

into two classes. The upper class contains all irrational numbers such that $c^2 < 7d^2$. The cut number is $\sqrt{7}$.

2.2361 belongs to class $a^2 > 8b^2$

2.646 belongs to class $a^2 > 7d^2$

4.8821

2.236 belongs to class $a^2 < 8b^2$

2.646 belongs to class $a^2 < 7d^2$

4.881

The number 4.8921

belongs to the upper class, and the number

4.881 to the lower

class, the cut number

of this section defines

the number $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}$.

Problems - Irrational Numbers

1. Select from the following list ALL irrational numbers.

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

b) $\sqrt{12769} + \sqrt{841}$

c) 0.9

d) $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{4}$

e) $(\sqrt{27})/(\sqrt{3})$

a) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} = 1.41421356 + \sqrt{3} = 3.1462437$ I

b) $\sqrt{12769} + \sqrt{841} = 113 + 29 = 142$ $\mathbb{N} \& \mathbb{N}$

c) 0.9 $\mathbb{Q} \exists \mathbb{Q}$

d) $\sqrt{2} (\sqrt{4}) = 2$ $\mathbb{R} \& \mathbb{N}$ $\rightarrow \sqrt{2} = 1.25992105 \times 1.58740105 = 2$ $\rightarrow \mathbb{I}(\mathbb{I}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

e) $(\sqrt{27})/(\sqrt{3}) = 5.19615142 \div 1.73205081 = 3$ $\mathbb{I} \div \mathbb{I} = 3$ $\mathbb{R} \& \mathbb{N}$ - P82

2. Geometry introduced irrationals historically. The square root of a given integer N can ~~merely~~ readily be found geometrically. Draw a semicircle whose diameter is any suitable unit of length is $N+1$ units. Let its end points on the circumference be A and B. Let C be another point on the diameter, one unit in from B, and N units from A. At C erect a perpendicular to the diameter, intersecting the circumference at D. The length CD of this perpendicular line segment is ^{the} required square root of N . Why? In this manner construct a line segment equal to $\sqrt{7}$.

$(\sqrt{7})(\sqrt{7}) = 7$

$7+1=8$

Diameter $= 8 = N+1$

$\sqrt{7}$



3. Draw the circle whose equation is $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, i.e., the circle whose center is the origin and whose radius is 2 units in length. Now draw the line equation is $y = x$. It

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