# What is the Standard Form (Simplest Form) of a Rational Number?

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## What is the Standard Form of Rational Number?

The standard form of a rational number is defined as [latex]\frac{p}{q}[/latex] where *p* and *q* are the lowest possible integers and *q* is always positive.

**Q. Reduce $\frac{4}{8}$ it to its standard form.**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Find the Highest Common Factor (HCF) of numerator and denominator.**

The HCF of 4 and 8 is 4.

**Step 2: Divide the numerator and the denominator by HCF.**

Divide the numerator and denominator by 4

$$\frac{\frac{4}{4}}{\frac{8}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} is\ the\ standard\ form\ of \frac{4}{8}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

## Summary

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| **Standard Form of Rational Number** | • Find the Highest Common Factor (HCF) of numerator and denominator.<br>• Divide the numerator and the denominator by HCF. |

## What's next?

In our next segment of Class 10 Maths, we will continue looking at examples for Standard Form **(Simplest Form) of a Rational Number**.