



A recurring decimal is a decimal with a digit, or group of digits, that repeats forever. For example, $\frac{1}{3} = 1 \div 3 = 0.333333...$ with the 3s repeating forever. We can write this as 0.3.

Imagine I started with the number x = 0.2How could you write 2.2 in terms of x? Can you find two different ways?

Can you create an equation, and then solve it to express \boldsymbol{x} as a fraction?

Now let's consider $y=0.25252525\ldots$, where the digits 2 and 5 keep alternating forever.

This can be written as 0.25, with dots over the first and last digit in the repeating pattern.

How could you write $25.\dot{2}\dot{5}$ in terms of y, in two different ways?

Can you create an equation, and then solve it to express $\,y\,{\rm as}$ a fraction?

Now try writing the following recurring decimals as fractions:

- 0.405
- 0.8³
- 0.0027

Can you describe a method that will allow you to express *any* recurring decimal as a fraction?