

B: Comparing and Ordering Fractions - Continued

Examples:

1. Identify a decimal number between the following:

a) $\frac{4}{5}$, $\frac{5}{6}$

$= 0.8$, $0.8\bar{3}$ Convert each to a decimal

$= \boxed{0.81}$ Choose a decimal that falls between the two.

OTHER Possibilities:

0.82 , 0.83 , 0.811 , 0.812 etc. There are many different answers. Anything between the decimals work.

b) $-\frac{18}{23}$, $-\frac{5}{6}$

$= -0.78261$, $-0.8\bar{3}$

$= \boxed{-0.79}$

OTHER Possibilities:

-0.80 , -0.81 , -0.78262
 -0.78263 etc.

2. Identify a fraction between the following:

a) 0.4 , 0.5

$= 0.45$

$= \frac{45}{100}$

$= \frac{45 \div 5}{100 \div 5}$

$= \boxed{\frac{9}{20}}$

Choose a decimal between the two given.

Put the decimal "over" 100, 1000, etc. # of decimal places = # of zeroes.

Reduce if you can.

* Fraction answers should always be in lowest reduced terms.

b) -0.63 , -0.64

$= -0.635$

$= -\frac{635}{1000}$

$= -\frac{635 \div 5}{1000 \div 5}$

$= \boxed{-\frac{127}{200}}$

2. Continued

- There are many possible answers to this question.

3. Use a rational number to represent the following:

a) a temperature decrease of 4.6°C

decrease means negative so:

$$-4.6^{\circ}\text{C}$$

b) 16m above sea level.

above means positive so:

$$+16\text{m}$$

Fraction Terminology

$\frac{-5}{6}$ ← numerator

6 ← denominator.

Examples:

4. Give a fraction in lowest terms that satisfies the following:

- between 0 and -1 with the denominator less than the numerator.

denominator smaller than numerator.

$$\frac{\quad}{10}$$

choose the denominator

$$\frac{11}{10}$$

go up by 1 for the numerator.



$-\frac{11}{10}$ Add the negative sign.

-1.1 Determine the decimal and make sure it is in between 0 and -1

$$\boxed{-\frac{11}{10}}$$

Identify your answer.

There are many different answers.

5. Find x .

a) $\frac{8}{-10} = \frac{x}{-20}$

$$\frac{8}{-10} \swarrow \searrow \frac{x}{-20}$$

Cross Multiply starting with x .

$$(x)(-10) = 8(-20)$$
$$-10x = -160$$

$$\frac{\cancel{+10}x}{\cancel{+10}} = \frac{\cancel{+160}}{\cancel{+10}}$$

$$\boxed{x = 16}$$

Divide the # in front of x to cancel. Include the sign

Solve and circle your answer.

b) $\frac{-12}{-10} = \frac{60}{x}$

$$\frac{-12}{-10} \swarrow \searrow \frac{60}{x}$$

$$(x)(-12) = (-10)(60)$$
$$-12x = -600$$

$$\frac{\cancel{+12}x}{\cancel{+12}} = \frac{\cancel{-600}}{\cancel{-12}}$$

$$\boxed{x = 50}$$

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