

Properties of Division of Integers

Closure Property: The closure property does not hold good for the division of integers.

Examples: $15 \div 3 = 5$ (5 is an integer)

$$9 \div 4 = \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{9}{4} \text{ is not an integer} \right)$$

Commutative Property: If a and b are two integers, then $a \div b \neq b \div a$

Example: $4 \div 2 = 2$ but $2 \div 4 = \frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$

Associative Property: If a, b, c are three integers, then $(a \div b) \div c \neq a \div (b \div c)$

Example: $(24 \div 2) \div (-2) \neq 24 \div [4 \div (-2)]$

Or $6 \div (-2) \neq 24 \div (-2)$

Or $(-3) \neq (-12)$

Property of 1: Any integer divided by 1 gives the same integer as the quotient.

If a is an integer, then $a \div 1 = a$.

Example: $5 \div 1 = 5$

Property of Zero: When zero is divided by any integer, the result is always zero. If a is an integer, then $0 \div a = 0$

Example: $0 \div 9 = 0$

