

# Rational Class Example- Part 1

This lab exercise contains starter files with a skeleton for a class called **Rational**. Your job will be to implement this class. The idea is that a **Rational** object represents a rational number. Please recall that a rational number is a number that can be represented as the quotient of two integers. For example, all of the following are valid **Rational** numbers: 5/13, 20/17, 3/7, 7/3, 2/1, 1/2, 20/40

1. Your first changes will be in the file `Rational.java`.
2. Define two private instance variables of type `int` – one called **numer** for the numerator, and one called **denom** for the denominator.
3. Provide a constructor that allows the user to specify the numerator and denominator in that order:  

```
public Rational(int numerIn, int denomIn)
```
4. Provide two “getters”:  

```
public int getNumer()  
public int getDenom()
```
5. Provide a `toString` method. For example, if the rational number is 7/5, then the return value should be the `String` "7/5". (No spaces).
6. Provide an instance method called **reciprocal**, which returns the reciprocal of the rational number. For example, if the current object is 7/5, the return value will be a new rational number that represents 5/7.
7. Provide a **static** method called **multiply**, which takes **two** rational numbers as parameters and returns a new **Rational** number representing their product. **Do not reduce any fractions!**
8. Provide an **instance** method called **divide**, which takes **one** rational number as a parameter and returns a new **Rational** number representing the quotient obtained by dividing the current object by the parameter. For example, if `x` is 2/3 and `y` is 5/7 then `x.divide(y)` should yield 14/15. **Do not reduce any fractions!**
9. Provide an instance method called **add**, which takes **one** rational number as a parameter and returns a new **Rational** number representing the sum of the current object plus the parameter. You must use the following formula for computing the sum. **Do not reduce any fractions!**

The sum of  $a/b$  plus  $c/d$  is to be computed as:

$$(ad + cb) / (bd)$$

I have provided you with the **PublicTests.java** file so that you can see how we are testing those for this lab exercise and so that you can run those tests locally for practice.