

Mathematics – Decimals

What do I need to be able to do?

Four operations with decimals

Round numbers

to powers of 10

to a given number of decimal places

to a given number of significant figures

Know the difference between rounding numbers and truncating numbers

Estimate calculations

Understand and use limits of accuracy

Understand and use error interval notation

Keywords:

Accuracy: the exact value of something

Estimate: make an informed guess using available information

Round: estimate a number to a level of accuracy

Decimal places: the digits after the decimal point

Significant figures: starting with the 1st non-zero digit and decreasing in place value

Truncated: the number cut off at a level of accuracy

Limits: the highest and lowest values a number could be prior to rounding

Round to powers of 10:

Nearest - look at the next place value and decide:

One: 0.0 - 0.4 round down, 0.5 - 0.9 round up

Ten: 0 - 4 round down, 5 - 9 round up

Hundred: 0 - 50 round down, 50 - 99 round up

Thousand: 0 - 499 round down, 500 - 999 round up

"zero to 4 let it go, 5 or above give it a shove"

Round to decimal places:

Nearest - look at the next decimal place value:

If it is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 round down.

If it is 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 round up

Examples:

Round a) 6.47 to 1dp = 6.5 (7 so round up)

b) 4.542 to 2dp = 4.54 (2 so round down)

c) 5.999 to 2dp = 6.00 (9 so round up)

Round to significant figures:

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Examples:

Round a) 6.47 to 1 sig fig = 6 (4 so round down)

b) 4.542 to 3 sig fig = 4.54 (2 so round down)

c) 5.999 to 2 sig fig = 6.0 (9 so round up) - note the extra zero to ensure 2 significant figures

Estimating - round each number to 1 sig fig then do the calculation:

a) $34.3 \times 0.52 \approx 30 \times 0.5 = 15$ (\approx means approximately)

b) $\frac{231}{0.46} + \frac{45.9}{0.5} \approx \frac{200}{0.5} + \frac{50}{0.5} = 250 + 100 = 350$

Truncating Numbers - using the most significant part of the number and ignoring rounding rules:

Example: Truncate to 1 sig fig

a) 39.654 = 30 (just the tens column)

B) 0.4666 = 0.4

Limits of accuracy:

These are called the upper and lower bound.

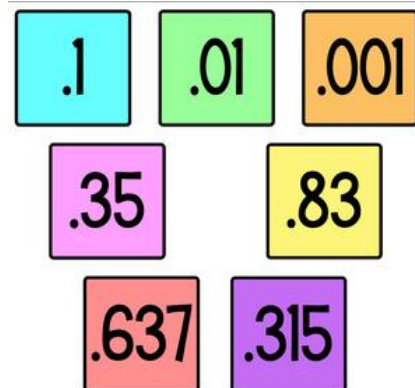
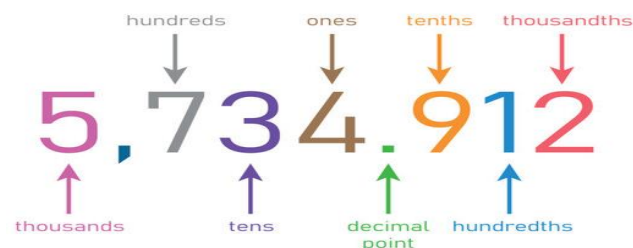
They are always half the given accuracy level each way:

For example, nearest 100 is 50 either way so the lower and upper bounds of 500 are 450 and 550.

It is written: $450 \leq 500 < 550$

Lower Bound

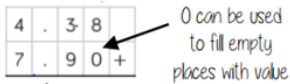
Upper Bound



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Addition and Subtraction



The decimal place acts as the placeholder and aligns the other values

Division with decimals

The placeholder in division methods is essential – the decimal lines up on the dividend and the quotient

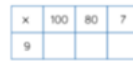
$$24 \div 0.02 \rightarrow 24 \div 0.2 \rightarrow 240 \div 2$$

All give the same solution as represent the same proportion. Multiply the values in proportion until the divisor becomes an integer

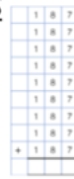
Multiplication methods



Long multiplication (column)



Grid method



Repeated addition

Less effective method especially for bigger multiplication

Multiplication with decimals

Perform multiplications as integers e.g. $0.2 \times 0.3 \rightarrow 2 \times 3$

Make adjustments to your answer to match the question: $0.2 \times 10 = 2$
 $0.3 \times 10 = 3$

Therefore $6 \div 100 = 0.06$

Estimations: Using estimations allows a 'check' if your answer is reasonable

Division methods

$$3584 \div 7 = 512$$

Short division

$$7 \overline{) 3584}$$

Complex division

$$\div 24 = \div 6 \div 4$$

Break up the divisor using

Higher Tier Topics Only

Solve problems involving upper and lower bounds

Addition (A + B)

Upper Bound is Max A + Max B

Lower Bound is Min A + Min B

Multiplication (A x B)

Upper Bound is Max A x Max B

Lower Bound is Min A x Min B

Subtraction (A - B)

Upper Bound is Max A - Min B (Biggest Gap)


Lower Bound is Min A - Max B (Smallest Gap)

Division (A ÷ B)

Upper Bound is Max A ÷ Min B (Biggest Gap)

Lower Bound is Min A ÷ Max B (Smallest Gap)

Example 1

The dimensions of the rectangle are to the nearest  of the given cm.

Write the upper and lower bounds of the perimeter of the rectangle:

$$\text{Upper Bound } (18.5 + 7.5) \times 2 = 52\text{cm}$$

$$\text{Lower Bound } (17.5 + 6.5) \times 2 = 48\text{cm}$$

We write this as $48 \leq \text{Perimeter} \leq 52$

Example 2

Aisha runs 100 m in 15 seconds.

Find the upper and lower bounds of Aisha's speed if the numbers are given to the nearest integer.

$$\text{Upper: } 100.5 \div 14.5 = 6.9 \text{ m/s (1 d.p.)}$$

$$\text{Lower: } 99.5 \div 15.5 = 6.4 \text{ m/s (1 d.p.)}$$

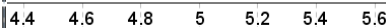
What do I need to be able to do?

Solve problems involving upper and lower bounds

Convert a recurring decimal to a fraction



$$4.5 \leq x < 5.5$$



Keywords:

Error Bounds: the points where you change the number being used as an estimate

Error Interval: the range of values between the bounds shown as an inequality

Recurring decimal: repeated pattern of numbers.

Maximum Value: Largest *possible* solution

Minimum Value: Lowest *possible* solution

Convert a recurring decimal to a fraction

Convert 0.8 to a fraction

$$x = 0.8$$

$$10x = 8.8 \text{ (match the recurring decimal)}$$

$$10x - x = 8.8 - 0.8$$

$$9x = 8 \text{ (divide 9)}$$

$$x = \frac{8}{9}$$

Convert 0.23 to a fraction

$$x = 0.23$$

$$10x = 2.3232 \text{ (decimal doesn't match)}$$

$$100x = 23.23 \text{ (match the recurring decimal)}$$

$$100x - x = 23.23 - 0.23$$

$$99x = 23 \text{ (divide 99)}$$

$$x = \frac{23}{99}$$

Convert 0.14545 to a fraction

$$x = 0.14545$$

$$10x = 1.4545 \text{ (decimal doesn't match)}$$

$$100x = 14.5454 \text{ (decimal still doesn't match)}$$

$$1000x = 145.4545 \text{ (decimal matches 10x)}$$

$$1000x - 10x = 145.45 - 1.45$$

$$990x = 143 \text{ (divide 990)}$$

$$x = \frac{143}{990}$$

What do I need to be able to do?

- Substitute into algebraic expressions
- Simplify algebraic expressions
- Multiply out a single bracket
- Expand multiple single brackets and simplify
- Factorise into a single bracket
- Find the product of two brackets
- **Find the product of three brackets**
- Factorise quadratics of the form $x^2 + bx + c$ into 2 brackets
- **Factorise quadratics of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$**
- **Write a quadratic in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$**

Substitute into algebraic expressions

If $y = 7$, evaluate $3y - 2$ $3y$ means 3 lots of $y = y + y + y$

$3y - 2 = 7 + 7 + 7 - 2 = 19$

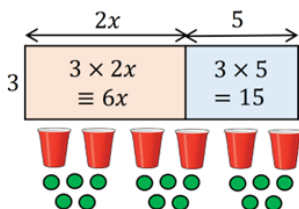
If $a = 3$ and $b = 5$, evaluate $2a^2 + 4b$ a^2 means $a \times a$
 $2a^2$ means $2 \times a \times a$

$2a^2 + 4b = 2 \times 3 \times 3 + 4 \times 5$
 $= 18 + 20$
 $= 38$

Multiply out a single bracket

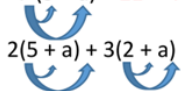
Expand $3(2x + 5)$

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| $2x + 5$ | $2x + 5$ | $2x + 5$ |
| $x \quad x \quad 5$ | $x \quad x \quad 5$ | $x \quad x \quad 5$ |
| $6x + 15$ | | |



Expand and simplify where appropriate

$7(3 + a) = 21 + 7a$



$2(5 + a) + 3(2 + a) = 10 + 2a + 6 + 3a$
 $= 5a + 16$

Find the product of three brackets

$(x + 3)(x + 4)(x + 2)$

$(x + 3)(x + 4) = x^2 + 7x + 12$

$(x^2 + 7x + 12)(x + 2)$

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|----------|-------|------|----------|--------|--------|-------|
| \times | x | 3 | \times | x^2 | $7x$ | 12 |
| x | x^2 | $3x$ | x | x^3 | $7x^2$ | $12x$ |
| 4 | $4x$ | 12 | 2 | $2x^2$ | $14x$ | 24 |

$(x + 3)(x + 4)(x + 2) = x^3 + 9x^2 + 26x + 24$

Write a quadratic in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$

$y = x^2 - 2x - 15$

$y = x^2 - 2x + 1 - 16$

$y = (x - 1)^2 - 16$

Keywords:

- Operation:** a mathematical process
- Inverse:** the operation that undoes what was done by the previous operation. (The opposite operation)
- Commutative:** the order of the operations do not matter.
- Variable:** a letter that stands for a number
- Substitute:** replace one variable with a number or another variable.
- Term:** number or variable in an expression or equation
- Coefficient:** number in front of the variable
- Like terms:** variables which are the same
- Constant:** a term which is not a variable (a number)
- Expression:** a maths sentence with a minimum of two terms and at least one operation (no equals sign)
- Simplify:** write the expression as simply as possible
- Evaluate:** work out the value of
- Expand:** multiply out brackets
- Factorise:** put an expression into brackets
- Quadratic:** an expression with a square (x^2) term and no terms with higher powers

Simplify algebraic expressions

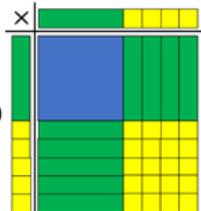
Simplify $2a + 5a + 3a$ (Collect like terms)
 $= 10a$

Simplify $a + 3b + 3a^2 - 2b$

Find the product of two brackets

Expand $(x + 5)(x + 4)$

$(x + 5)(x + 4) \equiv x^2 + 5x + 4x + 20$
 $\equiv x^2 + 9x + 20$



Factorise quadratics of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$

$2x^2 - 3x - 2$

$ac = -2 \times 2 = -4$

Look for other products that = -4 which sum (add) to b (= -3)

$2x^2 - 4x + x - 2$

$-4 \times 1 = -4$

$-4 + 1 = -3 = b$

$2x(x - 2) + 1(x - 2)$

Split the -3x into -4x + 1x

$(2x + 1)(x - 2)$

Factorise into a single bracket

$9x + 12 \equiv 3 \times 3x + 3 \times 4$

