

SHORT CUT METHOD TO CALCULATE CROSS RATES IN FOREX

Case-I

Common currency in base sides in both quotes

1\$=CAD \$ 1.5020/21

1\$=SGD \$ 1.1015/16

Solution:

Common Currency is-\$

Location of Common Currency: Base Side

Cross rate to be computed for:

i) 1CAD\$ = how may SGD?

ii) 1SGD= how many CAD?

Answer to-(i)

Since we need to make CAD\$ as base currency, simple funda is to divide across by the currency that is going to be the "base currency" in the cross rate.

Hence,

1CAD\$= SGD1.1015/ **1.5021**

1.1016/ **1.5020**

In the same way, (ii)

1SGD= CAD \$1.5020/ **1.1016**

1.5021/ **1.1015**

Case-II

Common currency in price side in both quotes

1GBP=USD 1.2036/37

1AUD=USD 1.1015/16

Solution:

Common Currency is-USD

Location of Common Currency: Price Side

Cross rate to be computed for:

i) 1 GBP =how many AUD?

ii) 1 AUD =how many GBP?

Answer to-(i)

Now, remember - we have to make GBP as base currency, the funda is to divide across by the currency that is going to be the price currency.

Hence, 1GBP=1.2036/ **1.1016**

1.2037/ **1.1015**

Similarly, (ii)

1 AUD=GBP 1.1015/ **1.2037**

1.1016/ **1.2036**

Case-III

Common currency in base side in one quote and price side in another quote

1 GBP=USD 1.2036/37

1USD=INR 60.3056/57

Solution:

Common Currency is-USD

Location of Common Currency: Base as well as Price Side

Cross rate to be computed for:

i) 1 GBP=how many INR?

ii) 1INR=how many GBP

Answer to-(i)

At first we need to calculate inverse rate for GBP so as to reach case I, and then proceed as done in case I

Inverse rate: 1USD= GBP1/ **1.2037**

1/ **1.2036**

As applied in Case I, the result will be like this:

1 GBP=INR 60.3056*1.2036

60.3057*1.2037

Note: (i) Rather computing Inverse rate and proceeding as same as in Case I we may directly multiply the two quotes and obtain the same result.

(ii) Multiplying down concept helps to find out the price of that currency only which is in base rate previously.

Now the answer for 1 INR= how many GBP

Remember, the price of 1 INR cannot be computed by multiply down process.

Simply we have to take the inverse rate of INR from answer-(i)

So, 1 INR= 1/(**60.3057*1.2037**)

1/(**60.3056*1.2036**)

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