

Recurring decimal – international question

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Please help clear up a discussion with a friend.

I live in the USA, born in Scotland, our notation for a recurring decimal was a period above the the recurring digit, ie $1/3 = .\overline{33}$ with a dot above the last 3. Whereas my friend, born and bred in the US, swears he used a vinculum or horizontal line above the last digit. A colleague from Romania, used parenthesis, ie $0.3(3)$ to show recurrence.

Further investigation shows, an almost British Empire like, split between the dot & the vinculum. Does anyone have an information on this?

Thanks in advance,

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