

Mathematical Tools.

Quantity:- Anything upon which mathematical operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication and division can be performed is called a quantity.

e.g. integers (1, 2, 3, ...), fractions ($\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots$), area, volume, velocity, force etc.

Types of Quantity:- There are two types of quantities

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(i) constant quantities:- A quantity whose value remains same (fixed) throughout a set of mathematical operations is known as constant quantity.

(ii) variable quantities:- A quantity whose value does not remain same (fixed) throughout a set of mathematical operations is known as variable quantity.

A variable is usually represented by x, y, z .

e.g. let us consider the equation

$$y = x + 2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here x and y may have different values and are called as variables. Variables are further classified into two types.

(a) Independent variables (b) Dependent variables