

Number system

❖ Topic 1: Introduction

1. Natural Numbers :-

- The numbers used for counting are called natural numbers.
- Example: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...
- These are denoted by the symbol \mathbb{N} .

2. Whole Numbers :-

- Natural numbers along with 0 are called whole numbers.
- Example: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...
- These are denoted by the symbol \mathbb{W} .

3. Integers :-

- All whole numbers and their negative counterparts are called integers.
- Example: -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...
- These are denoted by the symbol \mathbb{Z} .

4. Rational Numbers :-

- Numbers that can be written in the form of p/q , where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$, are called rational numbers.
- Example: $1/2$, $-4/5$, 0.75, -2, 3
- These are denoted by the symbol \mathbb{Q} .
- All integers and fractions are rational numbers.
- Rational numbers can be terminating or non-terminating but repeating.

5. Irrational Numbers :-

- Numbers that cannot be written as p/q are called irrational numbers.
- Example: $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, π (pi), 0.1010010001...
- These are non-terminating and non-repeating decimals.
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6. Real Numbers :-

- The collection of rational and irrational numbers is called real numbers.
- Example: 2, -5, $\sqrt{3}$, 1.5, π
- These are denoted by the symbol \mathbb{R} .
- All the numbers we commonly use in real life are real numbers.

★ Important Points :-

- ***Every natural number is a whole number but every whole number is not a natural number.***
- ***Every whole number is an integer but every integer is not a whole number.***
- ***Every integer is a rational number but every rational number is not an integer.***

Every rational and irrational number is a real number but a real number may not be rational.

❖ Topic 2: Irrational Numbers

1. Irrational Numbers :-

- Numbers that cannot be expressed in the form p/q , where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$, are called irrational numbers.
- These numbers have non-terminating and non-repeating decimal expansions.
:- Example: $\sqrt{2} = 1.41421356...$ (goes on forever and doesn't repeat)
:- Example: $\pi = 3.141592653...$ (never ends, never repeats)
- Irrational numbers are not rational and cannot be written as fractions.
- Some common irrational numbers are:
:- $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt{5}$, $\sqrt{7}$, π , e , etc.
- Perfect squares like $\sqrt{4} = 2$ are not irrational. Only non-perfect square roots are irrational.
- Sum or product of a rational and an irrational number is usually irrational.
:- Example: $2 + \sqrt{3}$ is irrational and $3 \times \sqrt{2}$ is irrational, etc.
- Irrational numbers are part of real numbers. They exist on the number line just like rational numbers.

★ Important Points :-

- ***Decimal form of irrational numbers is non-terminating and non-repeating. This is the main identity of an irrational number.***
- ***Irrational numbers cannot be written as fractions (p/q). If you can write a number as p/q , it is not irrational.***
- ***All non-perfect square roots are irrational. Example: $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational but $\sqrt{4} = 2$ is rational.***

❖ Topic 3: Real Numbers

1. Real Numbers :-

- All rational and irrational numbers together form the set of real numbers.

- Real numbers include:
 - ☞ Natural numbers (1, 2, 3, ...)
 - ☞ Whole numbers (0, 1, 2, ...)
 - ☞ Integers (-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, ...)
 - ☞ Rational numbers ($1/2$, $-3/4$, 0.75, 5)
 - ☞ Irrational numbers ($\sqrt{2}$, π , etc.)
- Symbol: Real numbers are denoted by the letter \mathbb{R} .
- Every point on the number line represents a unique real number. Real numbers completely fill the number line.
- All arithmetic operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division (except by zero) are valid for real numbers.
- Decimal representation of real numbers can be of two types:
 - Terminating or non-terminating repeating (rational numbers)
 - Non-terminating non-repeating (irrational numbers)

★ Important Points :-

- **\mathbb{R} = Rational Numbers + Irrational Numbers. Real numbers include both rational and irrational numbers.**
- **Every real number has a decimal representation. This helps in placing it on the number line.**
- **All numbers used in real life are real numbers. Example: Distance, weight, money, time, etc.**

Topic 4: Operations on Real Numbers

- Real numbers can be added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided (except by 0).
- These operations follow certain algebraic properties or laws.

1. Closure Property

- If we perform an operation on any two real numbers, the result is also a real number.
 - ☞ Example: $2 + \sqrt{3} = 2 + 1.732 = 3.732$ (which is a real number)
- ✓ Real numbers are closed under addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division (except division by zero).

2. Commutative Property

- Changing the order of numbers does not change the result.
 - ☞ $a + b = b + a$
 - ☞ $a \times b = b \times a$

👉 Example: $4 + 5 = 5 + 4 = 9$

- ✓ Real numbers are commutative under addition and multiplication.

3. Associative Property

- Grouping of numbers does not change the result.

👉 $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

👉 $(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$

👉 Example: $(2 + 3) + 4 = 2 + (3 + 4) = 9$

- ✓ Real numbers are associative under addition and multiplication.

4. Distributive Property

- Multiplication distributes over addition.

👉 $a \times (b + c) = a \times b + a \times c$

👉 Example: $2 \times (3 + 4) = 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 = 6 + 8 = 14$

- ✓ This property is very useful in algebraic simplification.

5. Identity Elements

- Additive identity: 0

👉 $a + 0 = a$

- Multiplicative identity: 1

👉 $a \times 1 = a$

- ✓ 0 and 1 are identity elements for addition and multiplication.

6. Inverse Elements

- Additive inverse: For every real number a , there exists $-a$ such that:

👉 $a + (-a) = 0$

- Multiplicative inverse: For every non-zero real number a , there exists $1/a$ such that:

👉 $a \times (1/a) = 1$

- ✓ Every non-zero real number has a multiplicative inverse.

★ Important Points :-

- **All basic operations are valid for real numbers except division by zero. You can never divide by 0.**
- **Real numbers follow algebraic properties like closure, commutativity, associativity, distributivity. These make calculation rules easy.**
- **Identity and inverse elements are useful for solving equations. Additive identity = 0; Multiplicative identity = 1.**

Topic 5: Decimal Expansion of Real Numbers

- Every real number has a decimal expansion.
👉 Example: $2 = 2.000\dots$, $1/2 = 0.5$, $\sqrt{2} = 1.4142135\dots$
- There are two types of decimal expansions of real numbers:
 - (i) Terminating
 - (ii) Non-terminating

1. Terminating Decimal

- A decimal which comes to an end after a finite number of digits is called a terminating decimal.
👉 Example: $1/2 = 0.5$, $3/4 = 0.75$, $7/8 = 0.875$
- All terminating decimals are rational numbers.

2. Non-Terminating Recurring Decimal

- A decimal which does not end but repeats a pattern is called a non-terminating recurring decimal.
👉 Example: $1/3 = 0.333\dots$, $22/7 = 3.142857142857\dots$
👉 Written as: $0.\overline{3}$, $3.\overline{142857}$
- These are also rational numbers.

3. Non-Terminating Non-Recurring Decimal

- A decimal which neither ends nor repeats is called a non-terminating non-recurring decimal.
👉 Example: $\sqrt{2} = 1.41421356\dots$, $\pi = 3.14159265\dots$
- These are irrational numbers.

★ **Important Points :-**

- **A decimal terminates if its denominator (in lowest form) has only 2 and/or 5 as prime factors.**
👉 Example: $3/8 \rightarrow 0.375 \rightarrow \text{denominator is } 8 = 2^3$
- **If the decimal is non-terminating but repeating, then the number is rational. Rational numbers can be written as fractions.**
- **If the decimal is non-terminating and non-repeating, then the number is irrational. Irrational numbers cannot be written as fractions.**
- **All real numbers have a decimal form, either terminating or non-terminating.**

Topic 6: Representation of \sqrt{x} on Number Line

- Irrational numbers like $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, etc. can be shown on the number line using geometry.
- We use the Pythagoras Theorem to represent square roots on the number line.

✓ Steps to Represent $\sqrt{2}$ on Number Line :-

- Draw a number line and mark a point O at 0 and A at 1 unit from O.
☞ So, $OA = 1$ unit
- From point A, draw a perpendicular line AB of 1 unit.
- Join OB. Now, triangle OAB is a right triangle with sides 1 and 1.
☞ By Pythagoras Theorem:
☞ $OB = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$
- Now take OB as radius and O as center, draw an arc to cut the number line.
☞ That point on number line is $\sqrt{2}$.

✓ Similarly :-

1. To represent $\sqrt{3}$:
 - Make right triangle with base 1 unit and height $\sqrt{2}$ unit.
2. To represent $\sqrt{5}$:
 - Make triangle with sides 2 and 1, because $\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$

★ Important Points :-

- \sqrt{x} can be drawn using right triangle and compass method. Use of Pythagoras theorem is necessary.
- This method helps us to place irrational numbers on number line. Though they can't be written as fractions, they do have positions on number line.
- Compass and ruler construction is used for accurate placement.

Topic 7: Laws of Exponents for Real Numbers

- Exponents are used to express repeated multiplication of the same number.
☞ Example: $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^3$
- Exponents are also called powers.
☞ a^n means "a raised to the power n"
- The number a is the base, and n is the exponent or index.

✓ Laws of Exponents :-

- Law 1:
 - ☞ Example: $2^3 \times 2^2 = 2^5 = 32$
 - ✓ Add the powers when the base is same and multiplying.
- Law 2: ($a \neq 0$)
 - ☞ Example: $5^4 \div 5^2 = 5^2 = 25$
 - ✓ Subtract the powers when dividing same bases.

- Law 3:
 - 👉 Example: $(3^2)^3 = 3^6 = 729$
 - ✓ Multiply the powers when raising a power to another power.
- Law 4: ($a \neq 0$)
 - 👉 Example: $7^0 = 1$, $100^0 = 1$
 - ✓ Any non-zero number raised to power 0 is always 1.
- Law 5: ($a \neq 0$)
 - 👉 Example: $2^{-3} = 1/8$
 - ✓ Negative power means reciprocal.
- Law 6:
 - 👉 Example: $(2 \times 3)^2 = 2^2 \times 3^2 = 4 \times 9 = 36$
- Law 7: ($b \neq 0$)
 - 👉 Example: $(2/3)^2 = 2^2/3^2 = 4/9$

★ Important Points :-

- **Laws of exponents apply to real numbers, including rational and irrational numbers. These laws help simplify expressions.**
- **Never apply exponent laws if the bases are different. These rules work only when the bases are same.**
- **Negative exponents give reciprocal values. Useful in writing very small or large numbers.**

Topic 8: Rationalisation

- Rationalisation is the process of removing irrational numbers from the denominator of a fraction.
- If the denominator contains a surd (like $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$), we multiply numerator and denominator by a suitable number to make the denominator rational.
- This suitable number is called the conjugate (if the denominator is of the form $a + \sqrt{b}$ or $a - \sqrt{b}$).

✓ Case 1: When Denominator is a Simple Surd

👉 Example:

1. Multiply numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{2}$:
 👉 Now denominator is rational.

✓ Case 2: When Denominator is in the form $(a + \sqrt{b})$

👉 Example:

1. Multiply numerator and denominator by conjugate $(3 - \sqrt{2})$:

Now apply identity:
So, Denominator is now rational.

★ Important Points :-

- ***Rationalisation is used to simplify expressions and make denominators rational. Helps in solving and comparing values easily.***
- ***Use identity:***
- ***for rationalising complex denominators. This is the key formula.***
- ***Always multiply with same surd or its conjugate to remove irrationality. Conjugate of $a + \sqrt{b}$ is $a - \sqrt{b}$ and vice versa.***