

Dave's Math Tables: *Fraction to Decimal Conversion*

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Important Note: any span of numbers that is underlined signifies that those numbers are repeated. For example, 0.09 signifies 0.090909....

Only fractions in lowest terms are listed. For instance, to find 2/8, first simplify it to 1/4 then search for it in the table below.

fraction = decimal			
1/1 = 1			
1/2 = 0.5			
1/3 = 0. <u>3</u>	2/3 = 0. <u>6</u>		
1/4 = 0.25	3/4 = 0.75		
1/5 = 0.2	2/5 = 0.4	3/5 = 0.6	4/5 = 0.8
1/6 = 0.1 <u>6</u>	5/6 = 0.8 <u>3</u>		
1/7 = 0. <u>142857</u>	2/7 = 0. <u>285714</u>	3/7 = 0. <u>428571</u>	4/7 = 0. <u>571428</u>
	5/7 = 0. <u>714285</u>	6/7 = 0. <u>857142</u>	
1/8 = 0.125	3/8 = 0.375	5/8 = 0.625	7/8 = 0.875
1/9 = 0. <u>1</u>	2/9 = 0. <u>2</u>	4/9 = 0. <u>4</u>	5/9 = 0. <u>5</u>
	7/9 = 0. <u>7</u>	8/9 = 0. <u>8</u>	
1/10 = 0.1	3/10 = 0.3	7/10 = 0.7	9/10 = 0.9
1/11 = 0.0 <u>9</u>	2/11 = 0.1 <u>8</u>	3/11 = 0. <u>27</u>	4/11 = 0. <u>36</u>
	5/11 = 0. <u>45</u>	6/11 = 0. <u>54</u>	7/11 = 0. <u>63</u>
	8/11 = 0. <u>72</u>	9/11 = 0. <u>81</u>	10/11 = 0. <u>90</u>
1/12 = 0.0 <u>83</u>	5/12 = 0.41 <u>6</u>	7/12 = 0.5 <u>83</u>	11/12 = 0.91 <u>6</u>
1/16 = 0.0625	3/16 = 0.1875	5/16 = 0.3125	7/16 = 0.4375
	11/16 = 0.6875	13/16 = 0.8125	15/16 = 0.9375
1/32 = 0.03125	3/32 = 0.09375	5/32 = 0.15625	7/32 = 0.21875
	9/32 = 0.28125	11/32 = 0.34375	13/32 = 0.40625
	15/32 = 0.46875	17/32 = 0.53125	19/32 = 0.59375
	21/32 = 0.65625	23/32 = 0.71875	25/32 = 0.78125
	27/32 = 0.84375	29/32 = 0.90625	31/32 = 0.96875

Need to convert a repeating decimal to a fraction? Follow these examples:

Note the following pattern for repeating decimals:

$$0.\underline{2}2222222... = 2/9$$

$$0.\underline{5}4545454... = 54/99$$

$$0.\underline{2}98298298... = 298/999$$

Division by 9's causes the repeating pattern.

Note the pattern if zeros precede the repeating decimal:

$$0.0\underline{2}2222222... = 2/90$$

$$0.000\underline{5}4545454... = 54/99000$$

$$0.00\underline{2}98298298... = 298/99900$$

Adding zero's to the denominator adds zero's before the repeating decimal.

To convert a decimal that begins with a non-repeating part, such as $0.21\underline{4}56456456456456...$, to a fraction, write it as the sum of the non-repeating part and the repeating part.

$$0.21 + 0.00\underline{4}56456456456456...$$

Next, convert each of these decimals to fractions. The first decimal has a divisor of power ten. The second decimal (which repeats) is converted according to the pattern given above.

$$21/100 + 456/99900$$

Now add these fraction by expressing both with a common divisor

$$20979/99900 + 456/99900$$

and add.

$$21435/99900$$

Finally simplify it to lowest terms

$$1429/6660$$

and check on your calculator or with long division.

$$= 0.2145645645...$$