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Estimation is the process of finding a number close to the exact value.

It helps in making quick calculations without needing exact numbers.

Estimation is useful in real-life situations like shopping, measuring, and time management.

## Types of Estimation

### A. Rounding Off Numbers

Rounding helps simplify numbers while keeping them close to the original value.

- Rules for rounding:

➢ If the digit is 5 or more, round up.

➢ If the digit is 4 or less, round down.

**Example:**

- Round 248 to the nearest tens → 250
- Round 3,672 to the nearest hundreds → 3,700

### B. Estimating Sums and Differences

Use rounded numbers to quickly estimate addition or subtraction.

**Example:**

- 487 + 312

➢ Round 487 to 490

➢ Round 312 to 310

➢ Estimated sum: 490 + 310 = 800

- 956 − 427

➢ Round 956 to 960

➢ Round 427 to 430

➢ Estimated difference: 960 − 430 = 530

### C. Estimating Products and Quotients

Round numbers before multiplying or dividing to get an approximate answer.

**Example:**

- 42 × 19

➢ Round 42 to 40

➢ Round 19 to 20

➢ Estimated product: 40 × 20 = 800

- 865 ÷ 42

➢ Round 865 to 900

➢ Round 42 to 40

➢ Estimated quotient: 900 ÷ 40 = 22.5 (≈23)

## Properties of Estimation

i. **Quick and Easy:** Gives a fast answer without exact calculations.

ii. **Useful for Checking Answers:** Helps verify if an answer is reasonable.

iii. **Depends on Rounding Rules:** The level of accuracy depends on how numbers are rounded.

iv. **Not Always Exact:** The estimated answer is close but may not be the exact answer.