but just remember these 4 months with 30 days.

31 Days Month	30 Days Month	Others (28 or 29)
January	April	February (Leap -29)
March	June	February (Non-Leap -28)
May	September	
July	November	
August		
October		
December		

Steps required for solving Calendar Problems

[Step 1] – Identify odd days in century

Table 1: Century Odd days

Time period from start of calendar	Number of Odd days
100 Years	5
200 Years	3
300 Years	1
400 Years	0

Table 2: Yearly Odd days [Step 2]

Year	Number of Odd days
1 Normal Year	1
1 Leap Year	2

Table 3: Year distribution with day number Step3

We have divided entire year into 4 equal part to make calculations simple and orally

Trick written in bracket to memorize you can use your own technique.

Normal year if you remember just 1 day to be reduced if date is post 28 Feb

N th day of the year	Normal/Non Leap Year	Leap Year
1	1 January [Year start]	1 January
90	31 March [March ending]	30 March
180	29 June	28 June
270	27 September	26 September
360	26 December [Boxing day]	25 December

Let us take 5 different dates and calculate their day in detail and post that in just single row we will be able to calculate day.

Problem 1:

What was the day on 15th August 1947?

Solution:

Let us see how we will split and calculate odd days 1 by 1 to reach till 15th August 1947.
[1947 = 1900 + 46 + Current year day for 15th August]

Step1: Calculate odd days till century [Century means nearest lower or equal century number]

1900 is nearest century number.

Odd days till 1900:

Year	Odd days
0001 to 0400	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0401 to 0800	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0801 to 1200	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1201 to 1600	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1600 to 1900	1 [as 300 years has 1 odd day]

Odd days till 1900 : 1

Step 2: Calculate odd days till end of previous year.

As we are calculating day for 15th August **1947**, our previous year would be **1946**:

Year	Number of Years
1901 to 1946 [Number of Leap years]	11
1901 to 1946 [Number of Non Leap Years]	35 [calculate leap 1 st and minus in from total like 46 -11 = 35

We have 1 odd day for normal year and 2 odd days for Leap year.

Odd days from 1901 to 1946= (35 * 1) + (11* 2)

$$= 35 + 22 = 57$$

Week is of 7 days and always it keeps repeating.

So divide by 7 and calculate remainder which will give us odd day count.

$$\frac{57}{7}, \text{Quotient} = 8 \text{ and Remainder} = 1$$

Odd days from 1901 to 1946 is 1

Step 3: Calculate odd days in current year till required date

Calculate the day number of 15th August in current year (1947).

Here our day number table will help and it will look very simple to calculate rather than calculating month-wise. 1947 is normal year as not divisible by 4.

N th day of the year	Normal/Non Leap Year
1	1 January [Year start]
90	31 March [March ending]
180	29 June
270	27 September
360	26 December [Boxing day]

Find nearest date to 15th August in this table. Better to go previous date.

29th June is 180 number day

In order to get number from 29th June to 15th August

= 1 [June ends on 30] + 31 [July month] + 15

= 47

As 29th June is 180th day.

180 + 47 = 227

To get odd days :

$$\frac{227}{7}, \text{ Quotient} = 32 \text{ and Remainder} = 3$$

Number of odd days from 1st January 1947 to 15th August 1947 : 3

Now let us sum up all step output to get our answer

Steps	Calculation	
Step 1	Odd days Till 1900	1
Step 2	Odd days from 1901 to 1946	1
Step 3	Odd days from 1 st Jan to 15 th August 1947	3
Answer	Total [final remainder after dividing by 7]	5 - FRIDAY

This is really simple to remember as week starts on Monday.

Answer	Day
1	Monday
2	Tuesday
3	Wednesday
4	Thursday
5	Friday
6	Saturday
0	Sunday

Answer is Friday

Problem 2:

What was the day on 29th September 2000?

Solution:

Let us see how we will split and calculate odd days 1 by 1 to reach till 29th September 2000. [2000 = 1900 + 99 + Current year day for 29th September]

Step1: Calculate odd days till century [Century means nearest lower or equal century number]

1900 is nearest century number.

Odd days till 1900:

Year	Odd days
0001 to 0400	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0401 to 0800	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0801 to 1200	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1201 to 1600	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1600 to 1900	1 [as 300 years has 1 odd day]

Odd days till 1900 : 1

Step 2: Calculate odd days till end of previous year.

As we are calculating day for 29th September **2000**, **our previous year would be 1999:**

Year	Number of Years
1901 to 1999[Number of Leap years]	24
1901 to 1999 [Number of Non Leap Years]	75 [calculate leap 1 st and minus in from total like 99 -24 = 75

We have 1 odd day for normal year and 2 odd days for Leap year.

Odd days from 1901 to 1999= (75 * 1) + (24* 2)

$$= 75 + 48 = 123$$

Week is of 7 days and always it keeps repeating.

So divide by 7 and calculate remainder which will give us odd day count.

$$\frac{123}{7}, \text{ Quotient } = 17 \text{ and Remainder } = 4$$

Odd days from 1901 to 1999 is 4

Step 3: Calculate odd days in current year till required date

Calculate the day number of 29th September in current year (2000).

Here our day number table will help and it will look very simple to calculate rather than calculating month-wise. 2000 is Leap year as divisible by 4 and 400 as well (last 2 digit 00).

N th day of the year	Normal/Non Leap Year	Leap Year
1	1 January [Year start]	1 January
90	31 March [March ending]	30 March
180	29 June	28 June
270	27 September	26 September
360	26 December [Boxing day]	25 December

Find nearest date to 29th September in this table. Better to go previous date.

26th September is 180 number day

In order to get number from 26th September to 29th September

= 3

As 26th September is 270th day.

270 + 3 = 273

To get odd days :

$$\frac{273}{7}, \text{ Quotient} = 39 \text{ and Remainder} = 0$$

Number of odd days from 1st January 2000 to 29th September 2000 : 0

Now let us sum up all step output to get our answer

Steps	Calculation	
Step 1	Odd days Till 1900	1
Step 2	Odd days from 1901 to 1999	4
Step 3	Odd days from 1 st Jan to 29 th September 2000	0
Answer	Total [final remainder after dividing by 7]	5 - Friday

This is really simple to remember as week starts on Monday.

Answer	Day
1	Monday
2	Tuesday
3	Wednesday
4	Thursday
5	Friday
6	Saturday
0	Sunday

Answer is Friday

Problem 3:

What will be the day on 20th November 2031?

Solution:

Let us see how we will split and calculate odd days 1 by 1 to reach till 20th November 2031. [2031 = 2000 + 30 + Current year day for 20th November]

Step1: Calculate odd days till century [Century means nearest lower or equal century number]

2000 is nearest century number.

Odd days till 2000:

Year	Odd days
0001 to 0400	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0401 to 0800	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0801 to 1200	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1201 to 1600	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1600 to 2000	0 [as 400 years has 1 odd day]

Odd days till 2000 : 0

Step 2: Calculate odd days till end of previous year.

As we are calculating day for 20th November 2031, **our previous year would be 2030:**

Year	Number of Years
2001 to 2030[Number of Leap years]	7
2001 to 2030 [Number of Non Leap Years]	23 [calculate leap 1 st and minus in from total like 30 -7 = 23

We have 1 odd day for normal year and 2 odd days for Leap year.

Odd days from 2001 to 2030= (23 * 1) + (7* 2)

$$= 23 + 14 = 37$$

Week is of 7 days and always it keeps repeating.

So divide by 7 and calculate remainder which will give us odd day count.

$$\frac{37}{7}, \text{Quotient} = 5 \text{ and Remainder} = 2$$

Odd days from 2001 to 2030 is 2

Step 3: Calculate odd days in current year till required date

Calculate the day number of 20th November in current year (2031).

Here our day number table will help and it will look very simple to calculate rather than calculating month-wise. 2031 is Normal year as not divisible by 4.

N th day of the year	Normal/Non Leap Year
1	1 January [Year start]
90	31 March [March ending]
180	29 June
270	27 September
360	26 December [Boxing day]

Find nearest date to 20th November in this table. Better to go previous date.

27th September is 270 number day

In order to get number from 27th September to 20th November

= 3 [September has 30 days] + 31 [October 31 day] + 20

= 54

As 27th September is 270th day.

270 + 54 = 324

To get odd days :

$$\frac{324}{7}, \text{ Quotient} = 46 \text{ and Remainder} = 2$$

Number of odd days from 1st January 2031 to 20th November 2031 : 2

Now let us sum up all step output to get our answer

Steps	Calculation	
Step 1	Odd days Till 2000	0
Step 2	Odd days from 2001 to 2030	2
Step 3	Odd days from 1 st Jan to 20 th November 2031	2
Answer	Total [final remainder after dividing by 7]	4 - Thursday

This is really simple to remember as week starts on Monday.

Answer	Day
1	Monday
2	Tuesday
3	Wednesday
4	Thursday
5	Friday
6	Saturday
0	Sunday

Answer is Thursday

Problem 4:

What will be the day on 18th April 1967?

Solution:

Let us see how we will split and calculate odd days 1 by 1 to reach till 18th April 1967.
[1967 = 1900 + 66 + Current year day for 18th April]

Step1: Calculate odd days till century [Century means nearest lower or equal century number]

1900 is nearest century number.

Odd days till 1900:

Year	Odd days
0001 to 0400	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0401 to 0800	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
0801 to 1200	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1201 to 1600	0 [as 400 years has 0 odd day]
1600 to 1900	1 [as 300 years has 1 odd day]

Odd days till 1900 : 1

Step 2: Calculate odd days till end of previous year.

As we are calculating day for 18th April 1967, **our previous year would be 1966:**

Year	Number of Years
1901 to 1966[Number of Leap years]	16
1901 to 1966 [Number of Non Leap Years]	50 [calculate leap 1 st and minus in from total like 66 - 16 = 50]

We have 1 odd day for normal year and 2 odd days for Leap year.

Odd days from 1901 to 1966 = (50 * 1) + (16 * 2)

$$= 50 + 32 = 82$$

Week is of 7 days and always it keeps repeating.

So divide by 7 and calculate remainder which will give us odd day count.

$$\frac{82}{7}, \text{ Quotient} = 11 \text{ and Remainder} = 5$$

Odd days from 1901 to 1966 is 5

Step 3: Calculate odd days in current year till required date

Calculate the day number of 19th April in current year (1967).

Here our day number table will help and it will look very simple to calculate rather than calculating month-wise. 1967 is Normal year as not divisible by 4.

N th day of the year	Normal/Non Leap Year
1	1 January [Year start]
90	31 March [March ending]
180	29 June
270	27 September
360	26 December [Boxing day]

Find nearest date to 18th April in this table. Better to go previous date.

31st March is 90th number day

In order to get number from 31st March to 18th April

= 18

As 31st March is 90th day

$90 + 18 = 108$

To get odd days :

$$\frac{108}{7}, \text{ Quotient} = 15 \text{ and Remainder} = 3$$

Number of odd days from 1st January 1967 to 18th April 1967 : 3

Now let us sum up all step output to get our answer

Steps	Calculation	
Step 1	Odd days Till 1900	1
Step 2	Odd days from 1901 to 1966	5
Step 3	Odd days from 1 st Jan to 18 th April 1967	3
Answer	Total [final remainder after dividing by 7]	9 [9/7 Remainder will 2 – Tuesday]

This is really simple to remember as week starts on Monday.

Answer	Day
1	Monday
2	Tuesday
3	Wednesday
4	Thursday
5	Friday
6	Saturday
0	Sunday

Answer is Tuesday

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Multiplication Shortcut Tricks

How much time you will need to calculate answer

- 1) $99 * 99$
- 2) $786 * 785$
- 3) $76 * 45$
- 4) $689 * 546$
- 5) $38 * 777$
- 6) $88 * 88$

Solving any mathematics problems quickly needs calculation of Multiplication, Squares etc. More time we need to do calculations, more time we will take to solve any math problem.

What if you can calculate square or multiplications less than 20 seconds and with good practice orally as well?

We can reduce our problem solving time for each question as 90% of problem need multiplication whether it is Work and Time , Profit and Loss, Percentage, Compound Interest or any other topic.

We will see simple tricks to calculate:

Multiplication

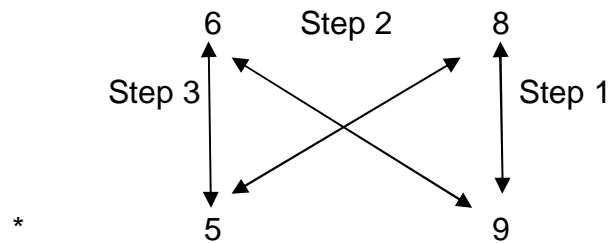
- 1) 2 digit number * 2 digit number
- 2) 3 digit number * 3 digit number
- 3) 2 digit number * 3 digit number
- 4) 3 digit number * 2 number

1) Type 1: 2 digit number * 2 digit number

Problem 1:

$$68 * 59$$

Solution:

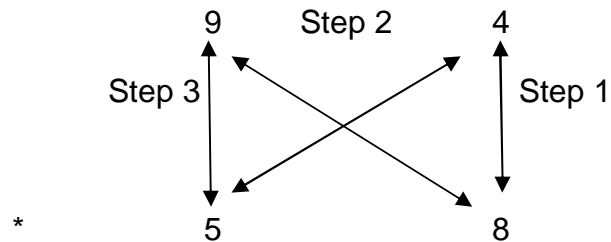


Step	Description	Calculation	Answer
Step 1	Multiply rightmost 2 digits	$8 * 9 = 72$ [write 2 and carry 7]	2
Step 2	Multiply diagonal digits and add them.	$(6 * 9) + (8 * 5) = 54 + 40$ $= 94$ $94 + \text{Previous carry}$ $94 + 7 = 101$ [write 1 and carry 10]	12
Step 3	Multiply left most 2 digit	$6 * 5 = 30$ $30 + \text{Previous carry}$ $30 + 10 = \mathbf{40}$	4012

Answer is 4012

Problem 2:

$$94 * 58$$

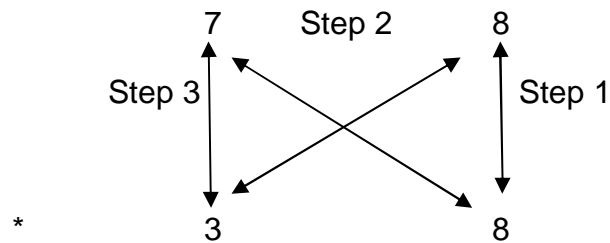
Solution:

Step	Description	Calculation	Answer
Step 1	Multiply rightmost 2 digits	$4 * 8 = 32$ [write 2 and carry 3]	2
Step 2	Multiply diagonal digits and add them.	$(9 * 8) + (4 * 5) = 72 + 20$ $= 92$ $92 + \text{Previous carry}$ $92 + 3 = 95$ [write 5 and carry 9]	52
Step 3	Multiply left most 2 digit	$9 * 5 = 45$ $45 + \text{Previous carry}$ $45 + 9 = 54$	5452

Answer is 5452

Problem 3:

$$78 * 38$$

Solution:

Step	Description	Calculation	Answer
Step 1	Multiply rightmost 2 digits	$8 * 8 = 64$ [write 4 and carry 6]	4
Step 2	Multiply diagonal digits and add them.	$(7 * 8) + (8 * 3) = 56 + 24$ $= 80$ $80 + \text{Previous carry}$ $80 + 6 = 86$ [write 6 and carry 8]	64
Step 3	Multiply left most 2 digit	$7 * 3 = 21$ $21 + \text{Previous carry}$ $21 + 8 = \mathbf{29}$	2964

Answer is 2964

Now will solve next 2 problems orally in single line

45 * 63

Diagram illustrating the steps of the bubble sort algorithm:

- Step 1:** A vertical arrow pointing down from 5 to 3.
- Step 2:** Two diagonal arrows: one from 4 to 3 and one from 5 to 6.
- Step 3:** A vertical arrow pointing down from 4 to 6.

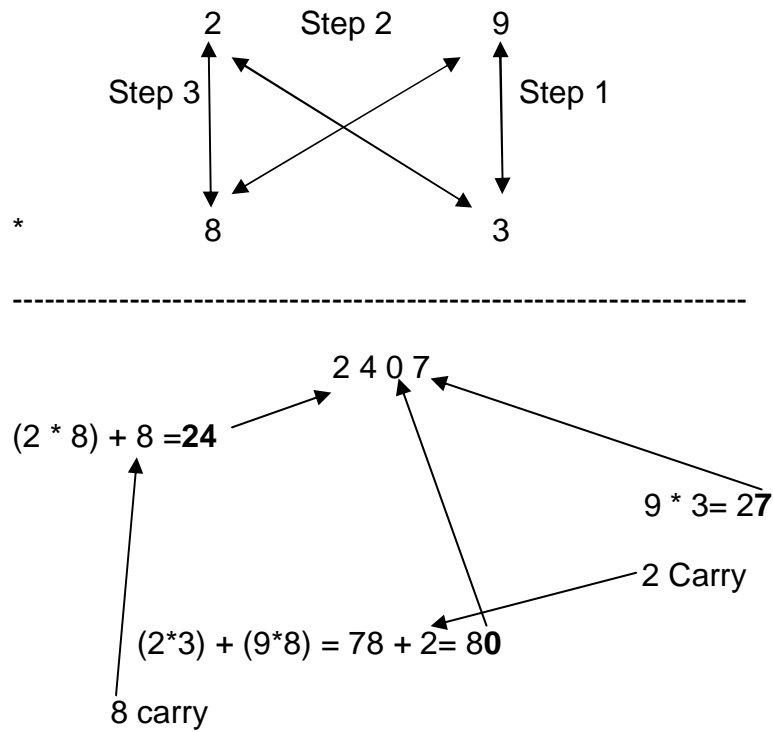
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Problem 5:

$$29 * 83$$

Solution:



Answer is 2407

Type 2: 3 digit number * 3 digit number

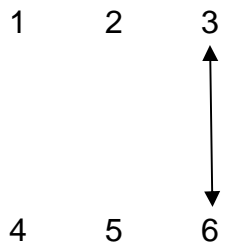
Problem 1:

$$123 * 456$$

Solution:

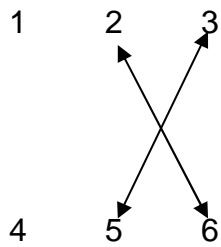
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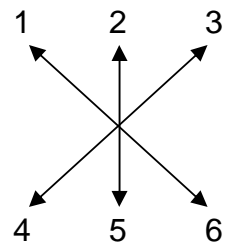


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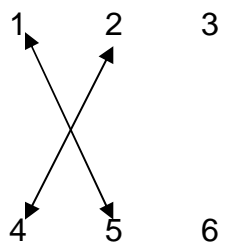


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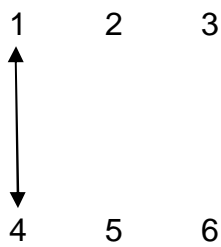
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Step 4:



[Left-Most 2 digit]

Step 5:



Step	Description	Calculation	Answer
Step 1	Multiply Right-Most 2 digit	$3 * 6 = 18$ [write 8 and carry 1]	8
Step 2	Multiply right side diagonal digits and add them.	$(2 * 6) + (3 * 5) = 12 + 15$ $= 27$ $27 + \text{Previous carry}$ $27 + 1 = 28$ [write 8 and carry 2]	88
Step 3	Multiply extreme diagonal 2 digit , middle digits and add them	$(1*6)+(3*4)+(2*5) = 28$ $28 + \text{Previous carry}$ $28 + 2 = 30$ [write 0 and carry 3]	088
Step 4	Multiply left side diagonal digits and add them.	$(1*5)+(2*4) = 13$ $13 + \text{Previous carry}$ $13 + 3 = 16$ [write 6 and carry 1]	6088
Step 5	Multiply Left Most 2 digits	$1 * 4 = 4$ $4 + \text{Previous carry}$ $4 + 1 = 5$	56088

Answer is 56088

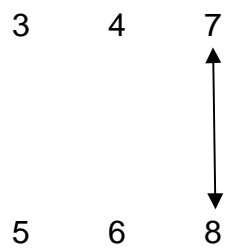
Problem 2:

$$347 * 568$$

Solution:

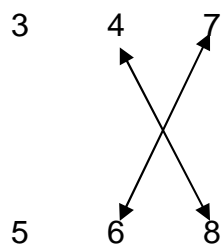
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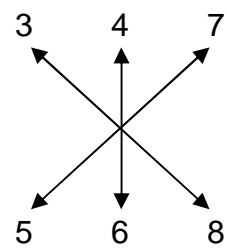


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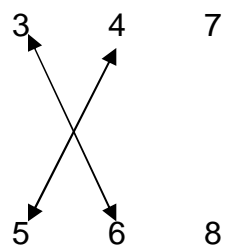


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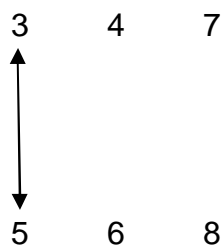
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Step 4:



[Left-Most 2 digit]

Step 5:



Step	Description	Calculation	Answer
Step 1	Multiply Right-Most 2 digit	$7 * 8 = 56$ [write 6 and carry 5]	6
Step 2	Multiply right side diagonal digits and add them.	$(4 * 8) + (7 * 6) = 32 + 42$ $= 74$ $74 + \text{Previous carry}$ $74 + 5 = 79$ [write 9 and carry 7]	96
Step 3	Multiply extreme diagonal 2 digit , middle digits and add them	$(3*8)+(7*5)+(4*6)$ $= 24 + 35 + 24 = 83$ $83 + \text{Previous carry}$ $83 + 7 = 90$ [write 0 and carry 9]	096
Step 4	Multiply left side diagonal digits and add them.	$(3*6)+(4*5) = 38$ $38 + \text{Previous carry}$ $38 + 9 = 47$ [write 7 and carry 4]	7096
Step 5	Multiply Left Most 2 digits	$3 * 5 = 15$ $15 + \text{Previous carry}$ $15 + 4 = 19$	197096

Answer is 197096

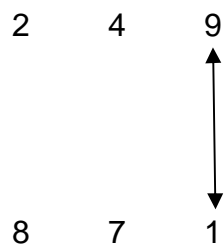
Problem 3:

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Solution:

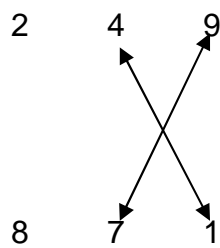
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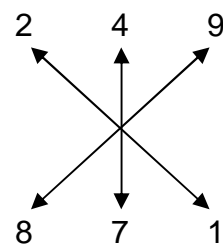


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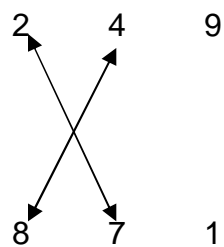


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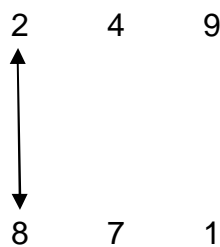
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Step 4:



[Left-Most 2 digit]

Step 5:



Step	Description	Calculation	Answer
Step 1	Multiply Right-Most 2 digit	$9 * 1 = 9$ [write 9]	9
Step 2	Multiply right side diagonal digits and add them.	$(4 * 1) + (9 * 7) = 4 + 63$ $= 67$ $67 + \text{Previous carry}$ $67 + 0 = 67$ [write 7 and carry 6]	79
Step 3	Multiply extreme diagonal 2 digit , middle digits and add them	$(2 * 1) + (9 * 8) + (4 * 7)$ $= 2 + 72 + 28 = 102$ $102 + \text{Previous carry}$ $102 + 6 = 108$ [write 8 and carry 10]	879
Step 4	Multiply left side diagonal digits and add them.	$(2 * 7) + (4 * 8) = 46$ $46 + \text{Previous carry}$ $46 + 10 = 56$ [write 6 and carry 5]	6879
Step 5	Multiply Left Most 2 digits	$2 * 8 = 16$ $16 + \text{Previous carry}$ $16 + 5 = 21$	216879

Answer is 216879

Now will solve next 2 problem orally in single line

Problem 4:

$$145 * 963$$

Solution:

	1		4		5	
*	9		6		3	

1 3 9 6 3 5

$(1*9)=9 + 4 =13$ →

$(1*6) + (4*9) = 42 + 7 = 49$ →

Carry 4

$[(1 * 3) + (5 * 9) + (4 * 6) = 72 \text{ and } 72 + 4] = 76$ →

Carry 7

$(4 * 3) + (5 * 6) = 42 \text{ and } 42 + 1 = 43$ →

Carry 4

15 [5 * 3]
Carry 1

Answer is 139635

Problem 5:

$$293 * 829$$

Solution:

	2		9		3	
*	8		2		9	

2 4 2 8 9 7

$(2*8)=16 + 8 = \mathbf{24}$

$(2*2) + (9*8) = 76 + 6 = \mathbf{82}$

Carry 8

$[(2 * 9) + (3 * 8) + (9 * 2) = 60 \text{ and } 60 + 8] = \mathbf{68}$

Carry 6

$(9 * 9) + (2 * 3) = 87 \text{ and } 87 + 1 = \mathbf{89}$

Carry 8

27 [3 * 9]

Carry 2

Answer is 242897

Type 3: 2 digit number * 3 digit number

Problem 1:

$$45 * 963$$

Solution: Just add extra 0 to 2 digit number and follow same procedure

	0		4		5	
*	9		6		3	

$(0*9)=0 + 4 = 4$ → 4

$(0*6) + (4*9) = 36 + 7 = 43$ → 3

Carry 4

$[(0 * 3) + (5 * 9) + (4 * 6) = 69 \text{ and } 69 + 4] = 73$ → 3

Carry 7

$(4 * 3) + (5 * 6) = 42 \text{ and } 42 + 1 = 43$ → 3

Carry 4

$15 [5 * 3]$ → 5

Carry 1

Answer is 43335

Type 4: 3 digit number * 2 digit number

Problem 1:

$$145 * 63$$

Solution: Just add extra 0 to 2 digit number and follow same procedure

	1		4		5	
*	0		6		3	

0 9 1 3 5

$(1*0)=0 = 0$ →

$(1*6) + (4*0) = 6 + 3 = 9$ →

$[(1 * 3) + (5 * 0) + (4 * 6) = 27 \text{ and } 27 + 4] = 31$ →

Carry 3

$(4 * 3) + (5 * 6) = 42 \text{ and } 42 + 1 = 43$ →

Carry 4

15 [5 * 3]
Carry 1

Answer is 9135



Tricks

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[28/03, 10:03 am] Amit Manekar: ***Mental Calculation Tricks (Addition)***

In every competitive exam whether it is bank exam, Govt exam, olympiad, Any MBA entrance or any aptitude test speed of calculation makes lot of difference.

If you have to solve 50 questions in 50 minutes there will be very few people who can achieve it. However, if someone ask solve these 50 questions in 100 minutes then more than 70% people will be able to solve it.

So speed of solving is very much important.

We need to practice it not only practice but in correct way/ method.

In this document we are going to look at some of the methods for Making addition as Simple, Fast and orally without taking Pen and paper.

Conventional Method

Problem 1

$76 + 65$

So you will write this down

Step1

You will add unit digit number 6 and 5. So sum is 11. You will write 1 and carry 1.

Step2

You will add 10th place digits 7 and 6 and will add 1 carry that is $13 + 1 = 14$

So answer is 141

With conventional method, you will need at least 15-20 seconds to solve addition including writing numbers and add.

Let us try to do this orally and we can definitely do this orally in less than 10 seconds and with good amount of practice you can do in less than 5 seconds.

Method 1:

Consider unit digit as 0 and add numbers.

Add unit digits sum to this total.

Problem 1:

$76 + 65$

Let us ignore unit digit and consider them as 0.

70 and 60

So anyone can add these 2 numbers orally easily.

$70 + 60 = 130$

Now add unit place digits 6 and 5 that is 11

Now add 11 to 130

That will become 141

So Answer is 141

Problem 2:

$93 + 56 = ?$

Let us assume unit place digit as 0.

So 90 and 50 sum is 140

Now add unit place digits 3 and 6 that is 9.

Now add 9 to 140

Answer is 149

Problem 3

$$123 + 348$$

Now assume unit digit as 0

So adding 120 and 340 is easy.

(12+34=46) so 460

Unit digit place 3 and 8 that is 11

Now add 11 to 460 that is 471

Answer is 471

[28/03, 10:04 am] Amit Manekar: *Mental Calculation Tricks (Subtraction)*

Let us try to solve below few examples orally before we look at trick for subtraction.

Note down time required to solve Problem 1 to Problem 5 orally

Problem1:

$$62 + 900$$

Problem2:

$$720 + 82$$

Problem3:

$$750 + 65$$

Problem4:

$$98 + 510$$

Problem5:

$$66 + 170$$

Note down time required to solve Problem 6 to Problem 10 orally.

Problem6:

$$510 - 98$$

Problem7:

$$720 - 82$$

Problem8:

$$750 - 65$$

Problem9:

$$170 - 66$$

Problem10

$$900 - 62$$

We can guarantee that for all people time required to solve Problem6 to Problem10 is larger than solving Problem1 to Problem5.

Why this happen?

Our brain is really comfortable in adding number. Like everyone wants money and want to be happy. No one likes to give money to other and being sad in loss of money.

Therefore addition becomes easy and happy while subtraction becomes hard and sad.

Let us try to do Subtraction in some other way than usual method.

Method1:

Problem 6:

$$510 - 98$$

Now dont try to subtract 98 from 510.

Think how much I need to add to 98 so that it will become 510.

So in 98

If we add 100 then 198

If we add 200 then 298

Like this if we add 400 it will become 498.

As we reached 498 which is very close to 510

So we need to add 12 more to get 510

$$\text{So } 400 + 12 = 412$$

$$\text{Answer for } 510 - 98 = 412$$

Problem7:

720 - 82

Now think how much to be added in 82 to get 720

If we add 100 then 182

If we add 200 then 282

Like this if we can add 600 it will become 682.

Now how much more we need to add in 682 to get 720.

If you are feeling getting 682 to 720 difficult then go for nearest century that is 700

So if we add 18 in 682 that becomes 700 and now only 20 remaining ($720 - 700 = 20$)

So we added $600 + 18 + 20 = 638$

Initially you might feel this technique lengthy, however when you practice it you will be able to save huge amount of time.

[28/03, 10:04 am] Amit Manekar: ***Mental Calculation Tricks (Multiplication)***

We are going to look at some shortcut tricks for multiplication. This technique can be applied on all multiplication.

However you may feel/found it useful for some cases and may not be useful for other cases. So please go through this method and if you can apply for few places that will save lot of time.

This technique should help most of the places where we have 1 multiplication number as Factor of 100, 10, 1000 etc.

Pre-requisite for using this trick:

Divisibility test for 2 to 11 and

Tables 1 to 30.

Try to solve below 5 problems orally and note down time for solving these problems:

Problem 1:

$52 * 25$

Problem 2:

$50 * 65$

Problem 3:

$20 * 65$

Problem 4:

$25 * 92$

Problem 5:

$83 * 500$

Let us try to solve these example with shortcut trick

Method 1:

If we need to find $a * b$

We can divide a by n and multiply b by n .

So basically we are multiplying by n/n that is 1 only.

(n can be any natural number 2, 3, 4etc)

You may feel what's point in doing this extra calculation. But you will see these small things makes huge difference and good time saver.

Problem 1:

$52 * 25$

As you can see 25 is factor of 100 and 52 is completely divisible by 4.

So we will divide 52 by 4 and multiply 25 by 4.

$(52 / 4) * (25 * 4) = 13 * 100$

This is very easy to solve

Answer is 1300

Problem 2:

$50 * 65$

As you can see we have 50 as factor of 100.

So we will divide 65 by 2 and multiply 50 by 2.

$(50 * 2) * (65 / 2)$

$= 100 * 32.5$

Answer is 3250

Problem 3:

$20 * 65$

As you can see 20 is factor of 100 (we will prefer to multiply by 5) and 65 is completely divisible by 5.

$(20 * 5) * (65 / 5)$

$$= 100 * 13$$

Answer is 1300

[28/03, 10:05 am] Amit Manekar: *Mental Calculation Tricks (Square)*

Calculating square is very much important while solving Quantitative Aptitude problems.
We are going to see small tricks to calculate square orally.

This is very basic tricks and in few days we will look at some advanced trick where we can calculate square of 2 or 3 digit number orally in less than 10 seconds.

Trick 1: Number ending with 5 only

Assume you have to find square of 65.

Everyone knows square of 5 is 25.

Write 25 to right most.

As we found square of 5, remaining digit is 6.

We need to add 1 in this remaining digit and multiply both.

$$6 * (6 + 1)$$

$$= 6 * 7 = 42$$

So our answer is 4225

Problem 1:

$$75^2$$

As unit digit is 5, find square of 5 that is 25. Write 25 at rightmost.

Now pending digit is 7.

We need to add 1 in 7 and multiply them.

$$7 * (7 + 1) = 7 * 8$$

$$= 56$$

Answer is 5625

Problem 2:

$$85^2$$

As unit place digit is 5, find square of 5 first that is 25. Write 25 at rightmost.

Now pending digit is 8. So add 1 in 8 and multiply both of them.

$$8 * (8 + 1) = 8 * 9$$

$$= 72$$

So answer is 7225

Problem 3 :

$$205^2$$

As unit digit number is 5, find square of 5 that is 25. Write 25 at right most.

Now pending digit is 20. So we need to add 1 in 20 and multiply both of them.

$$20 * (20 + 1) = 20 * 21$$

$$= 420$$

So answer is 42025

We have some more advanced tricks for calculating square of any number simply and orally. Will share it soon.

[28/03, 10:05 am] Amit Manekar: **Mental Calculation Tricks (Square)**

Calculating square is very much important while solving Quantitative Aptitude problems.
We are going to see small tricks to calculate square orally.

This is simple trick when you know square of some number and you need to find square of next number.

**Trick 2: When you know n^2 and you need to find $(n+1)^2$ **

Assume you have to find square of 61

Calculating square of 60 is very simple than calculating square of 61.

Let us calculate square of 60

$$60^2 = 3600$$

Now add same number and number whose square to be find out.

$$3600 + 60 + 61 = 3600 + 121$$

$$= 3721$$

So our answer is 3721

Problem 1:

$$71^2$$

Calculating square of 70 is very simple than calculating square of 71.

Let us calculate square of 70

$$70^2 = 4900$$

Now add same number and number whose square to be find out.

$$4900 + 70 + 71 = 4900 + 141$$

$$= 5041$$

So answer is 5041

****Problem 3 : ****

$$106^2$$

We know that finding square for 5 is very simple than 106 (using Trick for number ending with 5)

$$105^2 = 10 * 11 \text{ followed by } 25$$

$$= 11025$$

Now add 100 and 101 in it

$$= 11025 + 105 + 106$$

$$= 11025 + 211$$

$$= 11236$$

So answer is 11236

You can use this trick for majority number ending with 1 or 6 as finding square of number ending with 0 and 5 is very easy. Some more tricks yet to share.

[28/03, 10:06 am] Amit Manekar: *Mental Calculation Tricks (Square)*

Calculating square is very much important while solving Quantitative Aptitude problems.

We are going to see final trick to calculate square orally.

This is useful for any 2 digit, 3 digit or any number

Trick 3: Any number square

You may feel this as simplified version of $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

But I guarantee once you understand this trick you no longer need to remember formula or probably you will never forget it.

Pre-requisite:

1 to 9 squares should be known.

It is nice to have to know till 30.

I have separate sheet where all squares available till 30. Feel free to reach out to me if you want that sheet

Problem 1

Assume you have to find square of 69

Split into 2 parts 6 and 9.

Step 1:

Start from right side:

$$\text{Take 9 and } 9^2 = 81$$

So write 1 to rightmost and carry is 8.

Step 2:

Multiply both digits and double.

$$(6 * 9) * 2 = 54 * 2 = 108$$

Step1 Carry was 8 So $108 + 8 = 116$

Write 6 and carry 11

$$61$$

Step 3:

Take leftmost digit 6

$$6^2 = 36$$

Step2 carry was 11

$$36 + 11 = 47$$

Answer is 4761

Problem 2:

$$82^2$$

Split into 2 parts 8 and 2

Step 1:

Start from right side:

Take 2 and $2^2 = 4$
 So write 4 to rightmost.
 Step 2:
 Multiply both digits and double.
 $(8 * 2) * 2 = 16 * 2 = 32$
 So write 2 and carry is 3
 24
 Step 3:
 Take leftmost digit 8
 $8^2 = 64$
 Step2 carry was 3
 $64 + 3 = 67$
 Answer is 6724

Problem 3:
 184^2
 Here let us divide number into 2 parts 18 and 4
 Step 1:
 Start from right side:
 Take 4 and $4^2 = 16$
 So write 6 to rightmost and carry is 1.
 Step 2:
 Multiply both digits and double.
 $(18 * 4) * 2 = 72 * 2 = 144$
 Step1 carry was 1
 $144 + 1 = 145$
 So write 5 and carry is 14
 56
 Step 3:
 Take left digit 18
 $18^2 = 324$
 Step2 carry was 14
 $324 + 14 = 338$
 Answer is 33856

Please note right side part should be always rightmost 1 digit only and other left part is 2nd part.
 Like for 105 :
 10 and 5 are 2 parts
 For 321:
 32 and 1 are 2 parts.

If you feel left part is bigger you can follow same method to find square of 1st part.
 You can use this trick for any square and once you practice you can really find any 2 or 3 digit number in less than 10 seconds orally.
 [28/03, 10:07 am] Amit Manekar: **Mental Calculation Tricks (HCF) **

HCF and LCM are very basic things that we learn in school and it has huge application while solving aptitude problems for Work and Time, Pipes and Cistern, Time and Distance, Boats and Stream and many other topics.

It is really nice to know tables from 1 to 30 if you have to calculate HCF and LCM fast orally or any other calculation.
 Let me know if you want sheet for same, so that I can share with you.

HCF stands for Highest Common Factor.
 In simple words HCF of 2 numbers is the biggest number by which these 2 numbers are completely divisible.

****Problem 1:****
 Consider example of finding HCF for
 48 and 72
 Most of you will be using either
 1. Conventional method of prime factorisation and taking common from it.
 Or
 2. Trial and error to check for biggest number which can be divisible for 48 and 72.

Let us make it very simple.

****Trick1****

Take smallest number from 2 numbers and take difference of both given numbers.

Whatever pair we get, try to calculate HCF orally and if it is not possible repeat 1st step till we can calculate orally

Here we have numbers

****Problem 1:****

48 and 72

Smallest number :48

Difference of 2 numbers : $(72 - 48 =) 24$

So we got new pair 24 and 48

Someone who know table of 24 can conclude answer here itself that HCF for 24 and 48 is 24

****Answer is 24****

Others may not be able to figure out at this step. They can continue same process for 24 and 48

Smallest number: 24

Difference of 2 numbers : $48 - 24 = 24$

Calculate HCF of 24 and 24.

Anyone can answer this orally that is 24.

****Answer is 24****

Problem 2:*

225 and 125

Smallest number :125

Difference of 2 numbers : $(225 - 125) = 100$

So we got new pair 125 and 100

Smallest number: 100

Difference of 2 numbers : $125 - 100 = 25$

Calculate HCF of 100 and 25

Most of you can answer it easily as 25 as $25 * 4 = 100$

****Answer is 25****

If you feel this is difficult keep doing next.

For 100 and 25

Smallest number: 25

Difference if 2 numbers : 75

New pair 25 and 75

Again do next

Smallest number :25

Difference of 2 numbers : $75 - 25 = 50$

For 25 and 50 HCF is 25.

****Answer is 25****

If you feel you are not able to calculate thus orally keep continuing till you get both answers that is smallest number and difference of 2 numbers same.

Initially you may need to follow same process 3 times. However with practice I guarantee you can calculate HCF for any 2 number in less than 10 seconds.

[28/03, 10:07 am] Amit Manekar: ****Mental Calculation Tricks (LCM) ****

LCM is very basic thing that we learn in school and it has huge application while solving aptitude problems for Work and Time, Pipes and Cistern, Time and Distance, Boats and Stream and many other topics.

Good to know tables from 1 to 30 along with divisibility tests for 2 to 11.

LCM stands for Lowest Common Multiple.

In simple words LCM of 2 numbers is the smallest number which comes in table of these 2 numbers (if you keep writing table till you get term which is available at both number table).

****Problem 1:****

Consider example of finding LCM for

20 and 30

Most of you will be using either

1. Conventional method of prime factorisation.

Or

2.L shape table to find prime factors vertically and then multiply them.

Let us make it very simple.

****Trick1****

Take biggest number from 2 numbers.

Keep writing table of this number and each time keep checking if it is completely divisible by 2nd number.

When you get the number divisible by 2nd number then stop.

After practicing this you can calculate LCM orally huge amount of time will be saved for sure.

Here we have numbers

****Problem 1:****

20 and 30

Biggest number :30

Start with table and checking. We know table may not be in mind for many people but by using addition you can create any table in mind (use mental calculation addition trick)

$30 * 1 = 30$

(Is it completely divisible by 20? No so continue)

$30 * 2 = 60$

(Is it completely divisible by 20 ? Yes as $20 * 3 = 60$)

****LCM of 20, 30 is 60****

****Problem 2****

LCM of 15, 35

Biggest number : 35

Let us start with table for 35 (as keep adding 35 because we cant keep each and every table in mind?)

$35 * 1 = 35$

(Is it completely divisible by 15 ? No So continue)

$35 * 2 = 70$

(Is it completely divisible by 15 ? No So continue)

$35 * 3 = 105$

(Is it completely divisible by 15 ? Yes as $15 * 7 = 105$)

****LCM for 15 , 35 is 105****

****Problem 3****

LCM of 24, 36, 18

Biggest number : 36

Let us start with table for 36 (as keep adding 36 because we cant keep each and every table in mind?)

$36 * 1 = 36$

(Is it completely divisible by 23 and 18 ? It is divisible by 18 but not by 24 So continue)

$36 * 2 = 72$

(Is it completely divisible by 18 and 24 ? Yes as $18 * 4 = 72$ and $24 * 3 = 72$)

****LCM for 24, 18, 36 is 72****

Initially you may feel mental calculation difficult. However with practice I guarantee you can calculate LCM for any 2 or 3 numbers in less than 10 seconds.

[28/03, 10:08 am] Amit Manekar: ****Mental Calculation Tricks (Cross Multiplication Tricks)****

Cross multiplication is very common thing which we across most of Aptitude topics.

Whether its profit loss, unit price of any item or time and distance calculation etc.

Most of you would be already knowing this trick still I wanted to share so that whoever not aware will get different viewpoint for calculation orally.

****Problem 1:****

If 10 pen cost is 500 Rupees what is cost of 25 Pens

10-----500

25-----?

In this case most of people do below calculation:

$500 * 25 / 10 = 12500/10 = 1250$

(This calculation will be very challenging to do orally)

Now lets look at this with different viewpoint and do it orally.

With what number we should multiply 10 so that we get 25
 $10 * 2.5 = 25$

So in order to find answer in place of ? we will multiply 500 by 2.5
 $500 * 2.5 = 1250$
Answer is 1250

****Problem 2:****

If Seller earns 25% profit on some item. What will be Cost price for item if selling price is 500Rs?
 $100 \text{-----} 125$
 $? \text{-----} 500$

With what number we should multiply 125 to get 500
 $125 * 4 = 500$

So in order to find answer in place of ? we need to multiply 100 by 4
 $100 * 4 = 400$
Answer is Cost price is 400

Like this if you are able to find multiplication factor in 2 left most terms or rightmost terms, you can solve this without doing Actual Long cross multiplication process.

[28/03, 10:16 am] Amit Manekar: ****Aptitude Made Simple****
****Logical Reasoning Letter Series Tricks*****

Letter series is similar to number series problems. Only difference is instead of numbers we have to find pattern in letters.

Eg. AZ, BY, CX, DW, ?

1st step while solving these questions is to write A to Z alphabets. Only need to make sure we write in following way.

A to M as left to right mentioning 1 to 13
N to Z as right to left mentioning 14 to 26

This makes understanding pattern easier.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
26	25	<-----									16	15 14

This would definitely save your time in identifying Letter series patterns.

Eg.
As looking at H you can say same place reverse way you have S.
H is 8th from left and S is 8th from right and many questions you will see which needs this pattern identification. It is very difficult to calculate it orally if you write A to Z as 1 to 26 in single line.

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[28/03, 10:17 am] Amit Manekar: ****Mean, Median and Mode Concept****

All these 3 terms are really simple. However they all are based on getting central idea of anything so it becomes always confusing to solve for most of the people.

Let us try to understand these terms in very simple way so at any point of time you will never get confused in these 3 terms.

MeAn - Mean Average (take normal average)

MeDian- Mid Point (Arrange all numbers in ascending that is smallest to highest and take middle number. If values are even then take average of 2 middle number in series)

MOde- More time (number most of times)

Problem 1:

Find Mean, Median and mode for:

2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 3, 6, 7

Mean - $(2 + 2 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 3 + 6 + 7) / 8$
Mean = $32 / 8 = 4$

Median : Arrange in ascending order
2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 4, 6, 7

Now as number of values even, we need to take average of middle 2 numbers

Median - $(4 + 4) / 2 = 4$

Mode -
2 occurred 2 times
3, 6, 7 occurred 1 time
4 is occurred maximum times in series that is 3 times.
Mode is 4

Now just remember as this and any time you write these words try to put in way.

****When you write MeAn where M and A is capital you will be able to memorize A is for Average**

When you write MeDian M and D as capital so you will recollect MidPoint

When you write MDe write MO capital so you will remember More.**

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[28/03, 10:17 am] Amit Manekar: ****Calendar Tricks - Leap year understanding****

Calendar questions are being asked in most of the examinations. Leap year plays very important role while solving any Calendar problem.

Leap year contains 366 days (29 February in these years) and Normal year contains 365 days (no 29 th February in these years) .

Can you look at below years and say if they are leap year or not?
1944, 1700, 1800 , 1900, 2000, 1998

Various students have misconception about Leap Year. They feel that after every 4 year leap year comes.

****For Century years****

Let us look at century year first. Century means hundred. So any year which ends with 00 is called as Leap year if it is completely divisible by 400 completely.

1900 - It is not leap year as we get remainder 300 when we divide 1900 by 400

2000- It is leap year as we get remainder 0 when we divide 2000 by 400.

****For Non-Century years****

For any non-century years to be leap year it should be completely divisible by 4. Specifically if last two digit number is divisible by 4 then it is leap year.

1944 - here it is non-century year and as 44 is divisible by 4 completely, it is Leap Year.

1998 - here it is non-century year and as 98 is not divisible by 4 completely, we get remainder 2, so it is not leap year.

So when century year not divisible by 400 (eg. 1300, 1700, 1900 etc.) at such cases Leap year comes after 8 years and not 4 years.

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[28/03, 10:18 am] Amit Manekar: ****Aptitude Made Simple****

****Mental Calculation Trick - Quadratic Equation - Trick 1****

Quadratic equation is very important while solving Aptitude problems.

Many students face challenge to solve Quadratic Equations. In order to get expertise in solving quadratic equation,

we will do following activity.

Splitting middle term is the major part of solving quadratic equation which we are going to look at with very simple numbers calculation (forget about x and x^2 for now)

If you practice below kind of 20-30 examples and you know tables 1 to 30 it would be very easy to solve any quadratic equation.

****Problem 1****

Sum of 2 numbers 18 and multiplication is 80

****Solution****

****Step 1****

Now try to identify factors of 80.

1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 16, 20, 40, 80

****Step2****

Now identify 2 factors whose sum is 18 and Multiplication is 80

8 and 10 sum is 18 and multiplication is 80

Just to correlate this

$$x^2 + 18x + 80 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 10x + 8x + 80 = 0$$

$$x(x + 10) + 8(x + 10) = 0$$

$$(x + 10)(x + 8) = 0$$

$$\text{So } x = -10 \text{ or } x = -8$$

****Problem 2****

Sum of 2 numbers 19 and multiplication is 60

****Solution****

****Step 1****

Now try to identify factors of 60.

1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 30, 60

****Step2****

Now identify 2 factors whose sum is 19 and multiplication is 60

15 and 4 sum is 19 and multiplication is 60

Just to correlate this

$$x^2 + 19x + 60 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 15x + 4x + 60 = 0$$

$$x(x + 15) + 4(x + 15) = 0$$

$$(x + 4)(x + 15) = 0$$

$$\text{So } x = -4 \text{ or } x = -15$$

Practice below problems where sum of 2 numbers and multiplication given

- 1) Sum 14 and Multiplication 40
- 2) Sum 16 and Multiplication 63
- 3) Sum 22 and Multiplication 120
- 4) Sum 23 and Multiplication 90
- 5) Sum 16 and Multiplication 63
- 6) Sum 18 and Multiplication 77
- 7) Sum 20 and Multiplication 64
- 8) Sum 15 and Multiplication 56

We will look at similar technique for Quadratic Equation for subtraction, combination of positive and negative factors in upcoming tricks.

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[28/03, 10:18 am] Amit Manekar: ****Aptitude Made Simple****

****Mental Calculation Trick - Quadratic Equation - Trick 2****

Quadratic equation is very important while solving Aptitude problems.

Many students face challenge to solve Quadratic Equations. In order to get expertise in solving quadratic equation, we will do following activity.

Splitting middle term is the major part of solving quadratic equation which we are going to look at with very simple numbers calculation (forget about x and x^2 for now)

Please go through **Quadratic Equation Trick1** before going through this.

Problem 1

Difference of 2 numbers is 2 and multiplication is 80

Solution

Step 1

Now try to identify factors of 80.

1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 16, 20, 40, 80

Step2

Now identify 2 factors whose difference is 2 and Multiplication is 80.

$10 - 8 = 2$ and multiplication is 80

Just to correlate this

$$x^2 + 2x - 80 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 10x - 8x + 80 = 0$$

$$x(x + 10) - 8(x + 10) = 0$$

$$(x + 10)(x - 8) = 0$$

So $x = -10$ or $x = 8$

Problem 2

Difference of 2 numbers is 11 and multiplication is 60

Solution

Step 1

Now try to identify factors of 60.

1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 60

Step2

Now identify 2 factors whose difference is 11 and multiplication is 60

$15 - 4 = 11$ and multiplication is 60

Just to correlate this

$$x^2 + 11x - 60 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 15x - 4x - 60 = 0$$

$$x(x + 15) - 4(x + 15) = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 15) = 0$$

So $x = 4$ or $x = -15$

Practice below problems where difference of 2 numbers and multiplication given

- 1) Difference 14 and Multiplication 72
- 2) Difference 16 and Multiplication 80
- 3) Difference 22 and Multiplication 75
- 4) Difference 23 and Multiplication 210
- 5) Difference 16 and Multiplication 36
- 6) Difference 18 and Multiplication 63
- 7) Difference 20 and Multiplication 69
- 8) Difference 15 and Multiplication 100

We will look at similar technique for Quadratic Equation for combination of positive and negative factors in our last Trick for Quadratic Equations.

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[28/03, 10:19 am] Amit Manekar: **Aptitude Made Simple**

Tricks to Improve Calculation speed

Many students face challenge to Crack Aptitude exam due to slow speed of calculation.

We will try to look at some of activities to speed up our calculation

We have hundreds of friends. Whenever we go at some place and if we see any of friend, our thought process happen like this. What is that friend's name? Is he or she is our school-friend, college friend or friend in our colony/society.

Now let us try to do similar activity when we see any number in day to day life.

We see numbers every where in day to activity. It could be mobile number of our friend or relative, Could be pincode, number plate of vehicle, Hotel bill etc.

Now let us try to look at these number and try to do below calculation:

****Activity 1****

Assume you see number as 6589 some where.

1) Look at the number and think if it is odd number or even number (it is odd number)

2) What is sum of all digits of this number

$$6 + 5 + 8 + 9 = 28$$

3) By which number from 2 to 11 this number is divisible.

****Activity 2****

You would see lot of vehicles in your society or on road etc.

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Take last 4 digits and split them into 2- 2 that is 64 and 87

Now add them and subtract them

$$64 + 87 = 151$$

$$87 - 64 = 23$$

Now repeat same

$$151 + 23 = 174$$

$$151 - 23 = 128$$

Perform these activities daily. You will see lot if improvement in your mental calculation speed.

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[31/03, 5:00 pm] Amit Manekar: ****Aptitude Made Simple****

****Mental Calculation Trick - Quadratic Equation - Trick 3****

Quadratic equation is very important while solving Aptitude problems.

Please go through ****Quadratic Equation Trick1 and Trick2**** before going through this.

****Problem 1****

$$x^2 + 7x + 10$$

****Solution****

****Step 1****

Look at all + or - signs. Very Important.

First term = x^2

Second Term = $(+7x)$

Third term = $(+10)$

Split Second Term $(+7x)$ in such way that multiplication of split values would be product of First Term $(+x^2)$ and Third Term $(+10)$ = $x^2 * 10 = 10x^2$

****Step 2****

We can say if we split Second Term $(7x)$ into $2x$ and $5x$ then $2x + 5x = 7x$

And $2x * 5x = 10x^2$ (As per expectation)

$$x^2 + 7x + 10 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 5x + 10 = 0$$

$$x(x + 2) + 5(x + 2) = 0$$

$$(x + 5)(x + 2) = 0 \text{ as } (x + 2) \text{ is common}$$

$$x + 5 = 0 \text{ or } x + 2 = 0$$

****Answer is $x = -5$ or $x = -2$ ****

****Problem 2****

$$x^2 - 9x - 22$$

****Solution****

****Step 1****

Look at all + or - signs. Very Important.

First term = x^2

Second Term = $(-9x)$

Third term = (-22)

Split Second Term $(-9x)$ in such way that multiplication of split values would be product of First Term $(+x^2)$ and Third Term $(-22) = x^2 * (-22) = -22x^2$

****Step 2****

We can say if we split Second Term $(-9x)$ into $(-11x)$ and $(+2x)$ then $-11x + 2x = -9x$

And $(-11x) * (2x) = -22x^2$ (As per expectation)

$$x^2 - 9x - 22 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 11x + 2x - 22 = 0$$

$$x(x - 11) + 2(x - 11) = 0$$

$$(x + 2)(x - 11) = 0 \text{ as } (x - 11) \text{ is common}$$

$$x + 2 = 0 \text{ or } x - 11 = 0$$

****Answer is $x = -2$ or $x = 11$ ****

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[10/04, 11:44 pm] Amit Manekar: ****Aptitude Made Simple****

****Basic Concepts - Type of Numbers****

Every work we do in our day to day life, basic concepts are very much important than any advanced concepts.

Any profession you consider, if you forget / ignore basics then it will be challenging for you to understand or tackle any real time problem.

Like if you switch on fan and fan does n't starts, most basic thing you should check is that electricity is there or not.

Similarly many of us does graduation, prepares for competitive exam, become enginners or some other professional but we forget ****Basics of numbers****.

Let us just look at type of Numbers on high level.

****Natuall Numbers****

Anything which we used to count (1 chocolate, 10 chocolates etc.) are natural Numbers. ****0 is not Natural number as we can't count it****

Eg. 1,2,3.....

****Whole Numbers****

All Natural numbers and considering 0 as well it makes Whole numbers.

Eg. 0,1,2,3.....

****Integers****

All positive and negative numbers including 0 are called as Integers.

Eg..... -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3.....

****Even Numbers****

Any number which is divisible by 2 is even number. In simple words, any number ending with 0 or 2 or 4 or 6 or 8 is even number.

Eg. 2, 4, 6, 18, 200 etc...

****Odd Numbers****

Any number which is not divisible by 2 is odd number. In simple words, any number ending with 1 or 3 or 5 or 7 or 9 is Odd number.

Eg. 1, 43, 65, 77, 209 etc...

****Prime Numbers****

Any number which is having exact 2 factors is called as prime number.

1 is not prime number as it has only 1 factor which is 1.

Eg. 2, 3, 5, 7, 17 etc

There are 25 prime numbers from 1 to 100

****Composite Numbers****

Any number having more than 2 factors is called Composite number.

Eg. 6 as it has factors 1, 2, 3, 6
20 as it has factors 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20

****CoPrime numbers****

Any 2 or more numbers whose HCF is 1 are Co-prime numbers.
Eg. 2 and 5, 10 and 7

****Rational Numbers****

Any number which we can express as x/y where x and y are Integers and y not equal to 0.
Eg. $1/2$, $2/3$

****Irrational Numbers****

Any number which we can not be expressed as x/y where x and y are Integers and y not equal to 0.
Eg. Square root 2, π etc.

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[04/06, 11:46 pm] Amit Manekar: ****Mental Calculation Tricks (Percentage)****

****Percentage Basics:****

Various topics like Profit and loss, Simple Interest, Compound Interest and Miscellaneous problem etc. needs percentage calculation.

Many students get confused or probably unable to visualise value of percentage.

****Simple meaning of Percentage****

Percentage means per 100.

If you look at marks of 2 different students 45 out of 50 and 78 out of 100, you can not decide who got better marks unless you calculate percentage.

Here we can see 1st student:

$$45/50 * 100 = 90$$

For 2nd student:

We don't need to calculate separately as marks are given out of 100 only

If you compare 90 and 78 you can understand 1st student got better % and so better marks as compared to 2nd.

Now let's look at some standard percentage first and can try to calculate this orally via mental calculation.

1. 10% $10/100 = 1/10$

Basically if you have to calculate 10% of any number just divide that number by 10.

Eg. 10% of 600 = $600/10 = 60$

2. 20% $20/100 = 1/5$

If you have to calculate 20% of any number just divide that number by 5.

Eg. 20% of 800 = $800/5 = 160$

3. 50% - divide by 2

4. 25% - divide by 4

Like this you can get percentage faster way.

We all know that calculating 10% is more easy than calculating 30% or 40%

In such cases calculate 10% first and then just multiply that answer by respective multiplication factor.

****Problem 1: ****

70% of 600

It is very simple to calculate 10% than 70%

10% of 600 is $600/10 = 60$

Now to calculate 70% we need to multiply 10% answer by 7.

$$60 * 7 = 420$$

****Answer is 70% of 600 is 420****

****Problem 2:****

80% of 580

It is very simple to calculate 10% than 80%

$$10\% \text{ of } 580 \text{ is } 580/10 = 58$$

Now to calculate 80% we need to multiply 10% answer by 8.

$$58 * 8 = 464$$

****Answer is 80% of 580 is 464****

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[02/07, 12:19 am] Amit Manekar: ****Mixture or Allegation concept****

Kasturi's marriage got fixed and her dad want to give party at home.

As it was mango season he decided to give Mango juice to all guests.

He went to shop and asked shopkeeper for Mango price.

He said these are 100 Rs per kg, these are 500 Rs per kg.

Kasturi's dad was from middle class so he was not able to afford 500 Rs per kg but he did not wanted to take 100 Rs per kg as those were of okay okay quality.

He asked shopkeeper please give me combination of both of 100 and 500 rs so that it cost me 250 Rs.

Shopkeeper was confused and at same time 1 mathematician came there.

Kasturi's dad and shopkeeper asked mathematician how they can make combination of 100 n 500 so it becomes 250Rs.

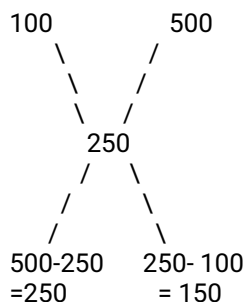
Mathematician said its simple and we call it as Allegation.

Draw big X

Write cheaper value at left top

Write costly value at right top

Write the number which you want to achieve at intersection of X and you are done.



So 250 :150

$$25:15$$

$$5 : 3$$

So shopkeeper should mix 100 and 500 Rs in ratio of 5 : 3 so he can sell mango at 250Rs

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[23/07, 6:39 pm] Amit Manekar: ****Tables Calculation Tricks****

When we solve any of mathematical problems, doing calculations is most common and important thing.

Calculations would be simple if we are capable of memorising tables 1 to 30

Most of people feel comfortable memorising table of 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25

Specifically numbers which are ending with 5 and 0 as our brain becomes very comfortable in these calculations.

However if we try to memorise table of 19, 29, 21 we face lot of challenges.

Here is very simple and basic trick to memorise these tables

****Example 1: Table of 21****

$$21 * 1 = (20 * 1) + (1 * 1)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 1$ is 20 and $1 * 1$ is 1 so it becomes $20 + 1 = 21$

$$21 * 2 = (20 * 2) + (1 * 2)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 2$ is 40 and $1 * 2$ is 2 so it becomes $40 + 2 = 42$

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$$21 * 8 = (20 * 8) + (1 * 8)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 8$ is 160 and $1 * 8$ is 8 so it becomes $160 + 8 = 168$

$$21 * 9 = (20 * 9) + (1 * 9)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 9$ is 180 and $1 * 9$ is 9 so it becomes $180 + 9 = 189$

$$21 * 10 = 210$$

****Example 2: Table of 19****

$$19 * 1 = (20 * 1) - (1 * 1)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 1$ is 20 and $1 * 1$ is 1 so it becomes $20 - 1 = 19$

$$19 * 2 = (20 * 2) - (1 * 2)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 2$ is 40 and $1 * 2$ is 2 so it becomes $40 - 2 = 38$

....

$$19 * 8 = (20 * 8) - (1 * 8)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 8$ is 160 and $1 * 8$ is 8 so it becomes $160 - 8 = 152$

$$19 * 9 = (20 * 9) - (1 * 9)$$

In mind you can do $20 * 9$ is 180 and $1 * 9$ is 9 so it becomes $180 - 9 = 171$

$$19 * 10 = 190$$

****This technique will help you to memorise all tables by referring to tables for numbers ending with 0, 5****

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[24/07, 6:44 pm] Amit Manekar: ****Subtraction Calculation Tricks****

Doing addition is very simple for anyone. When it comes to Subtraction, many of us face bit challenging.

It is because the way we handle carry in additions is much Simpler than we use in Subtraction.

Consider example below and try to do Subtraction in different and simple way.

****Example 1 (Without any carry)****

$$9766 - 2354$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \quad 7 \quad 6 \quad 6 \\ - 2 \quad 3 \quad 5 \quad 4 \\ \hline 7 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

****Step 1****

Instead of doing $6 - 4$

Think some number $+ 4 = 6$

What is that some number? 2

As $2 + 4 = 6$

****Step 2****

Some number + 5 = 6

Some number is 1

****Step 3****

Some number + 3 = 7

Some number is 4

****Step 4****

Some number + 2 = 9

Some number is 7

****Answer is 7412****

****Example 2 (With carry) ****

2000 - 765

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ - \quad 7 \quad 6 \quad 5 \\ \hline 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 5 \\ 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

****Step 1****

Instead of doing $0 - 5$

Think some number + 5 = 0

Its not possible as 5 is bigger than 0

So we need to consider 10 instead of 0

Some number + 5 = 10

Some number is 5

As we have written 0, 1 is carry which we will write at bottom and not at top

****Step 2****

1 (carry) + Some number + 6 = 0

Again as 6 is bigger than 0, we need to consider 0 as 10

1 + Some number + 6 = 10

Some number is 3

Again we will write carry 1 at bottom.

****Step 3****

1 + Some number + 7 = 10

Some number is 2

Write carry 1 at bottom

****Step 4****

1 + Some number = 2

Some number is 1

****Answer is 1235****

****Example 3 (With carry) ****

2360 - 980

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 3 \quad 6 \quad 0 \\ - \quad 9 \quad 8 \quad 0 \\ \hline 1 \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 5 \\ 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

****Step 1 ****

Some number + 5 = 10
Some number is 5

1 is carry which we will write at bottom

****Step 2****

1 (carry) + Some number + 8 = 6
Again as 6 is bigger than 8, we need to consider 6 as 16
1(Carry) + Some number + 8 = 16
Some number is 7
Again we will write carry 1 at bottom.

****Step 3****

1+ Some number + 9= 13
Some number is 3

Write carry 1 at bottom

****Step 4****

1 + Some number = 2
Some number is 1
****Answer is 1375****

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