

Claim:  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$  is irrational

Lemma:  $\sqrt{n}$  is irrational for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Suppose  $\sqrt{n}$  is rational. Then,  $\sqrt{n} = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \Rightarrow nb^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow a = nk \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow nb^2 = n^2k^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = nk^2 \Rightarrow b = nl \text{ for some } l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{nk}{nl} \Rightarrow \text{not fully simplified} \rightarrow \text{contradiction} \quad \square$$

Proof:

Suppose  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$  is rational. Then,

$$\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ fully simplified}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2} = 3 + 2 + 2\sqrt{6} = 5 + 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{6} = \frac{a^2}{b^2} - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{6} = \frac{a^2 - 5b^2}{2b^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{6} \text{ is rational, a contradiction by the lemma.}$$