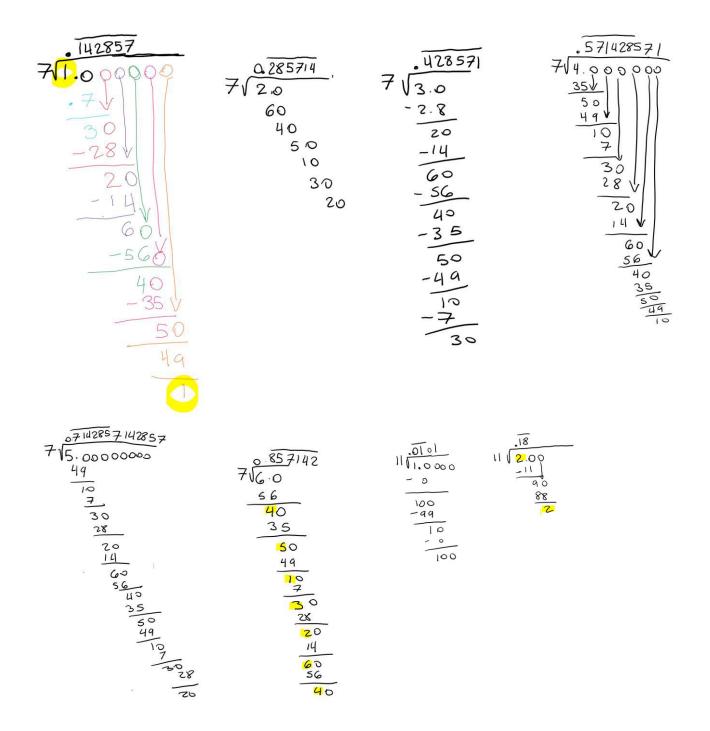
Infinite decimal expansions of rational number

Terminating decimal- if you multiply it by a multiple of ten you get a whole number Repeating decimal - is a decimal number with a digit, or group of digits, that repeat on and on, without end

Every fraction repeats



Notice that we have repeating decimals made up of the same digits. When you do 1/7 you're going through every possible remainder and shifting the decimal result according to the first remainder.

1/11=.0909

2/11=.1818

There are only two possible remainders when going through long division in either case so the repeating decimal has a repeating block of two digits.

All rational numbers will repeat!

Observe the rational number 5/13. Because it can be written in the form p/q, where q does not equal zero, we know this will repeat eventually

5/13=0.3846153

6/13=0.461538

When we increase the numerator and keep the same denominator, the repeating decimal will shift over beginning with that remainder

$$\emptyset$$
 (2,7) = \emptyset (2) , \emptyset (7) = (6
11 11
1 6

$$\emptyset(27) = \emptyset(3^3) = 3^3 - 3^2 = 18$$

Euler's theorem to find the length of a repeating block If we have a number n $\phi(n)$ = number of remainders that are relatively prime to n These wil satisfy gcd(r,n)=1

The number of relatively prime numbers will be the repeating block length $\phi(14)=\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$, here there are 6 numbers relatively prime to 14 so the repeating block of a fraction with denominator 14 will be 6 digits long

<u>Fermat's little theorem</u> says the length of the repeating block will be 10^{p-1} when p is a prime When p=7, repeat after 6 places p=11, repeat after 10 places

