

## Exercise 1.1

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### **1. Is zero a rational number? Can you write it in the form p/q where p and q are integers and q ≠ 0?**

**Solution:**

We know that, a number is said to be rational if it can be written in the form  $p/q$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

Taking the case of '0',

Zero can be written in the form  $0/1, 0/2, 0/3 \dots$  as well as  $, 0/1, 0/2, 0/3 \dots$

Since it satisfies the necessary condition, we can conclude that 0 can be written in the  $p/q$  form, where q can either be positive or negative number.

Hence, 0 is a rational number.

### **2. Find six rational numbers between 3 and 4.**

**Solution:**

There are infinite rational numbers between 3 and 4.

As we have to find 6 rational numbers between 3 and 4, we will multiply both the numbers, 3 and 4, with  $6+1=7$  (or any number greater than 6)

i.e.,  $3 \times (7/7) = 21/7$

and,  $4 \times (7/7) = 28/7 \dots$  ∴ The numbers in between  $21/7$  and  $28/7$  will be rational and will fall between 3 and 4.

Hence,  $22/7, 23/7, 24/7, 25/7, 26/7, 27/7$  are the 6 rational numbers between 3 and 4.

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

**Solution:**

There are infinite rational numbers between  $3/5$  and  $4/5$ .

To find out 5 rational numbers between  $3/5$  and  $4/5$ , we will multiply both the numbers  $3/5$  and  $4/5$  with  $5+1=6$  (or any number greater than 5)

i.e.,  $(3/5) \times (6/6) = 18/30$

and,  $(4/5) \times (6/6) = 24/30$

∴ The numbers in between  $18/30$  and  $24/30$  will be rational and will fall between  $3/5$  and  $4/5$ .

Hence,  $19/30, 20/30, 21/30, 22/30, 23/30$  are the 5 rational numbers between  $3/5$  and  $4/5$ .

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

#### **(i) Every natural number is a whole number.**

**Solution:**

**True**

Natural numbers- Numbers starting from 1 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Natural numbers= 1,2,3,4...

Whole numbers- Numbers starting from 0 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Whole numbers= 0,1,2,3...

Or, we can say that whole numbers have all the elements of natural numbers and zero.

∴ Every natural number is a whole number, however, every whole number is not a natural number.

**(ii) Every integer is a whole number.****Solution:****False**

Integers- Integers are set of numbers that contain positive, negative and 0; excluding fractional and decimal numbers.

i.e., integers= {...-4,-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3,4...}

Whole numbers- Numbers starting from 0 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Whole numbers= 0,1,2,3....

Hence, we can say that integers include whole numbers as well as negative numbers.

∴ Every whole number is an integer, however, every integer is not a whole number.

**(iii) Every rational number is a whole number.****Solution:****False**

Rational numbers- All numbers in the form  $p/q$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

i.e., Rational numbers = 0,  $19/30$ , 2,  $9/-3$ ,  $-12/7$ ...

Whole numbers- Numbers starting from 0 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Whole numbers= 0,1,2,3....

Hence, we can say that integers include whole numbers as well as negative numbers.

∴ Every whole numbers are rational, however, every rational numbers are not whole numbers.

Exercise 1.2

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**1. State whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your answers.****(i) Every irrational number is a real number.****Solution:****True**

Irrational Numbers - A number is said to be irrational, if it **cannot** be written in the  $p/q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

i.e., Irrational numbers =  $0, 19/30, 2, 9/-3, -12/7, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

Real numbers - The collection of both rational and irrational numbers are known as real numbers.

i.e., Real numbers =  $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

∴ Every irrational number is a real number, however, every real numbers are not irrational numbers.

**(ii) Every point on the number line is of the form  $\sqrt{m}$  where  $m$  is a natural number.****Solution:****False**

The statement is false since as per the rule, a negative number cannot be expressed as square roots.

E.g.,  $\sqrt{9} = 3$  is a natural number.

But  $\sqrt{2} = 1.414$  is not a natural number.

Similarly, we know that there are negative numbers on the number line but when we take the root of a negative number it becomes a complex number and not a natural number.

E.g.,  $\sqrt{-7} = 7i$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$

∴ The statement that every point on the number line is of the form  $\sqrt{m}$ , where  $m$  is a natural number is false.

**(iii) Every real number is an irrational number.****Solution:****False**

The statement is false, the real numbers include both irrational and rational numbers. Therefore, every real number cannot be an irrational number.

Real numbers - The collection of both rational and irrational numbers are known as real numbers.

i.e., Real numbers =  $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

Irrational Numbers - A number is said to be irrational, if it **cannot** be written in the  $p/q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

i.e., Irrational numbers =  $0, 19/30, 2, 9/-3, -12/7, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

∴ Every irrational number is a real number, however, every real number is not irrational.

**2. Are the square roots of all positive integers irrational? If not, give an example of the square root of a number that is a rational number.****Solution:**

No, the square roots of all positive integers are not irrational.

For example,

$\sqrt{4} = 2$  is rational.

$\sqrt{9} = 3$  is rational.

Hence, the square roots of positive integers 4 and 9 are not irrational. ( 2 and 3, respectively).

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

**Solution:**

Step 1: Let line AB be of 2 unit on a number line.

Step 2: At B, draw a perpendicular line BC of length 1 unit.

Step 3: Join CA

Step 4: Now, ABC is a right-angled triangle. Applying Pythagoras theorem,

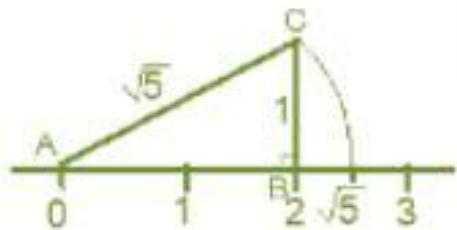
$$AB^2 + BC^2 = CA^2$$

$$2^2 + 1^2 = CA^2 \Rightarrow CA^2 = 5$$

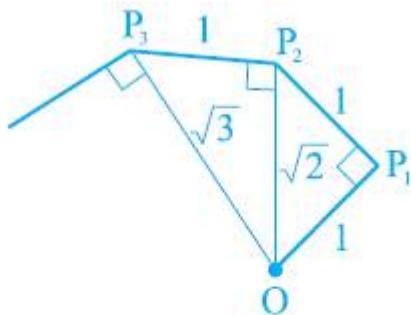
$\Rightarrow CA = \sqrt{5}$ . Thus, CA is a line of length  $\sqrt{5}$  unit.

Step 5: Taking CA as a radius and A as a center draw an arc touching the number line. The point at which number line get intersected by arc is at  $\sqrt{5}$  distance from 0 because it is a radius of the circle whose center was A.

Thus,  $\sqrt{5}$  is represented on the number line as shown in the figure.



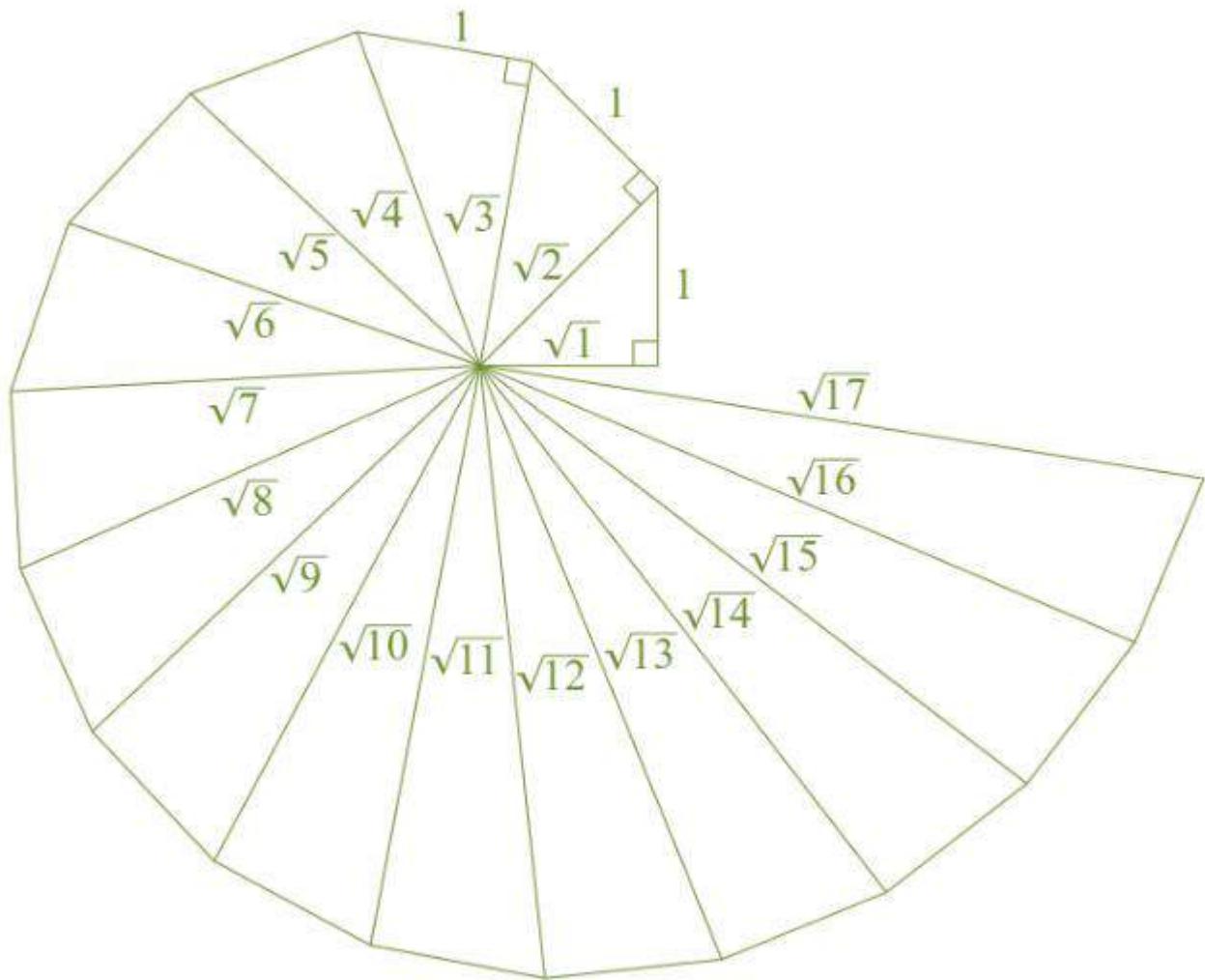
**4. Classroom activity (Constructing the ‘square root spiral’):** Take a large sheet of paper and construct the ‘square root spiral’ in the following fashion. Start with a point O and draw a line segment OP<sub>1</sub> of unit length. Draw a line segment P<sub>1</sub>P<sub>2</sub> perpendicular to OP<sub>1</sub> of unit length (see Fig. 1.9). Now draw a line segment P<sub>2</sub>P<sub>3</sub> perpendicular to OP<sub>2</sub>. Then draw a line segment P<sub>3</sub>P<sub>4</sub> perpendicular to OP<sub>3</sub>. Continuing in Fig. 1.9 :



**Fig. 1.9 : Constructing square root spiral**

Constructing this manner, you can get the line segment P<sub>n-1</sub>P<sub>n</sub> by square root spiral drawing a line segment of unit length perpendicular to OP<sub>n-1</sub>. In this manner, you will have created the points P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub>, ..., P<sub>n</sub>, ... , and joined them to create a beautiful spiral depicting  $\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{4}$ , ...

**Solution:**



Step 1: Mark a point O on the paper. Here, O will be the center of the square root spiral.

Step 2: From O, draw a straight line, OA, of 1cm horizontally.

Step 3: From A, draw a perpendicular line, AB, of 1 cm.

Step 4: Join OB. Here, OB will be of  $\sqrt{2}$

Step 5: Now, from B, draw a perpendicular line of 1 cm and mark the end point C.

Step 6: Join OC. Here, OC will be of  $\sqrt{3}$

Step 7: Repeat the steps to draw  $\sqrt{4}$ ,  $\sqrt{5}$ ,  $\sqrt{6}$ ....

**Exercise 1.3**

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

(i)  $36/100$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 00.36 \\
 100 & \overline{)360} \\
 & \underline{-300} \\
 & \phantom{100}600 \\
 & \underline{-600} \\
 & \phantom{100}0
 \end{array}$$

= 0.36 (Terminating)

(ii)  $1/11$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 0.0909\dots \\
 11 & \overline{)1} \\
 & \underline{-0} \\
 & \phantom{1}1 \\
 & \underline{-0} \\
 & \phantom{1}10 \\
 & \underline{-0} \\
 & \phantom{1}100 \\
 & \underline{-99} \\
 & \phantom{1}1
 \end{array}$$

= 0.0909... =  $\overline{0.09}$  (Non terminating and repeating)

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

Solution:

$$4\frac{1}{8} = \frac{33}{8}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4.125 \\
 8 \overline{)33} \\
 32 \\
 \hline
 10 \\
 8 \\
 \hline
 20 \\
 16 \\
 \hline
 40 \\
 40 \\
 \hline
 0
 \end{array}$$

= 4.125 (Terminating)

(iii) 3/13

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.230769 \\
 13 \overline{)30} \\
 26 \\
 \hline
 40 \\
 39 \\
 \hline
 10 \\
 0 \\
 \hline
 100 \\
 91 \\
 \hline
 90 \\
 78 \\
 \hline
 120 \\
 117 \\
 \hline
 3
 \end{array}$$

= 0.230769... = 0.\overline{230769}

(iv) 2/11

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.18 \\
 11 \overline{)2} \\
 0 \\
 \hline
 20 \\
 11 \\
 \hline
 90 \\
 88 \\
 \hline
 2
 \end{array}$$

= 0.181818181818... = 0.\overline{18} (Non terminating and repeating)

(iv) 329/400

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 0.8225 \\
 \overline{)400} & \\
 329 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 & 0 \\
 3290 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 3200 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 900 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 800 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 1000 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 800 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 2000 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 2000 & \\
 \underline{-} & \\
 0 &
 \end{array}$$

= 0.8225 (Terminating)

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

[Hint: Study the remainders while finding the value of  $1/7$  carefully.]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1/7 &= 0.\overline{142857} \\
 \therefore 2 \times 1/7 &= 2 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{285714} \\
 3 \times 1/7 &= 3 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{428571} \\
 4 \times 1/7 &= 4 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{571428} \\
 5 \times 1/7 &= 5 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{714285} \\
 6 \times 1/7 &= 6 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{857142}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Solution:

$$0.\overline{6} = 0.666\dots$$

Assume that  $x = 0.666\dots$

Then,  $10x = 6.666\dots$

$$10x = 6 + x$$

$$9x = 6$$

$$x = 2/3$$

(ii)  $0.\overline{47}$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.\overline{47} = 0.4777\dots \\
 0.\overline{47}
 \end{array}$$

$$= (4/10) + (0.777\ldots/10)$$

Assume that  $x = 0.777\ldots$

Then,  $10x = 7.777\ldots$

$$10x = 7 + x$$

$$x = 7/9$$

$$(4/10) + (0.777\ldots/10) = (4/10) + (7/90) \quad (\because x = 7/9 \text{ and } x = 0.777\ldots \Rightarrow 0.777\ldots/10 = 7/(9 \times 10) = 7/90)$$

$$= (36/90) + (7/90) = 43/90$$

(iii)  $\underline{\underline{0.001}}$

**Solution:**

$$\underline{\underline{0.001}} = 0.001001\ldots$$

Assume that  $x = 0.001001\ldots$

Then,  $1000x = 1.001001\ldots$

$$1000x = 1 + x$$

$$999x = 1$$

$$x = 1/999$$

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

**Solution:**

Assume that  $x = 0.9999\ldots$  Eq (a)

Multiplying both sides by 10,

$$10x = 9.9999\ldots \text{ Eq. (b)}$$

Eq.(b) – Eq.(a), we get

$$10x = 9.9999\ldots$$

$$\underline{-x = -0.9999\ldots}$$

$$9x = 9$$

$$x = 1$$

The difference between 1 and 0.999999 is 0.000001 which is negligible.

Hence, we can conclude that, 0.999 is too much near 1, therefore, 1 as the answer can be justified.

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

**Solution:**

$$1/17$$

Dividing 1 by 17:

	0.0588235294117647
17	1
	0
	10
	0
	100
	85
	150
	136
	140
	136
	40
	34
	60
	51
	90
	85
	50
	34
	160
	153
	70
	68
	20
	17
	30
	17
	130
	119
	110
	102
	80
	68
	120
	119
	1

$$\frac{1}{17} = 0.\overline{0588235294117647}$$

∴ There are 16 digits in the repeating block of the decimal expansion of 1/17.

**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?**

**Solution:**

We observe that when  $q$  is 2, 4, 5, 8, 10... Then the decimal expansion is terminating. For example:

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5, \text{ denominator } q = 2^1$$

$$\frac{7}{8} = 0.875, \text{ denominator } q = 2^3$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = 0.8, \text{ denominator } q = 5^1$$

We can observe that the terminating decimal may be obtained in the situation where prime factorization of the denominator of the given fractions has the power of only 2 or only 5 or both.

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

**Solution:**

We know that all irrational numbers are non-terminating non-recurring. ∴ three numbers with decimal expansions that are non-terminating non-recurring are:

a)  $\sqrt{3} = 1.732050807568$

b)  $\sqrt{26} = 5.099019513592$

c)  $\sqrt{101} = 10.04987562112$

**8. Find three different irrational numbers between the rational numbers  $5/7$  and  $9/11$ .**

**Solution:**

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

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

∴ Three different irrational numbers are:

a)  $0.73073007300073\dots$

b)  $0.75075007300075000075\dots$

c)  $0.76076007600076000076\dots$

**9. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational according to their type:**

(i)  $\sqrt{23}$

**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{23} = 4.79583152331\dots$$

Since the number is non-terminating non-recurring therefore, it is an irrational number.

(ii)  $\sqrt{225}$

**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{225} = 15 = 15/1$$

Since the number can be represented in p/q form, it is a rational number.

**(i) 0.3796**

**Solution:**

Since the number, 0.3796, is terminating, it is a rational number.

**(ii) 7.478478**

**Solution:**

The number, 7.478478, is non-terminating but recurring, it is a rational number.

**(iii) 1.101001000100001...**

**Solution:**

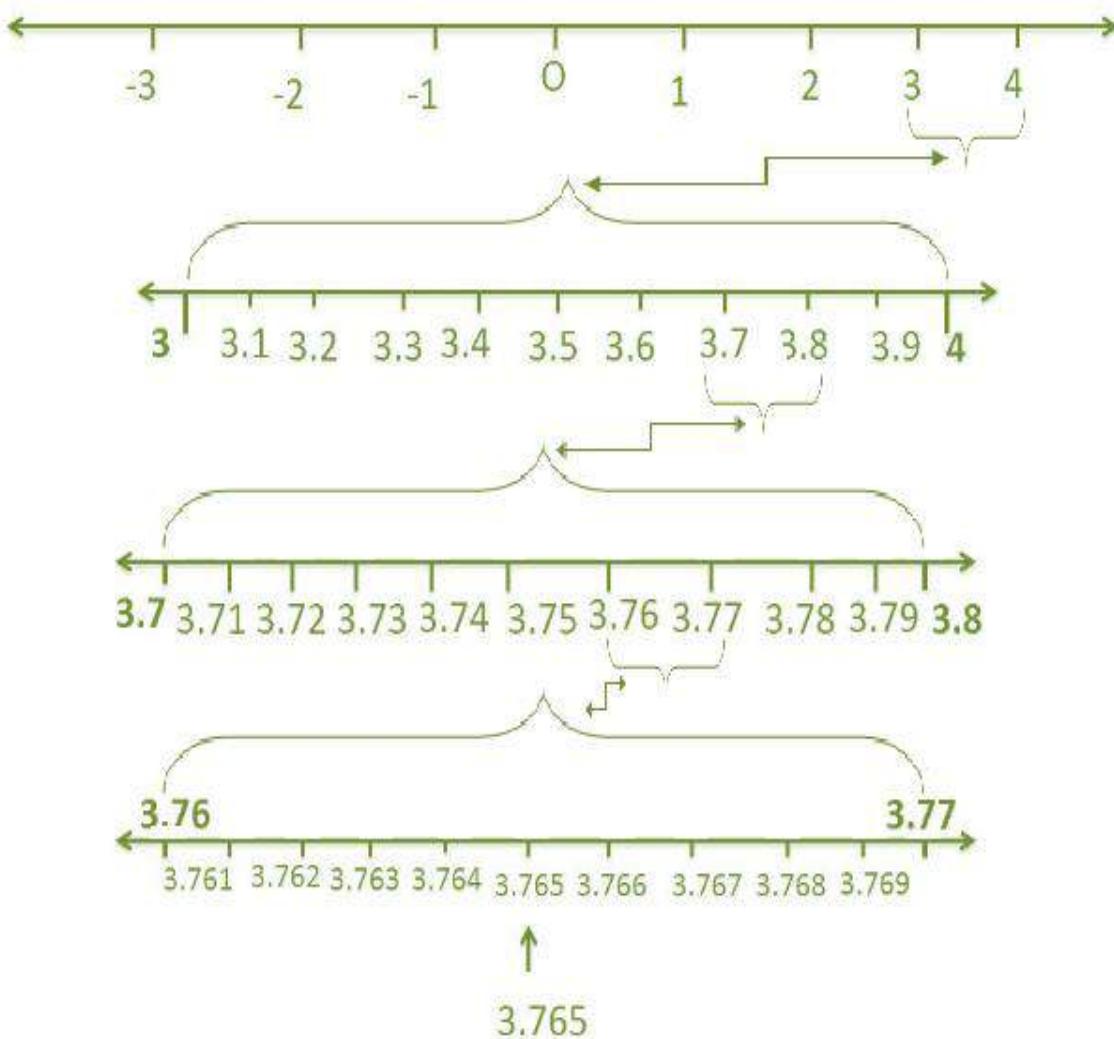
Since the number, 1.101001000100001..., is non-terminating non-repeating (non-recurring), it is an irrational number.

Exercise 1.4

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

Solution:

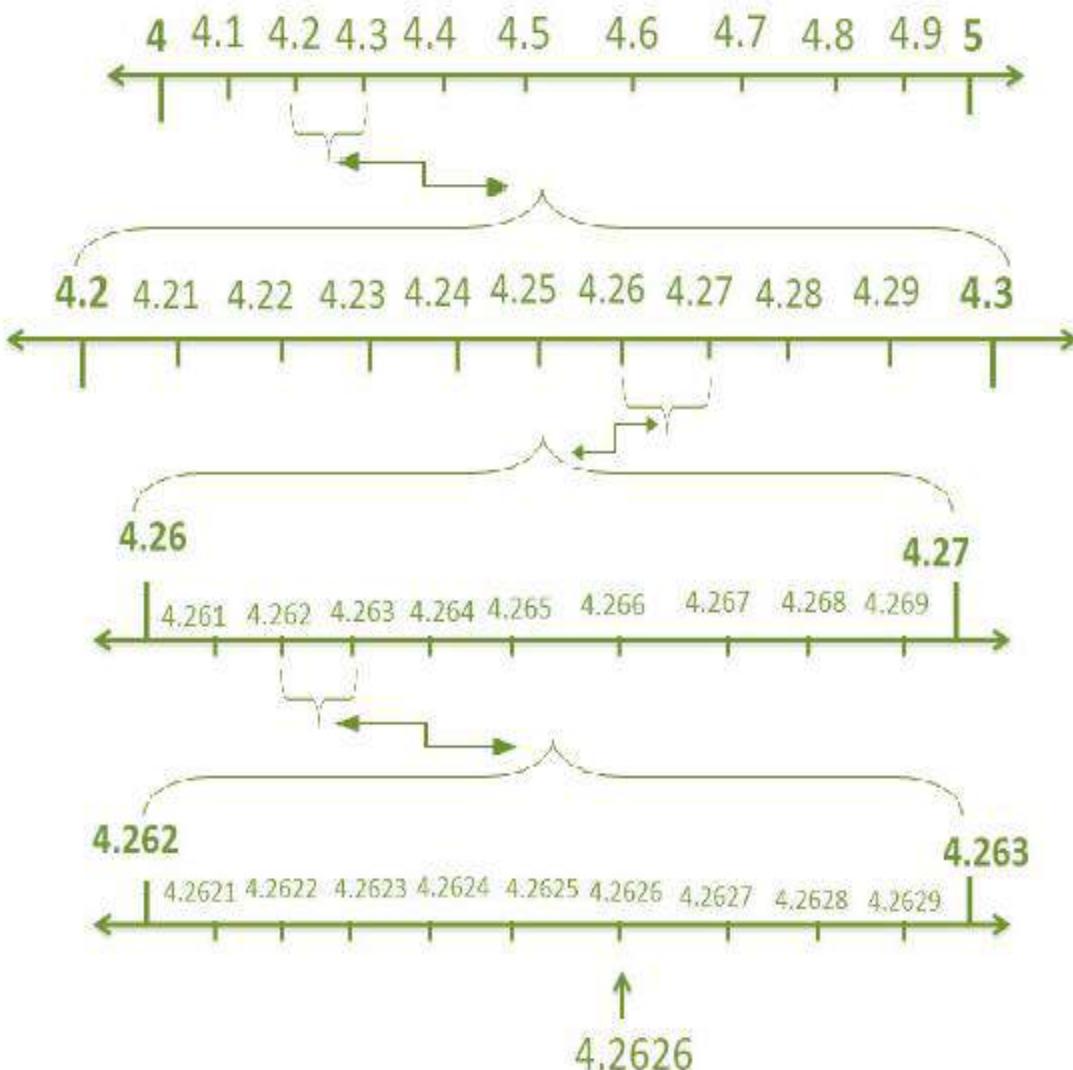


2. Visualise  $4.\overline{26}$  on the number line, up to 4 decimal places.

**Solution:**

$$4.\overline{26} = 4.26262626\dots$$

$$4.\overline{26} \text{ up to 4 decimal places} = 4.2626$$



## Exercise 1.5

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### 1. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational:

(i)  $2 - \sqrt{5}$

**Solution:**

We know that,  $\sqrt{5} = 2.2360679\dots$

Here,  $2.2360679\dots$  is non-terminating and non-recurring.

Now, substituting the value of  $\sqrt{5}$  in  $2 - \sqrt{5}$ , we get,

$$2 - \sqrt{5} = 2 - 2.2360679\dots = -0.2360679$$

Since the number,  $-0.2360679\dots$ , is non-terminating non-recurring,  $2 - \sqrt{5}$  is an irrational number.

(ii)  $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23}$

**Solution:**

$$(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23} = 3 + \sqrt{23} - \sqrt{23}$$

$$= 3$$

$$= 3/1$$

Since the number  $3/1$  is in  $p/q$  form,  $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23}$  is rational.

(iii)  $2\sqrt{7}/7\sqrt{7}$

**Solution:**

$$2\sqrt{7}/7\sqrt{7} = (2/7) \times (\sqrt{7}/\sqrt{7})$$

We know that  $(\sqrt{7}/\sqrt{7}) = 1$

$$\text{Hence, } (2/7) \times (\sqrt{7}/\sqrt{7}) = (2/7) \times 1 = 2/7$$

Since the number,  $2/7$  is in  $p/q$  form,  $2\sqrt{7}/7\sqrt{7}$  is rational.

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

**Solution:**

Multiplying and dividing numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{2}$  we get,

$$(1/\sqrt{2}) \times (\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}/2 \quad (\text{since } \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} = 2)$$

We know that,  $\sqrt{2} = 1.4142\dots$

Then,  $\sqrt{2}/2 = 1.4142/2 = 0.7071\dots$

Since the number,  $0.7071\dots$  is non-terminating non-recurring,  $1/\sqrt{2}$  is an irrational number.

(v)  $2\pi$

**Solution:**

We know that, the value of  $\pi = 3.1415$

Hence,  $2\pi = 2 \times 3.1415\dots = 6.2830\dots$

Since the number,  $6.2830\dots$ , is non-terminating non-recurring,  $2\pi$  is an irrational number.

### 2. Simplify each of the following expressions:

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

**Solution:**

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

Opening the brackets, we get,  $(3 \times 2) + (3 \times \sqrt{2}) + (\sqrt{3} \times 2) + (\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{2})$   
 $= 6 + 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6}$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad (3+\sqrt{3})(2+\sqrt{2})$$

**Solution:**

$$(3+\sqrt{3})(2+\sqrt{2}) = 3^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2 = 9 - 3 \\ = 6$$

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

**Solution:**

$$(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})^2 = \sqrt{5}^2 + (2 \times \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{2}) + \sqrt{2}^2 \\ = 5 + 2 \times \sqrt{10} + 2 = 7 + 2\sqrt{10}$$

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

**Solution:**

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

- 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?**

**Solution:**

There is no contradiction. When we measure a value with a scale, we only obtain an approximate value. We never obtain an exact value. Therefore, we may not realize whether c or d is irrational. The value of  $\pi$  is almost equal to 22/7 or 3.142857...

- 4. Represent  $(\sqrt{9.3})$  on the number line.**

**Solution:**

Step 1: Draw a 9.3 units long line segment, AB. Extend AB to C such that BC=1 unit.

Step 2: Now, AC = 10.3 units. Let the centre of AC be O.

Step 3: Draw a semi-circle of radius OC with centre O.

Step 4: Draw a BD perpendicular to AC at point B intersecting the semicircle at D. Join OD.

Step 5: OBD, obtained, is a right angled triangle.

Here, OD  $10.3/2$  (radius of semi-circle), OC  $= 10.3/2$ , BC = 1

$$OB = OC - BC$$

$$\Rightarrow (10.3/2) - 1 = 8.3/2$$

Using Pythagoras theorem,

We get,

$$OD^2 = BD^2 + OB^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (10.3/2)^2 = BD^2 + (8.3/2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BD^2 = (10.3/2)^2 - (8.3/2)^2$$

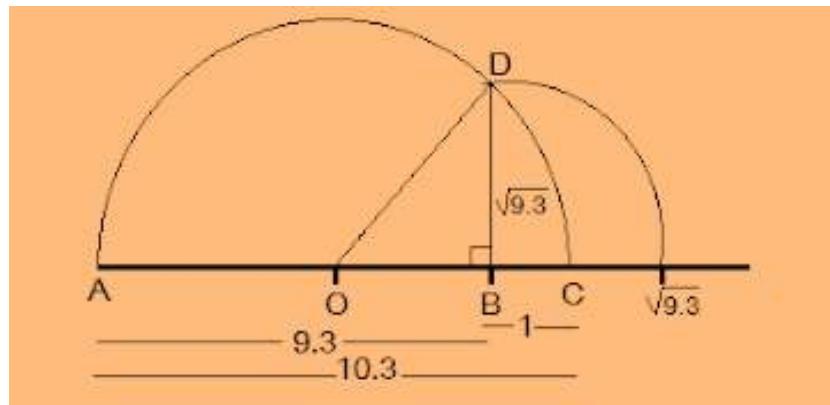
$$\Rightarrow (BD)^2 = (10.3/2) - (8.3/2)(10.3/2) + (8.3/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow BD^2 = 9.3$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = \sqrt{9.3}$$

Thus, the length of BD is  $\sqrt{9.3}$  units.

Step 6: Taking BD as radius and B as centre draw an arc which touches the line segment. The point where it touches the line segment is at a distance of  $\sqrt{9.3}$  from O as shown in the figure.



**5. Rationalize the denominators of the following:**

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

**Solution:**

Multiply and divide  $1/\sqrt{7}$  by  $\sqrt{7}$

$$(1 \times \sqrt{7}) / (\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7}) = \sqrt{7}/7$$

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

**Solution:**

Multiply and divide  $1/(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6})$  by  $(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6})$

$$[1/(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6})] \times (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) = (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / (\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6})(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6})$$

$$= (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / \sqrt{7^2-\sqrt{6}^2} \quad [\text{denominator is obtained by the property, } (a+b)(a-b) = a^2-b^2]$$

$$= (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / (7-6)$$

$$= (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / 1$$

$$= \sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}$$

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

**Solution:**

Multiply and divide  $1/(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})$  by  $(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2})$

$$[1/(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})] \times (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) / (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) = (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) / (\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2})$$

$$= (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) / (\sqrt{5^2-\sqrt{2}^2}) \quad [\text{denominator is obtained by the property, } (a+b)(a-b) = a^2-b^2]$$

$$= (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) / (5-2)$$

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

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

**Solution:**

Multiply and divide  $1/(\sqrt{7}-2)$  by  $(\sqrt{7}+2)$

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

$$= (\sqrt{7}+2) / (\sqrt{7^2-2^2}) \quad [\text{denominator is obtained by the property, } (a+b)(a-b) = a^2-b^2]$$

$$= (\sqrt{7}+2) / (7-4)$$

$$= (\sqrt{7}+2) / 3$$

## Exercise 1.6

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**1. Find:**

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 64^{1/2} &= (8 \times 8)^{1/2} \\ &= (8^2)^{1/2} \\ &= 8^1 \quad (2 \times 1/2 = 2/2 = 1) \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 32^{1/5} &= (2^5)^{1/5} \\ &= (2^5)^{1/5} \\ &= 2^1 \quad [5 \times 1/5 = 1] \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (125)^{1/3} &= (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{1/3} \\ &= (5^3)^{1/3} \\ &= 5^1 \quad (3 \times 1/3 = 3/3 = 1) \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

**2. Find:**

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 9^{3/2} &= (3 \times 3)^{3/2} \\ &= (3^2)^{3/2} \\ &= 3^3 \quad [2 \times 3/2 = 3] \\ &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 32^{2/5} &= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{2/5} \\ &= (2^5)^{2/5} \\ &= 2^2 \quad [5 \times 2/5 = 2] \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 16^{3/4} &= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{3/4} \\ &= (2^4)^{3/4} \\ &= 2^3 \quad [4 \times 3/4 = 3] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 8$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 125^{-1/3} &= (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{-1/3} \\ &= (5^3)^{-1/3} \\ &= 5^{-1} \quad [3 \times -1/3 = -1] \\ &= 1/5 \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Simplify:

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{2/3} \times 2^{1/5} &= 2^{(2/3)+(1/5)} \quad [\text{Since, } a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}] \quad \text{Laws of exponents} \\ &= 2^{13/15} \quad [2/3 + 1/5 = (2 \times 5 + 3 \times 1) / (3 \times 5) = 13/15] \end{aligned}$$

**(ii)  $(1/3^3)^7$**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (1/3^3)^7 &= (3^{-3})^7 \quad [\text{Since, } (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}] \quad \text{Laws of exponents} \\ &= 3^{-21} \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 11^{1/2}/11^{1/4} &= 11^{(1/2)-(1/4)} \\ &= 11^{1/4} \quad [(1/2) - (1/4) = (1 \times 4 - 2 \times 1) / (2 \times 4) = 4 - 2 / 8 = 2/8 = 1/4] \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 7^{1/2} \times 8^{1/2} &= (7 \times 8)^{1/2} \quad [\text{Since, } (a^m \times b^m) = (a \times b)^m] \quad \text{Laws of exponents} \\ &= 56^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$