

## NCERT QUESTIONS WITH SOLUTIONS

### EXERCISE : 1.1

1. Is zero a rational number? Can you write it in the form  $p/q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q \neq 0$ ?

**Sol.** Yes, zero is a rational number. We can write zero in the form  $p/q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

So, 0 can be written as  $\frac{0}{1} = \frac{0}{2} = \frac{0}{3}$  etc.

2. Find six rational numbers between 3 and 4.

**Sol.** First rational number between 3 and 4 is

$$= \frac{3+4}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

Similarly, other numbers are

$$3 + \frac{7}{2} = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$3 + \frac{13}{4} = \frac{25}{4}$$

$$3 + \frac{25}{8} = \frac{49}{8}$$

$$3 + \frac{49}{16} = \frac{97}{16}$$

$$\frac{97}{32} + 3 = \frac{193}{32}$$

So, numbers are  $\frac{7}{2}, \frac{13}{4}, \frac{25}{8}, \frac{49}{16}, \frac{97}{32}, \frac{193}{64}$

3. Find five rational numbers between  $3/5$  and  $4/5$ .

**Sol.** Let

$$\frac{3(n+1)}{5(n+1)} = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{6}{6} = \frac{18}{30}$$

$$\frac{4(n+1)}{5(n+1)} = \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{6}{6} = \frac{24}{30}$$

So, required rational numbers are

$$\frac{19}{30}, \frac{20}{30}, \frac{21}{30}, \frac{22}{30}, \frac{23}{30}$$

4. State whether the following statements are true or false? Give reasons for your answers.

- (i) Every natural number is a whole number.
- (ii) Every integer is a whole number.
- (iii) Every rational number is a whole number.

**Sol.** (i) True, the collection of whole numbers contains all natural numbers.

(ii) False,  $-2$  is not a whole number.

(iii) False,  $\frac{1}{2}$  is an integer but a rational number but not a whole number.

### EXERCISE : 1.2

1. State whether the following statements are true or false? Justify your answers.

- (i) Every irrational number is a real number.
- (ii) Every point on the number line is of the form  $\sqrt{m}$ , where  $m$  is a natural number.
- (iii) Every real number is an irrational number.

**Sol.** (i) True, since collection of real numbers consists of rationals and irrationals.

(ii) False, because no negative number can be the square root of any natural number.

(iii) False, 2 is real but not irrational.

2. Are the square roots of all positive integer's irrational? If not, give an example of the square root of a number that is a rational number.

**Sol.** No,  $\sqrt{4} = 2$  is a rational number.

3. Show how  $\sqrt{5}$  can be represented on the number line.

**Sol.**  $\sqrt{5}$  on Number line.

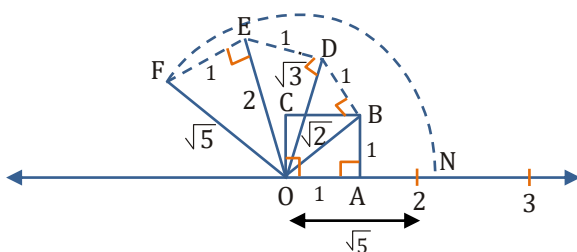
OABC is unit square.

$$\text{So, } OB = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$OD = \sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + 1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$OE = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 1} = 2$$

$$OF = \sqrt{(2)^2 + 1} = \sqrt{5}$$



Using compass we can cut arc with centre O and radius = OF on number line. ON is required result.

### EXERCISE : 1.3

1. Write the following in decimal form and say what kind of decimal expansion each has :

(i)  $\frac{36}{100}$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{11}$

(iii)  $4\frac{1}{8}$

(iv)  $\frac{3}{13}$

(v)  $\frac{2}{11}$

(vi)  $\frac{329}{400}$

**Sol.** (i)  $\frac{36}{100} = 0.36$

(Terminating)

(ii)  $\frac{1}{11} = 0.090909.....$

(Non-Terminating Repeating)

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \overline{) 1.00000} \quad (0.090909.... \\ \underline{-99} \phantom{00000} \\ 100 \phantom{00000} \\ \underline{-99} \phantom{00000} \\ 100 \phantom{00000} \\ \underline{-99} \phantom{00000} \\ 1 \phantom{00000} \end{array}$$

(iii)  $4\frac{1}{8} = \frac{33}{8} = 4.125$

(Terminating decimal)

(iv)  $\frac{3}{13} = 0.230769230769.....$

$$= 0.\overline{230769}$$

(Non-Terminating repeating)

(v)  $\frac{2}{11} = 0.1818.....$

$$= 0.\overline{18} \text{ (Non-Terminating repeating)}$$

(vi)  $\frac{329}{400}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \overline{) 329.0000} \quad (0.8225 \\ \underline{3200} \phantom{0000} \\ 900 \phantom{0000} \\ \underline{800} \phantom{0000} \\ 1000 \phantom{0000} \\ \underline{800} \phantom{0000} \\ 2000 \phantom{0000} \\ \underline{2000} \phantom{0000} \\ 0 \phantom{0000} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{329}{400} = 0.8225$$

(Terminating)

2. You know that  $\frac{1}{7} = 0.\overline{142857}$ . Can you predict what the decimal expansions of  $\frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{7}, \frac{5}{7}, \frac{6}{7}$  are, without actually doing the long division? If so, how?

**Sol.** Yes, we can predict decimal expansion without actually doing long division method as

$$\frac{2}{7} = 2 \times \frac{1}{7} = 2 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{285714}$$

$$\frac{3}{7} = 3 \times \frac{1}{7} = 3 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{428571}$$

$$\frac{4}{7} = 4 \times \frac{1}{7} = 4 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{571428}$$

$$\frac{5}{7} = 5 \times \frac{1}{7} = 5 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{714285}$$

$$\frac{6}{7} = 6 \times \frac{1}{7} = 6 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{857142}$$

3. Express the following in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

(i)  $0.\overline{6}$

(ii)  $0.4\overline{7}$

(iii)  $0.00\overline{1}$

- Sol.** (i) Let  $x = 0.6666.....$  ... (1)

Multiplying both the sides by 10

$$10x = 6.666..... \quad \dots (2)$$

Subtract (1) from (2)

$$10x - x = (6.666.....) - (0.6666.....)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x = 6 \Rightarrow x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

- (ii) Let  $x = 0.4\overline{7} = .4777...$

Multiply both sides by 10

$$10x = 4.\overline{7} \quad \dots (1)$$

Multiply both sides by 10

$$100x = 47.\overline{7} \quad \dots (2)$$

Subtract (1) from (2)

$$90x = 43$$

$$x = \frac{43}{90}$$

- (iii) Let  $x = 0.\overline{001} = 0.001001001... \dots (1)$

Multiply both sides by 1000

$$1000x = 1.\overline{001} \quad \dots (2)$$

Subtract (1) from (2)

$$999x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{999}$$

4. Express  $0.99999.....$  in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ . Are you surprised by your answer? With your teacher and classmates discuss why the answer makes sense.

- Sol.** Let  $x = 0.999....$  ... (1)

Multiply both sides by 10 we get

$$10x = 9.99.... \quad \dots (2)$$

Subtract (1) from (2)

$$9x = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$0.9999.... = 1 = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$\therefore p = 1, q = 1$$

5. What can the maximum number of digits be in the repeating block of digits in the decimal expansion of  $\frac{1}{17}$ ? Perform the division to check your answer.

**Sol.** Maximum number of digits in the repeating block of digits in decimal expansion of  $\frac{1}{17}$  can be 16.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.058823529411764705 \\
 17 \overline{) 1.000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{85} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 150 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{136} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 140 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{136} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 40 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{34} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 60 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{51} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 90 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{85} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 50 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{34} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 160 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{153} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 70 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{68} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 20 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{17} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 30 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{17} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 130 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{119} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
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 \underline{68} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
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 \underline{119} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 100 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{85} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 150 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 \underline{136} \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000} \\
 14 \phantom{000000000000000000000000000000}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{17} = 0.0588235294117647$$

6. Look at several examples of rational numbers in the form  $p/q$  ( $q \neq 0$ ), where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers with no common factors other than 1 and having terminating decimal representations (expansions). Can you guess what property  $q$  must satisfy?

**Sol.** There is a property that  $q$  must satisfy rational number of form  $\frac{p}{q}$  ( $q \neq 0$ ) where

$p, q$  are integers with no common factors other than 1 having terminating decimal representation (expansions) is that the prime factorisation of  $q$  has only powers of 2 or powers of 5 or both (i.e.,  $q$  must be of the form  $2^m \times 5^n$ ). Here  $m, n$  are whole numbers.

7. Write three numbers whose decimal expansions are non-terminating non-recurring.

**Sol.** 0.01001000100001...  
0.202002000200002...  
0.003000300003...

8. Find three different irrational numbers between the rational numbers  $\frac{5}{7}$  and  $\frac{9}{11}$ .

**Sol.**  $7 \overline{) 5.000000} (0.714285...$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 49 \\
 \underline{49} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{7} \\
 30 \\
 \underline{28} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{14} \\
 60 \\
 \underline{56} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{35} \\
 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{5}{7} = 0.\overline{714285}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 9 \\
 11 \overline{) 9.0000} (0.8181... \\
 \underline{88} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{11} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{88} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{11} \\
 9
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{9}{11} = 0.\overline{81}$$

Three different irrational numbers between  $\frac{5}{7}$  and  $\frac{9}{11}$  are taken as

0.750750075000750000...  
0.780780078000780000...  
0.80800800080000800000...

9. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational :

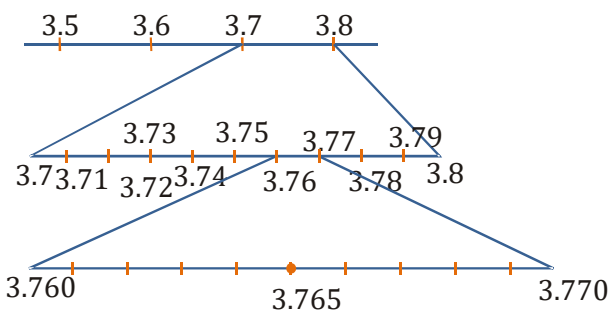
- (i)  $\sqrt{23}$  (ii)  $\sqrt{225}$   
 (iii) 0.3796 (iv) 7.478478 .....  
 (v) 1.101001000100001.....

**Sol.** (i)  $\sqrt{23}$  = Irrational number  
 (ii)  $\sqrt{225} = 15$  = Rational number  
 (iii) 0.3796  
 decimal expansion is terminating  
 $\Rightarrow$  .3796 = Rational number  
 (iv) 7.478478...  
 $= 7.\overline{478}$  which is non-terminating  
 recurring.  
 $=$  Rational number  
 (v) 1.101001000100001.....  
 decimal expansion is non  
 terminating and non-repeating.  
 $=$  Irrational number

#### EXERCISE : 1.4

1. Visualise 3.765 on the number line, using successive magnification.

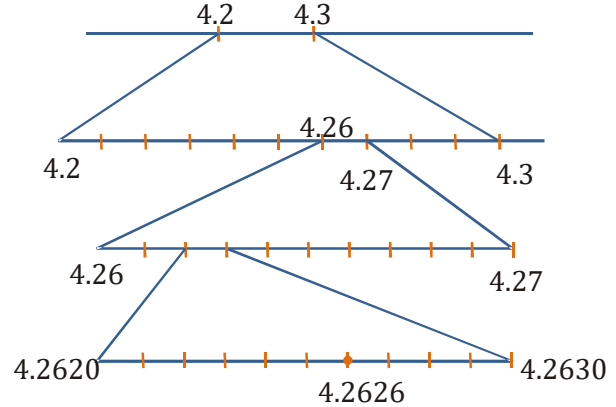
**Sol.**  $n = 3.765$



2. Visualise  $4.\overline{26}$  on the number line, up to 4 decimal places.

**Sol.**  $n = 4.\overline{26}$

So,  $n = 4.2626$  (upto 4 decimal places)



#### EXERCISE : 1.5

1. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational :

- (i)  $2 - \sqrt{5}$  (ii)  $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23}$   
 (iii)  $\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7\sqrt{7}}$  (iv)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 (v)  $2\pi$

**Sol.** (i) 2 is a rational number and  $\sqrt{5}$  is an irrational number.

$\therefore 2 - \sqrt{5}$  is an irrational number.

(ii)  $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23} \Rightarrow (3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23} = 3$  is a rational number.

(iii)  $\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7\sqrt{7}} = \frac{2}{7}$  is a rational number.

(iv)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\therefore 1$  is a rational number and  $\sqrt{2}$  is an irrational number.

So, is an irrational number.

(v)  $2\pi$

$\therefore 2$  is a rational number and  $\pi$  is an irrational number.

So,  $2\pi$  is an irrational number.

2. Simplify each of the following expressions :

(i)  $(3 + \sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{2})$

(ii)  $(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3})$

(iii)  $(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})^2$

(iv)  $(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})$

**Sol.** (i)  $(3 + \sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{2}) = 3(2 + \sqrt{2}) + \sqrt{3}(2 + \sqrt{2})$

$$= 6 + 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6}$$

(ii)  $(3 + \sqrt{3})(3 - \sqrt{3}) = (3)^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2$

$$= 9 - 3 = 6$$

(iii)  $(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})^2$

$$= (\sqrt{5})^2 + 2\sqrt{10} + (\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$= 7 + 2\sqrt{10}$$

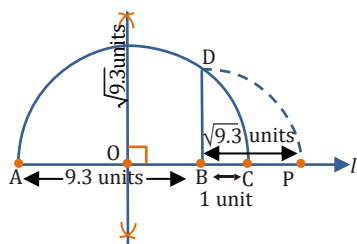
(iv)  $(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}) = 5 - 2 = 3$

3. Recall,  $\pi$  is defined as the ratio of the circumference (say  $c$ ) of a circle to its diameter (say  $d$ ). That is,  $\pi = c/d$ . This seems to contradict the fact that  $\pi$  is irrational. How will you resolve this contradiction?

**Sol.** There is no contradiction. When we measure a length with a scale or any other device, we only get an approximate rational value. Therefore, we may not realise that  $c$  is irrational.

4. Represent  $\sqrt{9.3}$  on the number line.

**Sol.**



Let  $\ell$  be the number line.

Draw a line segment  $AB = 9.3$  units and  $BC = 1$  unit. Find the mid point  $O$  of  $AC$ .

Draw a semicircle with centre  $O$  and radius  $OA$  or  $OC$ .

Draw  $BD \perp AC$  intersecting the semicircle at  $D$ . Then,  $BD = \sqrt{9.3}$  units. Now, with centre  $B$  and radius  $BD$ , draw an arc intersecting the number line  $\ell$  at  $P$ .

Hence,  $BD = BP = \sqrt{9.3}$

5. Rationalise the denominators of the following :

(i)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6}}$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}}$

(iv)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - 2}$

**Sol.** (i)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{7}$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}}$   

$$= \frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}}{7 - 6} = \frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}}{1} = \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}$$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}{3}$$

(iv)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - 2} \times \frac{\sqrt{7} + 2}{\sqrt{7} + 2}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{7} + 2}{7 - 4} = \frac{\sqrt{7} + 2}{3}$$

EXERCISE : 1.6

1. Find :

(i)  $(64)^{1/2}$

(ii)  $32^{1/5}$

(iii)  $125^{1/3}$

**Sol.** (i)  $(64)^{1/2} = (8^2)^{1/2} = (8^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}}) = 8^1 = 8$

(ii)  $32^{1/5} = (2^5)^{1/5} = (2^{5 \times \frac{1}{5}}) = 2^1 = 2$

(iii)  $(125)^{1/3} = (5^3)^{1/3} = 5^{3 \times \frac{1}{3}} = 5$

2. Find :

(i)  $9^{3/2}$

(ii)  $32^{2/5}$

(iii)  $16^{3/4}$

(iv)  $125^{-1/3}$

**Sol.** (i)  $9^{3/2} = \left(9^{1/2}\right)^3 = (3)^3 = 27$

(ii)  $32^{2/5} = (2^5)^{2/5} = 2^{5 \times \frac{2}{5}} = 2^2 = 4$

(iii)  $16^{3/4} = (2^4)^{3/4} = 2^3 = 8$

(iv)  $125^{-1/3} = (5^3)^{-1/3} = 5^{-1} = 1/5$

3. Simplify :

(i)  $2^{2/3} \cdot 2^{1/5}$

(ii)  $\left(\frac{1}{3^3}\right)^7$

(iii)  $\frac{11^{1/2}}{11^{1/4}}$

(iv)  $7^{1/2} \cdot 8^{1/2}$

**Sol.** (i)  $2^{2/3} \cdot 2^{1/5} = 2^{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5}} = 2^{\frac{10+3}{15}} = 2^{\frac{13}{15}}$

(ii)  $\left(\frac{1}{3^3}\right)^7 = \frac{1^7}{(3^3)^7} = \frac{1}{3^{21}} = 3^{-21}$

(iii)  $\frac{11^{1/2}}{11^{1/4}} = 11^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} = 11^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{11}$

(iv)  $7^{1/2} \cdot 8^{1/2} = (7 \times 8)^{1/2} = (56)^{1/2}$