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solutions

Using what you have learned answer the following questions. Show all work if you want partial credit. If a specific method is mentioned, make sure you show that you are using that method.

(1) (5 points) Prove that $3.3\overline{217}$ is a rational number.

Solution. Let $x = 3.3\overline{217}$, then we have

$$1000 * x = 3321.7217217217217$$

 $x = 3.3217217217217.$

So,

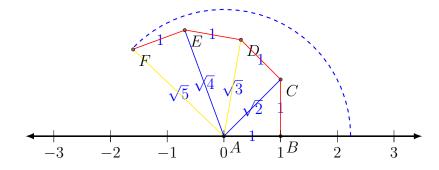
$$999x = 3318.4.$$

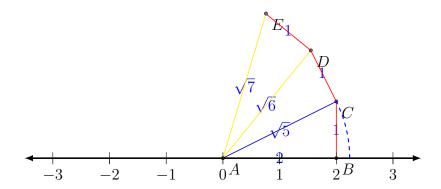
Hence,

$$x = \frac{3318.4}{999} = \frac{33184}{9990} = \frac{16592}{4995} = 3.3\overline{217}.$$

Therefore, $3.3\overline{217}$ is a rational number.

(2) (5 points) Plot the irrational number $\sqrt{5}$ on number line.





(3) (Bonus 2 points) Describe ∞ by using your own words.