

### Converting recurring decimals to fractions

1) Change each of the following decimals to a fraction in lowest terms:

- (a) 0.36    (b) 0.363636...    (c) 0.5363636...    (d) 0.3666...    (e) 0.555...  
(f) 0.012    (g) 0.012012...    (h) 0.0121212...    (i) 0.01222...    (j) 0.055...

## Solutions

1) (a)  $\frac{36}{100} = \frac{9}{25}$

(b)  $x = 0.36363636\dots$   
 $100x = 36.363636\dots$

Subtract:  $99x = 36$   
 $x = \frac{36}{99} = \frac{4}{11}$

(c)  $x = 0.536363636\dots$   
 $100x = 53.6363636\dots$

Subtract:  $99x = 53.1$   
 $x = \frac{53.1}{99} = \frac{531}{990} = \frac{59}{110}$

(d)  $x = 0.366666\dots$   
 $10x = 3.666666\dots$

Subtract:  $9x = 3.3$   
 $x = \frac{3.3}{9} = \frac{33}{90} = \frac{11}{30}$

(e)  $x = 0.55555555\dots$   
 $10x = 5.55555555\dots$

Subtract:  $9x = 5$   
 $x = \frac{5}{9}$

(f)  $\frac{12}{1000} = \frac{3}{250}$

(g)  $x = 0.012012012012\dots$   
 $1000x = 12.012012012\dots$

Subtract:  $999x = 12$   
 $x = \frac{12}{999} = \frac{4}{333}$

(h)  $x = 0.012121212\dots$   
 $100x = 1.212121212\dots$

Subtract:  $99x = 1.2$   
 $x = \frac{1.2}{99} = \frac{12}{990} = \frac{2}{165}$

(i)  $x = 0.012222222\dots$   
 $10x = 0.12222222\dots$

Subtract:  $9x = 0.11$   
 $x = \frac{0.11}{9} = \frac{11}{900}$

(j)  $x = 0.05555555\dots$   
 $10x = 0.55555555\dots$

Subtract:  $9x = 0.5$   
 $x = \frac{0.5}{9} = \frac{5}{90} = \frac{1}{18}$