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CHAPTER - 5

PLAYING WITH NUMBERS

- Reversing the digits of a 3-digit number

Let us consider a 3-digit number 367

Reverse the digit, we get a new number i.e. 763

Subtracting the smaller number from the larger number, we get

$$763 - 367 = 396$$

Thus,  $396 = 99 \times 4$ , the number is divisible by 99 and also divisible by 10 the difference of unit digit and hundred's digit i.e.  $7 - 3 = 10$

**Check:-**

Consider any 3-digit number abc i.e.  $100a + 10b + c$

Reverse the digit abc to get a new number cba i.e.  $100c + 10b + a$

Now if you subtract, three cases arise:

Case 1 – if  $a > c$ , then the difference will be

$$\begin{aligned} (100a + 10b + c) - (100c + 10b + a) &= 100a - a + 10b - 10b + c - 100c \\ &= 99a - 99c \\ &= 99(a - c) \end{aligned}$$

Case 2 – if  $c > a$ , then the difference will be

$$\begin{aligned} (100c + 10b + a) - (100a + 10b + c) &= 100c - c + 10b - 10b + a - 100a \\ &= 99c - 99a \\ &= 99(c - a) \end{aligned}$$

Case 3 – if  $c = a$ , then difference is zero

- Consider another 3-digit number 678  
Now change the order of digits cyclically, we get 786, 867  
Add these numbers, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 678 + 786 + 867 &= 2331 \\ &= 111 \times 21 \\ &= 3 \times 37 \times 21 \end{aligned}$$

So, the sum is divisible by 111, 21 (sum of digits, i.e. 6+7+8), 37 and 3.

**Check:-**

Consider any 3-digit number abc i.e.  $100a + 10b + c$   
Change the order of digits cyclically to get new numbers

i.e.  $bca = 100b + 10c + a$

$cab = 100c + 10a + b$

On adding numbers, we get

$$\begin{aligned} abc + bca + cab &= (100a+10b+c) + (100b+10c+a) + (100c+10a+b) \\ &= 111a + 111b + 111c \\ &= 111 (a + b + c) \\ &= 3 \times 37 \times (a + b + c), \end{aligned}$$

the sum is always divisible by 111,  $(a + b + c)$ , 37 and 3

**Exercise 5.1**

**Q. no. 4** – Without actual calculation, write the quotient when the sum of a 3-digit number abc and the number obtained by changing the order of digits cyclically i.e. bca and cab is divided by

- (i) 111                      (ii)  $(a + b + c)$                       (iii) 37                      (iv) 3

Solution: Let the number be abc i.e.  $100a + 10b + c$

Now change the order of digits cyclically to get new numbers

i.e.  $bca = 100b + 10c + a$

$cab = 100c + 10a + b$

On adding these numbers, we get

$$\begin{aligned} abc + bca + cab &= (100a+10b+c) + (100b+10c+a) + (100c+10a+b) \\ &= 111a + 111b + 111c \\ &= 111 (a + b + c) \\ &= 3 \times 37 (a + b + c) \end{aligned}$$

(i) when sum is divided by 111, quotient is  $(a + b + c)$

(ii) When sum is divided by  $(a + b + c)$ , quotient is 111

**Q. no. 7** – If the difference of two digit number and the number obtained by reversing the digits is 36, find the difference between the digits of the 2-digit number.

Solution – Let the number be  $ab$  i.e.  $10a + b$

On reversing the digits, we will get a new number  $ba$   
i.e.  $10b + a$

$$\text{Difference} = 36$$

$$(10a + b) - (10b + a) = 36$$

$$9a - 9b = 36$$

$$9(a - b) = 36$$

$$a - b = 4$$

**Q. no. 9** – The middle digit of a 3-digit number is 0 and the sum of the other two digits is 11. If the number obtained by reversing the digits exceeds the original number by 495. Find the number.

Solution – let the 3-digit number be  $abc$  i.e.  $100a + 10b + c$

The middle digit of a 3-digit no. is 0 i.e.  $b = 0$

And  $a + c = 11$  (given) ----- (i)

Reverse the number to get a new number,  $cba = 100c + 10b + a$

According to question,

$$100c + 10b + a = 100a + 10b + c + 495$$

$$100c + 10b + a - 100a - 10b - c = 495$$

$$99c - 99a = 495$$

$$99(c - a) = 495$$

$$c - a = 5 \text{ ----- (ii)}$$

Solving equation (i) and (ii) by elimination method, we will get

$$c = 8 \text{ and } a = 3$$

So, the number =  $100a + 10b + c = 100 \times 3 + 10 \times 0 + 8$  (b = 0 given)

$$= 300 + 0 + 8$$

$$= 308$$

**Q. no. 10** – In a 3-digit number, unit's digit, ten's digit and hundred's digit are in the ratio 1:2:3. If the difference of original number and the number obtained by reversing the digits is 594, find the number.

Solution – Let the 3-digit number be abc i.e.  $100a + 10b + c$

Unit's digit = c, ten's digit = b and hundred's digit = a

$$c : b : a = 1 : 2 : 3 \text{ (given)}$$

$$c = x, b = 2x, a = 3x$$

On reversing the digit, we will get a new number i.e. cba =  $100c + 10b + a$

According to question,

$$\text{Difference} = 594$$

$$100a + 10b + c - (100c + 10b + a) = 594$$

$$99a - 99c = 594$$

$$99(a - c) = 594$$

$$a - c = 6$$

$$3x - x = 6$$

$$2x = 6$$

$$x = 3$$

Put the value of x to get the value of a, b and c

$$a = 3x = 3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$b = 2x = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$c = x = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so, the number} &= 100a + 10b + c \\ &= 100 \times 9 + 10 \times 6 + 3 \\ &= 900 + 60 + 3 \\ &= 963 \end{aligned}$$

### Home-work:

Exercise 5.1 question no. 4 (iii and iv), 5, 11 and Example-6

[HINT for q.no. 11 – Let the no. be abc,  $c = a + 1$ ,  $b = a - 1$

$$100a + 10b + c + 100b + 10c + a + 100c + 10a + b = 2664]$$