

# Number System

even prime  
 $\textcircled{2}, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, \dots$

① Not a prime number

$6k + 1$  is a prime

$293 \rightarrow 49 \times 6 - 1$

✓ Natural Numbers

Positive Int.

$1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$

Whole Numbers

0 and  $\mathbb{N}$

$0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

✓ Prime Numbers

Not divisible

$\textcircled{25}$  till 10

Composite numbers



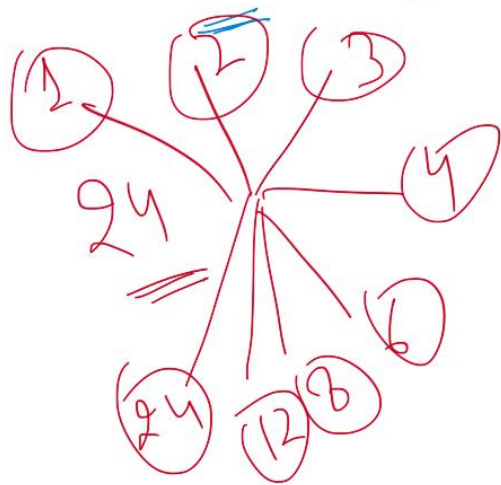
✓ No. of factors

$\textcircled{24} \rightarrow 8 \times 3$   
 $2 \times 3 \times 2$

$(3+1) \times (1+1) = 4 \times 2 = 8$

✓ 293 → 209 17  
 ✓ ~~293~~  
 ②

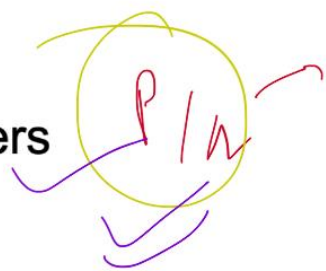
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# Real Numbers

I Non fractions

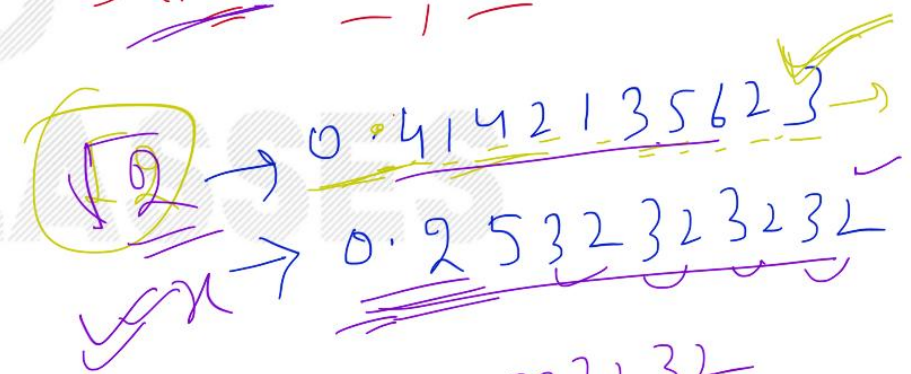
## Rational Numbers



$P > Q$  Mixed fraction  
 $P = Q$  Integer  
 $P < Q$  Proper fraction

## Irrational Numbers

Surds  $\pi, e$



## Complex Numbers



$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{100x} &= 25.323232 \\ 99x &= 25.07 \\ x &= \frac{2507}{9900} \end{aligned}$$

# ✓ Divisibility Rules

$$\underline{\underline{25}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{20} + \textcircled{5} \\ \textcircled{0} + \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ \hline 20 + 5 \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ \hline 25 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Divisible by 2  
Unit digit should be even

by 4  
Last 2 digits should be  
divisible

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{a} \textcircled{b} \textcircled{L} \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 100a + \textcircled{10b + L} \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \textcircled{ab} \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



# Rules

- by 2 → unit digit by 2
- by 3 → sum of all digits by 3
- by 4 → Last 2 digits by 4
- by 5 → Last digit 0 or 5
- by 6 → Last digit by 2 & 3 both
- by 7 → unit digit  $\times 5$  and
- by 8 → Last 3 digits by 8
- by 9 → add alternate digits and diff

$$\overline{\overline{1331}}$$

$$4 - 4 \Rightarrow \textcircled{0}$$

add it in remaining digit

$$\overline{\overline{343}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 15 \\ \hline \textcircled{49} \end{array}$$

## Divisibility of algebraic expressions

1.  $a^n + b^n$

$a+b$

n is odd

2.  $a^n - b^n$

$a-b$

$a+b$

Always

n is Even

Which one of the following numbers is exactly divisible by  $(11^{\textcircled{13}} + 1)$ ?

A.  $11^{26} \textcircled{+} 1$  ✓

B.  $11^{\textcircled{33}} \textcircled{+} 1$  ✓

C.  $11^{\textcircled{39}} \textcircled{-} 1$  ✓

✓ D.  $11^{\textcircled{52}} \textcircled{-} 1$

GATE 2021 EE

$n = \textcircled{h}$  -  $11^{13} + 1$

✓  $11^{13} + 1$   $\textcircled{a} + \textcircled{b}$

## Even & Odd number

2, 4, 6, 8, 10

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13

Result

Even

$e + e$

$\sim 0 + 0$

$E/O \times E$

Odd  $\rightarrow e + 0$

OXO



Eg. There are two, 2-digit numbers  $\overline{ab}$  and  $\overline{cd}$ .  $\overline{ba}$  is the another two digit number prepared by reversing the digits of  $\overline{ab}$ , if  $\overline{ab} \times \overline{cd} = 493$ ,  $\overline{ba} \times \overline{cd} = 2059$ , what is value 'g' sum of  $(\overline{ab} + \overline{cd}) = ?$

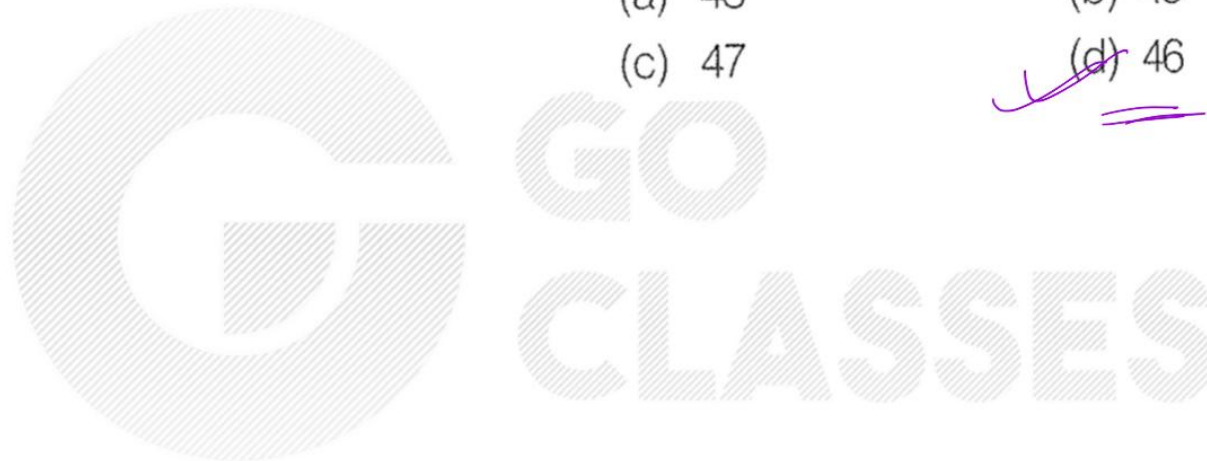
(a) 43

(b) 45

(c) 47

(d) 46

✓ 46 13



If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $a - b$  is even, which of the following must always be even?

- A.  $ab$  e✓ o✓
- B.  $a^2 + b^2 + 1$  o e
- C.  $a^2 + b + 1$  o e
- D.  $ab - b$  e✓ o
- Handwritten analysis:* For A,  $a$  and  $b$  are both even (e), so  $ab$  is even (e). For B,  $a^2$  and  $b^2$  are even (e), but  $+1$  makes it odd (o). For C,  $a^2$  is even (e) and  $b$  is even (e), but  $+1$  makes it odd (o). For D,  $a$  is even (e) and  $b$  is even (e), so  $ab - b$  is even (e).

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~~HCF~~ → GCD

12, 18

6

2 1 3

LCM

Least

12, 18

36

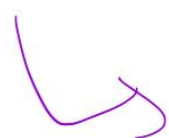
12 36 54 72

12 → 2 × 2 × 3  
18 → 2 × 3 × 3

$2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3$   
36 LCM

HCF

LCM of a fraction



$$\frac{LCM(N)}{HCF(D)}$$

$$\frac{N}{D}$$

$$\frac{HCF(N)}{LCM(D)}$$

HCF  
LCM

$$\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{3}{5}$$

$$\frac{7}{4}$$

HCF  $\frac{1}{60}$

LCM  $\frac{42}{1}$

## Unit Digit of big powers

Eg. Find the unit digit of  $2^{754}$

168  
754  
4

(2)

752

$2^2$

(1) Ans

$2^1 = 2$

$2^2 = 4$

$2^3 = 8$

$2^4 = 16$

$2^5 = 32$

$2^6 = 64$

$2^8 = 128$

$2^{10} = 256$

$3^1 = 3$

$3^2 = 9$

$3^3 = 27$

$3^4 = 81$

$3^5 = 243$



$$\underline{\underline{4}}^{25} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{9}}$$

## Cyclicity table

<u>1</u>	:	<u>1</u>
<u>2</u>	:	<u>2</u> , <u>4</u> , <u>6</u> , <u>8</u>
<u>3</u>	:	<u>3</u> , <u>9</u> , <u>7</u> , <u>1</u>
<u>4</u>	:	<u>4</u> , <u>6</u>
<u>5</u>	:	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	:	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	:	<u>7</u> , <u>9</u> , <u>3</u> , <u>1</u>
<u>8</u>	:	<u>8</u> , <u>4</u> , <u>2</u> , <u>6</u>
<u>9</u>	:	<u>9</u> , <u>1</u>
<u>0</u>	:	<u>0</u>

Find remainder

=

$$\frac{25}{2} = \textcircled{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 20 + 5 \\ \hline 2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 25 + 34 + 327 \\ \hline 5 \end{array} = \frac{6}{5} = \textcircled{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \times 2 \times 8 \\ 18 \times 15 \times 21 \\ \hline 13 \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{20}{13} \textcircled{2}$$

$$\checkmark \frac{(x+a)^n}{n} = \frac{a^n}{n} + n \binom{n}{0} \frac{a^n}{n} + n \binom{n}{1} \frac{a^{n-1}}{n} + \dots + n \binom{n}{n} \frac{a^n}{n}$$

$$\frac{7^{99}}{6} = \frac{(6+1)^{99}}{6} = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow 12$$

$$\frac{5^{100}}{7} = \frac{(25)^{50}}{7} = \frac{(7 \times 3 + 4)^{50}}{7} = \frac{4^{50}}{7} = \frac{(16)^{25}}{7}$$

$$= \frac{(7 \times 2 + 2)^{25}}{7} = \frac{2^{25}}{7} = \frac{2 \cdot 2^{24}}{7} = \frac{2 \cdot (8)^8}{7}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot (7+1)^8}{7} = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{7} = \frac{2}{7}$$

① 
$$\frac{\text{Number}}{a \text{ or } b \text{ or } c} \rightarrow \textcircled{K} \Rightarrow (n-1) \times \text{LCM}(a, b, c) + K$$

② 
$$\frac{\text{Number}}{a \text{ or } b \text{ or } c} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} a-K \\ b-K \\ c+K \end{matrix} \Rightarrow n \times \text{LCM}(a, b, c) - K$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{n=1}$

③ 
$$\frac{\checkmark \text{Number} + \checkmark K}{a \text{ or } b \text{ or } c}$$

If a prime number on division by 4 gives a remainder of 1, then that number can be expressed as

- ✓ A. sum of squares of two natural numbers ✓
- ~~B. sum of cubes of two natural numbers~~
- ✓ C. sum of square roots of two natural numbers ✓
- ✓ D. sum of cube roots of two natural numbers ✓

GATE 2012 AE

$$\begin{array}{c} 9 \qquad 4 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{2} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 27 \quad 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{4K+1} \rightarrow \textcircled{5} \rightarrow 4+1 \\ \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 9+4 \\ \rightarrow 17 \rightarrow 16+1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 9 \\ 4 & 16 \end{array}$$



## Base System

Binary<sup>②</sup>     0, 1  
Decimal     0, 1, ..., 9  
Base 8     0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 7  
Base 6     0, 5

Any Base

→ Decimal


$(a^3 b^2 c^1 d^0 . e^1 f^2 g^3)_B$

$$\rightarrow a \times B^3 + b \times B^2 + c \times B^1 + d + e \times B^{-1} + f \times B^{-2} + g \times B^{-3}$$

Decimal → Any Base

$$(\underline{124})_{10} \rightarrow (\underline{174})_8$$

8	<u>124</u>	
8	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
8	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
	0	<u>1</u>



Base 7

1 1  
4 3 6

3 5 6

✓

✓

11 2 5 Ans

1 1  
4 3 6 ✓

3 5 6

11 2 5 Ans

12

7 + 5

7 + 1

✓ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Consider the equation:  $(7526)_8 - (Y)_8 = (4364)_8$ , where  $(X)_N$  stands for  $X$  to the base  $N$ . Find  $Y$ .

- A. 1634
- B. 1737
- C. 3142
- D. 3162

Gate 2014 CSE

Handwritten solution showing the subtraction in base 8:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 7526 \\
 - 4364 \\
 \hline
 3142
 \end{array}$$

The result is  $Y = 3142$ .

Handwritten notes include a list of digits 0 through 7 with checkmarks, indicating the valid digits in base 8.

## Some more GATE PYQs

**Q.1** The product of three integers  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  is 192.  $Z$  is equal to 4 and  $P$  is equal to the average of  $X$  and  $Y$ . What is the minimum possible value of  $P$ ?

- A. 6
- ☒ B. 7
- C. 8
- D. 9.5

Gate 2019 ME

$$P = \frac{X+Y}{2}$$

$$XYZ = 192$$

$$P = 7$$

$$XY = \frac{192}{4} = 48$$

Factor pairs of 48:

- $8 \times 6$
- $12 \times 4$
- $16 \times 3$
- $24 \times 2$
- $48 \times 1$

**Q.2** The sum and product of two integers are 26 and 165 respectively. The difference between these two integers is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 2
- B. 3
- ☒ C. 4
- D. 6

Ans

Gate 2019 ME

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{(x-y)^2} &= x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \\ &= x^2 + y^2 + 2xy - 4xy \\ &= (x+y)^2 - 4xy \\ &= 26^2 - 4 \times 165 \Rightarrow 676 - 660 \\ &= \underline{16} \end{aligned}$$

$x-y = ?$   
 $x+y = 26$   
 $xy = 165$



**Q.3** Given two sets  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $Y = \{2, 3, 4\}$ , we construct a set  $Z$  of all possible fractions where the numerators belong to set  $X$  and the denominators belong to set  $Y$ . The product of elements having minimum and maximum values in the set  $Z$  is \_\_\_\_.

- A.  $1/12$
- B.  $1/8$
- C.  $1/6$
- ☒ D.  $3/8$

Gate 2019 EE

Handwritten solution:

$$\text{Minimum value} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{Maximum value} = \frac{3}{2}$$
$$\text{Product} = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{8}$$

**Q.4** A number consists of two digits. The sum of the digits is 9. If 45 is subtracted from the number, its digits are interchanged. What is the number?

A. 63

~~B. 72~~ *m*

C. 81

D. 90

Gate 2018 ME

$$\begin{array}{r} 10a + b \\ - (10b + a) \\ \hline 45 \end{array}$$

$$9a - 9b = 45$$

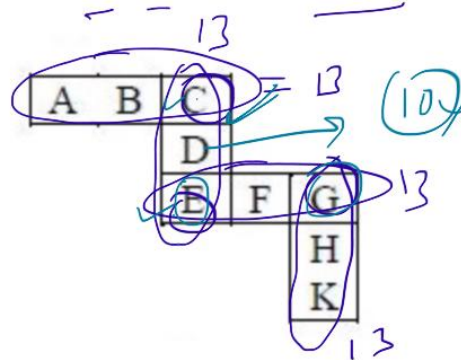
$$a - b = 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{ab} \\ \downarrow \\ \begin{array}{r} 10a + b \\ - 45 \\ \hline 10b + a \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} a + b = 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} 7 & 2 \end{array}$$

- Q.5** Each of the letters in the figure below represents a unique integer from 1 to 9. The letters are positioned in the figure such that each of  $(A + B + C)$ ,  $(C + D + E)$ ,  $(E + F + G)$  and  $(G + H + K)$  is equal to 13. Which integer does E represent?



**Gate 2018 CE**

- A. 1  
☒ B. 4  
 C. 6  
 D. 7

$$(A + K) + C + E + G = 52$$

$$45 + C + E + G = 52$$

$$C + E + G = 7$$

$$1, 2, 4$$

**Q.6** The sum of the digits of a two digit number is 12. If the new number formed by reversing the digits is greater than the original number by 54, find the original number.

- ☒ A. 39  
B. 57  
C. 66  
D. 93

$$\begin{array}{r} 10b + a \\ - (10a + b) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

54

$$9b - 9a = 54$$

$$b - a = 6$$

96

Gate 2016 CE

$$a + b = 12$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a = 3 \\ b = 9 \end{array}$$

**Q.7** A positive integer  $m$  in base 10 when represented in base 2 has the representation  $p$  and in base 3 has the representation  $q$ . We get  $p - q = 990$  where the subtraction is done in base 10. Which of the following is necessarily true:

- A.  $m \geq 14$  ✓
- ~~B.  $9 \leq m \leq 13$~~
- C.  $6 \leq m \leq 8$  ✓
- D.  $m < 6$  ✓

Gate 2010 MN

$m$   
 $9$   
 $10$   
 $11$   
 $12$   
 $13$

$p$   
 $1001$   
 $1010$   
 $1011$   
 $1100$   
 $1101$

$q$   
 $100$   
 $101$   
 $102$   
 $110$   
 $111$

$p - q$   
 $901$   
 $909$   
 $909$   
 $990$   
 $990$



**Q.8**  $X$  is a 30 digit number starting with the digit 4 followed by the digit 7. Then the number  $X^3$  will have

- ☒ A. 90 digits
- ☐ B. 91 digits
- ☐ C. 92 digits
- ☐ D. 93 digits

12

**Gate 2017 CSE**

$$X = \underbrace{47777}_{25 \text{ times}} \Rightarrow X = \underline{4.7 \times 10^{29}}$$

$$\boxed{X^3}$$

$$X^3 = (4.7)^3 \times 10^{29 \times 3}$$

↓

3 digit

$$\times 10^{87}$$

Q.9

Find the smallest number  $y$  such that  $y \times 162$  is a perfect cube.

A. 24

B. 27

C. 32

✓ D. 36

Gate 2017 CSE

90%

$$y \times 162$$

$$81 \times 2$$

$$\begin{matrix} 27 \times 3 \times 2 \times 6 \times 6 \end{matrix}$$