Exercise 1.5

(say d). That is, $\pi = \frac{c}{d}$. This seems to contradict the fact that π is irrational. How will you resolve this contradiction?

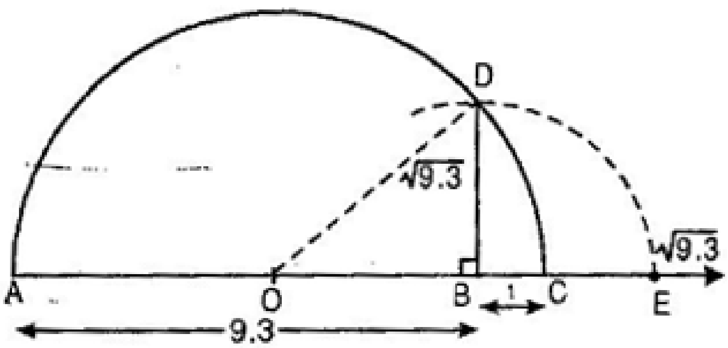
Ans: We know that when we measure the length of a line or a figure by using a scale or any device, we do not get an exact measurement. In fact, we get an approximate rational value. So, we are not able to realize that either circumference (c) or diameter(d) of a circle is irrational.

Therefore, we can conclude that as such there is not any contradiction regarding the value of π and we realize that the value of π is irrational.

Q4. Represent 9.3 on the number line.

Ans: Mark the distance 9.3 units from a fixed point A on a given line to obtain a point B such that AB = 9.3 units. From B mark a distance of 1 unit and call the new point as C. Find the mid-point of AC and call that point as O. Draw a semi-circle with centre O and radius OC = 5.15 units. Draw a line perpendicular to AC passing through B cutting the semi-circle at D. Then BD

$= \sqrt{9.3}.$



Q5. Rationalize 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) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}$

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

We need to multiply the numerator and denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$ by $\sqrt{7}$, to get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{7}.$$

Therefore, we conclude that on rationalizing the denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$, we get $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{7}$.

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

We need to multiply the numerator and denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}}$ by $\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}$, to get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}}{\left(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}\right)\left(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}\right)}.$$

We need to apply the formula $(a-b)(a+b) = a^2 - b^2$ in the denominator to get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}}{\left(\sqrt{7}\right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{6}\right)^2}$$

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

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

Therefore, we conclude that on rationalizing the denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}}$, we get $\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}$.

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

We need to multiply the numerator and denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}$ by $\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}$, to get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}\times\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}=\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}{\left(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}\right)\left(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}\right)}.$$

We need to apply the formula $(a-b)(a+b)=a^2-b^2$ in the denominator to get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}=\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}{\left(\sqrt{5}\right)^2-\left(\sqrt{2}\right)^2}$$

$$=\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}{5-2}$$

$$=\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}{3}.$$

Therefore, we conclude that on rationalizing the denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}$, we get $\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}{3}$.

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

We need to multiply the numerator and denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}$ by $\sqrt{7}+2$, to get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}\times\frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{\sqrt{7}+2}=\frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{\left(\sqrt{7}-2\right)\left(\sqrt{7}+2\right)}.$$

We need to apply the formula $(a-b)(a+b)=a^2-b^2$ in the denominator to get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}=\frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{\left(\sqrt{7}\right)^2-(2)^2}$$

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

$$=\frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{3}.$$

Therefore, we conclude that on rationalizing the denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}$, we get $\frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{3}$.

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