

## 61A Lecture 9

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## Announcements

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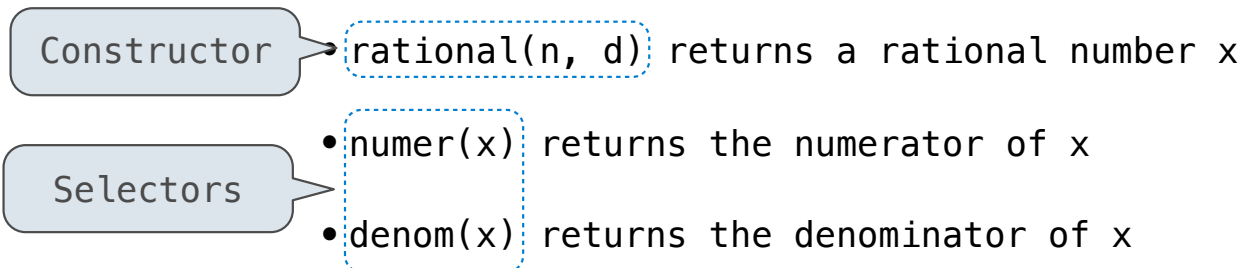
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def rationals_are_equal(x, y):  
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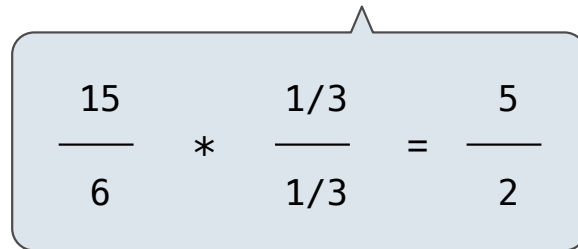


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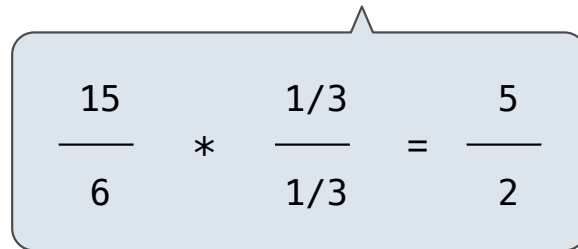

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