Roman Numerals

Study Development Quick Guide

## Symbols

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| I | 1 |
| V | 5 |
| X | 10 |
| L | 50 |
| C | 100 |
| D | 500 |
| M | 1000 |
| $$\overbar{Y}$$ | ‘Y’ thousand |

## Ordering

If two of the same symbol are placed next to each other, this means that we add them.

Eg) II = 2.

If a symbol has a symbol of lower value written before it, this means we subtract that value.

Eg) IX = X – I = 10 – 1 = 9.

If a symbol has a symbol of lower value written after it, this means we add that value.

Eg) CL = C + L = 100 + 50 = 150.

A bar written on top of any symbol means we multiply that symbol by 1000.

Eg) $\overbar{V}$CCLXIV = $\overbar{V}$ + C + C + L + X + V – I = 5000 + 100 + 100 + 50 + 10 + 5 – 1 = 5264.

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