

- Natural numbers:** The numbers which are used for counting are called Natural numbers and represented with letter N
- Natural numbers  $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$
- Whole numbers:** If '0' is added to Natural numbers then they are called Whole numbers. And is denoted by 'W'
- Whole numbers  $W = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$
- Integers:** Combination of positive and negative numbers including 0 are called Integers and represented by 'Z' or 'I'.
- Integers  $Z = \{\dots - 4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
- Z comes from the German word "zahlen", which means "to count"
- Rational numbers:**

A number which can be written in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$  is called a rational number. Example:  $-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{6}{7}, \frac{9}{-5}$  are all rational numbers. Since the numbers 0, -2, 4 can be written in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , they are also rational numbers.

**Exp 1 :** Are the following statements true or false? Give reasons for your answers.

(i) Every whole number is a natural number.

**Sol:** False, because zero is a whole number but not a natural number.

(ii) Every integer is a rational number.

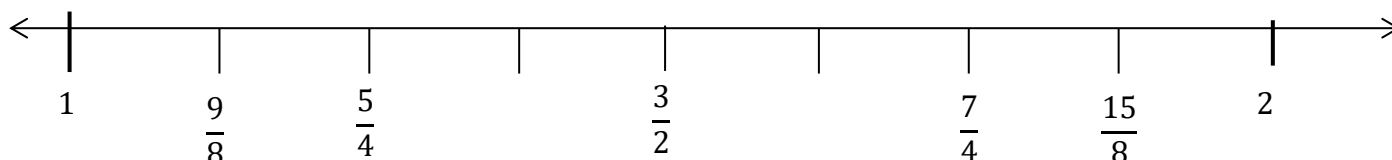
**Sol:** True, because every integer m can be expressed in the form  $\frac{m}{1}$ , and so it is a rational number

(iii) Every rational number is an integer.

**Sol:** False, because  $\frac{3}{5}$  is a rational number but not an integer.

**Exp 2 :** Find five rational numbers between 1 and 2.

**Sol 1:** If a and b are two rational numbers then a rational number between a and  $b = \frac{1}{2}(a + b)$



S.No	Two rational numbers	Between Rational number
1	1 and 2	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 2) = \frac{1}{2}(3) = \frac{3}{2}$

2	1 and $\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2+3}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{4}$
3	$\frac{3}{2}$ and 2	$\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2} + 2\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3+4}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{2} = \frac{7}{4}$
4	1 and $\frac{5}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{5}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{4+5}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{9}{4} = \frac{9}{8}$
5	$\frac{7}{4}$ and 2	$\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{7}{4} + 2\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{7+8}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{15}{4} = \frac{15}{8}$

So, the five rational numbers between 1 and 2 are  $\frac{9}{8}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{15}{8}$

**Sol 2:**

$$1 < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1 \times 6}{1 \times 6} < \frac{2 \times 6}{1 \times 6} \Rightarrow \frac{6}{6} < \frac{12}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{6} < \frac{7}{6} < \frac{8}{6} < \frac{9}{6} < \frac{10}{6} < \frac{11}{6} < \frac{12}{6}$$

So, the five rational numbers are  $\frac{7}{6}, \frac{8}{6}, \frac{9}{6}, \frac{10}{6}, \frac{11}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{6}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{11}{6}$

**There are infinitely many rational numbers between any two given rational numbers**

### EXERCISE 1.1

1. Is zero a rational number? Can you write it in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where p and q are integers and q  $\neq$  0?

**Sol:** yes, zero is a rational number.  $0 = \frac{0}{1}$

2. Find six rational numbers between 3 and 4.

**Sol:**  $3 < 4 \Rightarrow \frac{3 \times 7}{1 \times 7} < \frac{4 \times 7}{1 \times 7} \Rightarrow \frac{21}{7} < \frac{28}{7}$

$$\frac{21}{7} < \frac{22}{7} < \frac{23}{7} < \frac{24}{7} < \frac{25}{7} < \frac{26}{7} < \frac{27}{7} < \frac{28}{7}$$

So, the six rational numbers are  $\frac{22}{7}, \frac{23}{7}, \frac{24}{7}, \frac{25}{7}, \frac{26}{7}, \frac{27}{7}$

3. Find five rational numbers between  $\frac{3}{5}$  and  $\frac{4}{5}$ .

**Sol:**  $\frac{3}{5} < \frac{4}{5}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{3 \times 6}{5 \times 6} < \frac{4 \times 6}{5 \times 6}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{18}{30} < \frac{24}{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{18}{30} < \frac{19}{30} < \frac{20}{30} < \frac{21}{30} < \frac{22}{30} < \frac{23}{30} < \frac{24}{30}$$

So, the five rational numbers between  $\frac{3}{5}$  and  $\frac{4}{5}$  are  $\frac{19}{30}, \frac{20}{30}, \frac{21}{30}, \frac{22}{30}, \frac{23}{30}$

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

(i) Every natural number is a whole number.

Sol: True.

(ii) Every integer is a whole number.

Sol: False, -5 is an integer but not a whole number

(iii) Every rational number is a whole number.

Sol: False, because  $\frac{4}{5}$  is a rational number but not a whole number.

### Irrational Numbers

The Pythagoreans in Greece were the first to discover the numbers which were not rationals.

These numbers are called irrational numbers

A number cannot be written in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$  is called irrational.

Examples:  $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.101001000 \dots$  etc

**Real numbers (R)** : Collection of both rational (Q) and irrational numbers ( $Q^1$ )

Every real number is represented by a unique point on the number line. Also, every point on the number line represents a unique real number.

**Exp 3 : Locate  $\sqrt{2}$  on the number line.**

Sol: 1. Draw number line. Point O at 0 and Point A at 1.

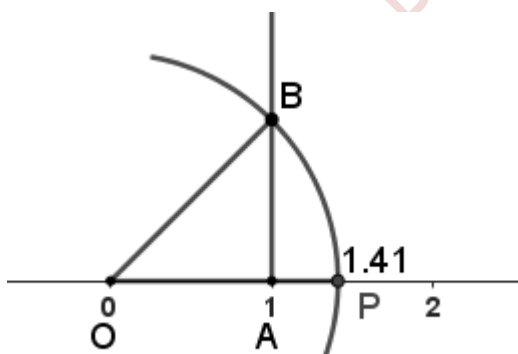
2. Construct AB= 1 unit perpendicular to number line at A

3. Join OB

4. From Pythagoras theorem  $OB = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{1 + 1} = \sqrt{2}$

4. Draw an arc with centre O and radius OB, intersects number line at P.

5. The point P corresponds to  $\sqrt{2}$  on the number line.



**Exp 4 : Locate  $\sqrt{3}$  on the number line.**

Sol: 1. Draw number line. Point O at 0 and Point A at 1.

2. Construct AB= 1 unit perpendicular to number line at A

3. Join OB

4. From Pythagoras theorem  $OB = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{1 + 1} = \sqrt{2}$

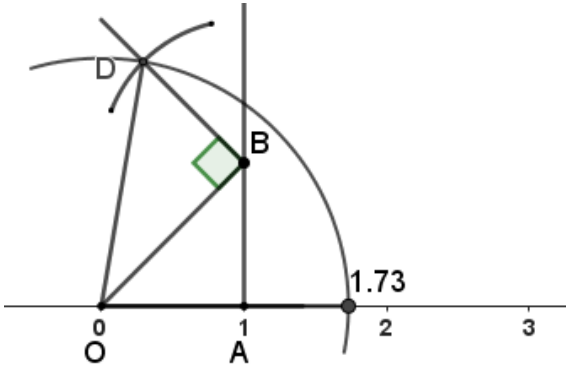
5. Construct BD of unit length perpendicular to OB.

6. Join OD.

7. From Pythagoras theorem  $OD = \sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2+1} = \sqrt{3}$

8. Draw an arc with centre O and radius OD, intersects number line at Q.

9. The point Q corresponds to  $\sqrt{3}$  on the number line.



### EXERCISE 1.2

1. State whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your answers.

(i) Every irrational number is a real number.

Sol: yes

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

Sol: False, all negative numbers on the number line but it not express as of the form  $\sqrt{m}$ , where m is a natural number

(iii) Every real number is an irrational number.

Sol: False, real numbers are Collection of both rational ( $Q$ ) and irrational numbers ( $Q^1$ )

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.

Sol: False, because 4 is a positive integer and  $\sqrt{4} = \pm 2$  are rational numbers.

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

Sol: 1. Draw number line. Point O at 0 and Point A at 2.

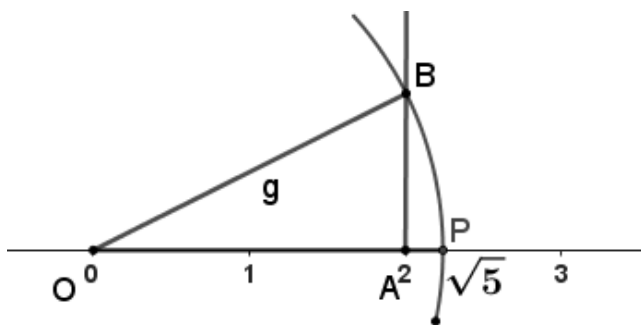
2. Construct AB = 1 unit perpendicular to number line at A

3. Join OB

4. From Pythagoras theorem  $OB = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5}$

4. Draw an arc with centre O and radius OB, intersects number line at P.

5. The point P corresponds to  $\sqrt{5}$  on the number line..



### Real Numbers and their Decimal Expansions

Exp 5 : Find the decimal expansions of  $\frac{10}{3}$ ,  $\frac{7}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{7}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.333 \dots \\ 3 \overline{)10.000 \dots} \\ \underline{9} \phantom{00} \\ 10 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{9} \phantom{0} \\ 10 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{9} \phantom{0} \\ 1 \phantom{0} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.875 \\ 8 \overline{)7.000 \dots} \\ \underline{64} \phantom{00} \\ 60 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{56} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{40} \phantom{0} \\ 0 \phantom{0} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.142857 \dots \\ 7 \overline{)1.000000} \\ \underline{7} \phantom{0000} \\ 30 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{28} \phantom{00} \\ 20 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{14} \phantom{00} \\ 60 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{56} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{35} \phantom{00} \\ 50 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{49} \phantom{00} \\ 1 \phantom{00} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{10}{3} = 3.333\dots = 3.\bar{3}; \quad \frac{7}{8} = 0.875$$

$$\frac{1}{7} = 0.142857142\dots = 0.\overline{142857}$$

**Terminating decimal:** A decimal number that contains a finite number of digits next to the decimal point is called a Terminating decimal

**Non terminating recurring decimal:** A Non terminating recurring decimal is a decimal in which some digits after the decimal point repeat without terminating.

**Example 6 :** Show that 3.142678 is a rational number. In other words, express 3.142678 in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

**Sol:**  $3.142678 = \frac{3142678}{1000000}$ , and hence it is a rational numbers

**Example 7 :** Show that  $0.3333\dots = 0.\bar{3}$  can be expressed in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$

**Sol:** Let  $x = 0.\bar{3}$

$$10x = 3.333 \dots$$

$$10x = 3 + 0.3333 \dots$$

$$10x = 3 + x$$

$$10x - x = 3$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0.\bar{3} = 0.333 \dots \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

$$10x = 3.333 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

From (2)-(1)

$$10x = 3.333 \dots \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

$$x = 0.333 \dots \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\hline 9x = 3$$

$$\hline x = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow 0.\bar{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$9x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow 0.\overline{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

**Example 8 :** Show that  $1.272727... = 1.\overline{27}$  can be expressed in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

*Sol:* Let  $x = 1.\overline{27}$

$$x = 1.272727 \dots$$

$$100x = 127.272727 \dots$$

$$100x = 126 + 1.272727 \dots$$

$$100x = 126 + x$$

$$100x - x = 126$$

$$99x = 126$$

$$x = \frac{126}{99} = \frac{14}{11}$$

$$1.\overline{27} = \frac{14}{11}$$

$$\text{Let } x = 1.\overline{27} = 1.272727 \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

$$100x = 127.272727 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

From (2)-(1)

$$\underline{100x = 127.272727 \dots \rightarrow (2)}$$

$$\underline{x = 1.272727 \dots \rightarrow (1)}$$

$$99x = 126$$

$$x = \frac{126}{99} = \frac{14}{11} \Rightarrow 1.\overline{27} = \frac{14}{11}$$

**Example 9 :** Show that  $0.2353535... = 0.\overline{235}$  can be expressed in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

*Sol:* Let  $x = 0.2\overline{35}$

$$x = 0.2353535 \dots$$

$$100x = 23.53535 \dots$$

$$100x = 23.3 + 0.23535 \dots$$

$$1000x = 233 + x$$

$$100x - x = 23.3$$

$$99x = 23.3$$

$$x = \frac{23.3}{99} = \frac{233}{990}$$

$$0.2\overline{35} = \frac{233}{990}$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0.2\overline{35} = 0.2353535 \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

$$100x = 235.3535 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

From (2)-(1)

$$100x = 23.53535 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\underline{x = 0.2353535 \dots \rightarrow (1)}$$

$$99x = 23.3$$

$$x = \frac{23.3}{99} = \frac{233}{990} \Rightarrow 0.2\overline{35} = \frac{233}{990}$$

**Irrational:** A number whose decimal expansion is non-terminating non-recurring is irrational.

Examples:  $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.101001000 \dots$  etc

**Exp10 :** Find an irrational number between  $\frac{1}{7}$  and  $\frac{2}{7}$ .

*Sol:*  $\frac{1}{7} = 0.142857 \dots$

$$\frac{2}{7} = 0.285714 \dots$$

Irrational number is non-terminating non-recurring decimal

An irrational number between  $\frac{1}{7}$  and  $\frac{2}{7}$  is  $0.1520002000020000 \dots$

### EXERCISE 1.3

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

(i)  $\frac{36}{100} = 0.36$

Terminating decimal

(ii)  $\frac{1}{11} = 0.090909\dots = 0.\overline{09}$

Non terminating recurring decimal

(iii)  $4\frac{1}{8} = \frac{33}{8} = 4.125$

Terminating decimal.

(iv)  $\frac{3}{13} = 0.23076923\dots = 0.\overline{230769}$

Non terminating recurring decimal

(v)  $\frac{2}{11} = 0.1818\dots = 0.\overline{18}$

Non terminating recurring decimal

(vi)  $\frac{329}{400} = 0.8225$

Terminating decimal

$\begin{array}{r} 0.090909\dots \\ 11 \overline{)1.000000} \\ \underline{99} \\ 100 \\ \underline{99} \\ 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 4.125 \\ 8 \overline{)33.000} \\ \underline{32} \\ 10 \\ \underline{8} \\ 20 \\ \underline{16} \\ 40 \\ \underline{40} \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0.2307692\dots \\ 13 \overline{)3.00000000} \\ \underline{26} \\ 40 \\ \underline{39} \\ 10 \\ \underline{00} \\ 100 \\ \underline{91} \\ 90 \\ \underline{78} \\ 120 \\ \underline{117} \\ 30 \\ \underline{26} \\ 4 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 0.1818\dots \\ 11 \overline{)2.000000\dots} \\ \underline{11} \\ 90 \\ \underline{88} \\ 20 \\ \underline{11} \\ 90 \\ \underline{88} \\ 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0.8225 \\ 4 \overline{)3.29000} \\ \underline{32} \\ 09 \\ \underline{8} \\ 10 \\ \underline{8} \\ 20 \\ \underline{20} \\ 0 \end{array}$	

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

Sol: When divided 1 by 7 remainders are 3,2,6,4,5.

$$\frac{1}{7} = 0.\overline{142857}$$

2 is a remainder after the second step. So, we write the quotient after the second decimal place

$$\frac{2}{7} = 0.\overline{285714}$$

$$\frac{3}{7} = 0.\overline{428571}$$

$$\frac{4}{7} = 0.\overline{571428}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1428571\dots \\ 7 \overline{)1.00000000} \\ \underline{7} \\ 30 \\ \underline{28} \\ 20 \\ \underline{14} \\ 60 \\ \underline{56} \\ 40 \\ \underline{35} \\ 50 \\ \underline{35} \\ 15 \\ \underline{14} \\ 1 \\ \underline{0} \\ 10 \\ \underline{7} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

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

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

sol: Let  $x = 0.\bar{6}$

$$x = 0.66666 \dots$$

$$10x = 6.6666 \dots$$

$$10x = 6 + 0.6666 \dots$$

$$10x = 6 + x$$

$$10x - x = 6$$

$$9x = 6$$

$$x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow 0.\bar{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0.\bar{6} = 0.66666 \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

$$10x = 6.6666 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

From (2)-(1)

$$10x = 6.6666 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

$$x = 0.66666 \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

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$$9x = 6$$

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$$x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow 0.\bar{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

(ii)  $0.4\bar{7}$

sol: Let  $x = 0.4\bar{7}$

$$x = 0.477777 \dots$$

$$10x = 4.777777 \dots$$

$$10x = 4.3 + 0.4777777 \dots$$

$$10x = 4.3 + x$$

$$10x - x = 4.3$$

$$9x = 4.3$$

$$x = \frac{4.3}{9} = \frac{43}{90}$$

$$0.4\bar{7} = \frac{43}{90}$$

$$\text{Let } x = 0.4\bar{7} = 0.477777 \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

$$10x = 4.777777 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

From (2)-(1)

$$10x = 4.777777 \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

$$x = 0.477777 \dots \rightarrow (1)$$

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$$9x = 4.3$$

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$$x = \frac{4.3}{9} = \frac{43}{90} \Rightarrow 0.4\bar{7} = \frac{43}{90}$$

(iii)  $0.\overline{001}$

Sol: Let  $x = 0.\overline{001}$

$$x = 0.001001001 \dots$$

$$1000x = 1.001001001 \dots$$

$$1000x = 1 + 0.001001001 \dots$$

$$1000x = 1 + x$$

$$1000x - x = 1$$

$$999x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{999}$$

$$0.\overline{001} = \frac{1}{999}$$

4. Express  $0.99999 \dots$  in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ . Are you surprised by your answer? With your teacher and classmates discuss why the answer makes sense.

sol: Let  $x = 0.999999 \dots$

$$10x = 9.9999 \dots$$

$$10x = 9 + 0.999 \dots$$

$$10x = 9 + x$$

$$10x - x = 9$$

$$9x = 9$$

$$x = \frac{9}{9} = 1$$

$$0.9999 \dots = 1$$



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

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.0588235294117647.. \\
 17 \overline{) 1.00000000} \\
 \underline{85} \\
 150 \\
 \underline{136} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{34} \\
 60 \\
 \underline{51} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{85} \\
 50 \\
 \underline{34} \\
 160 \\
 \underline{153} \\
 70 \\
 \underline{68} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{17} \\
 130 \\
 \underline{119} \\
 110 \\
 \underline{102} \\
 80 \\
 \underline{68} \\
 120 \\
 \underline{119} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

6. Look at several examples of rational numbers in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$  ( $q \neq 0$ ), 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?

Sol:  $\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$     $\frac{1}{10} = 0.1$     $\frac{32}{5} = 6.4$     $\frac{5}{8} = 0.625$     $\frac{27}{25} = 1.08$     $\frac{3}{50} = 0.06$     $\frac{7}{20} = 0.35$

The  $q$  (denominator) is in the form of  $2^a \times 5^b$  where  $a, b$  are whole numbers.

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

Sol: (i) 0.51250535420062101254.....

(ii) 1.20200200020000....

(iii) 0.2012011201112310....

8. Find three different irrational numbers between the rational numbers  $\frac{5}{7}$  and  $\frac{9}{11}$

Sol:  $\frac{5}{7} = 0.714285 \dots\dots$

$\frac{9}{11} = 0.8181 \dots$

Three irrational numbers between the rational numbers  $\frac{5}{7}$  and  $\frac{9}{11}$  are

(i) 0.722020020002000 ...

(ii) 0.73030030003000 ...

(iii) 0.7515115111511125 ...

9. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational :

(i)  $\sqrt{23} \rightarrow$  Irrational number

(ii)  $\sqrt{225} = 15 \rightarrow$  Rational number

(iii)  $0.3796 = \frac{3796}{10000} \rightarrow$  Rational number

(iv)  $7.478478 \dots = 7.\overline{478} \rightarrow$  Rational number

(v) 1.101001000100001...  $\rightarrow$  Irrational number

#### Operations on Real Numbers

**Example 11 :** Check whether  $7\sqrt{5}$ ,  $\frac{7}{\sqrt{5}}$ ,  $\sqrt{2} + 21$ ,  $\pi - 2$  are irrational numbers or not

Sol:  $\sqrt{5} = 2.2360679 \dots$

$\frac{7}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{7 \times \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{5}} = \frac{7\sqrt{5}}{5} = \frac{15.656753\dots}{5} = 3.1304 \dots$

$\sqrt{2} + 21 = 1.414213\dots + 21 = 22.414213 \dots$

$\pi - 2 = 3.1415 \dots - 2 = 1.1415 \dots$

All these are non-terminating, non-recurring decimals. Thus they are irrational numbers.

**If  $q$  is rational and  $s$  is irrational then  $q + s$ ,  $q - s$ ,  $qs$  and  $\frac{q}{s}$  ( $s \neq 0$ ) are irrational numbers.**

**Example 12 :** Add  $2\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}$  and  $\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{3}$

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

**Example 13 :** Multiply  $6\sqrt{5}$  by  $2\sqrt{5}$ .

Sol:  $6\sqrt{5} \times 2\sqrt{5} = 6 \times 2 \times \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{5} = 12 \times 5 = 60$  ( $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{a} = a$ )

**Example 14 :** Divide  $8\sqrt{15}$  by  $2\sqrt{3}$

Sol:  $\frac{8\sqrt{15}}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4 \times 2 \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5}}{2 \times \sqrt{3}} = 4\sqrt{5}$

Note: (i) The sum or difference of a rational number and an irrational number is irrational. (ii) The product or quotient of a non-zero rational number with an irrational number is irrational. (iii) If we add, subtract, multiply or divide two irrationals, the result may be rational or irrational.

**List some properties relating to square roots**

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive real numbers. Then

$$(i) \sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} \quad ; \quad \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{a} = \sqrt{a^2} = (\sqrt{a})^2 = a$$

$$(ii) \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} : \text{if } b \neq 0$$

$$(iii) (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}) = a - b$$

$$(iv) (a + \sqrt{b})(a - \sqrt{b}) = a^2 - b$$

$$(v) (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d}) = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{d} + \sqrt{b} \times \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{b} \times \sqrt{d}$$

$$= \sqrt{ac} + \sqrt{ad} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{bd}$$

$$(vi) (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2 = a + 2\sqrt{ab} + b$$

$$(vii) (\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2 = a - 2\sqrt{ab} + b$$

**Example 15 : Simplify the following expressions:**

$$(i) (5 + \sqrt{7})(2 + \sqrt{5})$$

$$\text{sol: } (5 + \sqrt{7})(2 + \sqrt{5}) = 5 \times 2 + 5 \times \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7} \times 2 + \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{5}$$

$$= 10 + 5\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{35}$$

$$(ii) (5 + \sqrt{5})(5 - \sqrt{5})$$

$$\text{Sol: } (x + y)(x - y) = x^2 - y^2$$

$$(5 + \sqrt{5})(5 - \sqrt{5}) = 5^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2 = 25 - 5 = 20$$

$$(iii) (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7})^2$$

$$\text{Sol: } (x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

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

$$= 3 + 2\sqrt{21} + 7 = 10 + 2\sqrt{21}$$

$$(iv) (\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{7})(\sqrt{11} + \sqrt{7})$$

$$\text{Sol: } (x - y)(x + y) = x^2 - y^2$$

$$(\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{7})(\sqrt{11} + \sqrt{7}) = (\sqrt{11})^2 - (\sqrt{7})^2 = 11 - 7 = 4$$

**Example 16: Rationalise the denominator of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$**

Sol: Rationalise factor of  $\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1 \times \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

**Example 17: Rationalise the denominator of  $\frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{3}}$**

Sol: Rationalise factor of  $2 + \sqrt{3} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$

$$\frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{4 - 3} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{1} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

**Example 18 : Rationalise the denominator of  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}}$**

Sol: Rationalise factor of  $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}} &= \frac{5}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{5(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})}{(\sqrt{3})^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2} \\ &= \frac{5(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})}{3 - 5} = \frac{5(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})}{-2} = \frac{-5(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 19 : Rationalise the denominator of  $\frac{1}{7 + 3\sqrt{2}}$**

Sol: Rationalise factor of  $7 + 3\sqrt{2} = 7 - 3\sqrt{2}$

$$\frac{1}{7 + 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{7 + 3\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{7 - 3\sqrt{2}}{7 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{7 - 3\sqrt{2}}{(7)^2 - (3\sqrt{2})^2} = \frac{7 - 3\sqrt{2}}{49 - 9 \times 2} = \frac{7 - 3\sqrt{2}}{49 - 18} = \frac{7 - 3\sqrt{2}}{31}$$

### EXERCISE 1.4

1. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational:

(i)  $2 - \sqrt{5} \rightarrow$  Irrational number

(ii)  $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23} = 3 + \sqrt{23} - \sqrt{23} = 3 \rightarrow$  Rational number

(iii)  $\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7\sqrt{7}} = \frac{2}{7} \rightarrow$  Rational number

(iv)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1 \times \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \rightarrow$  Irrational number

(v)  $2\pi \rightarrow$  Irrational number

2. Simplify each of the following expressions:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: } (3 + \sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{2}) &= 3 \times 2 + 3 \times \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \times 2 + \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{2} \\ &= 6 + 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

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

Sol:  $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$

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

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

Sol:  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

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

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

Sol:  $(x - y)(x + y) = x^2 - y^2$

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

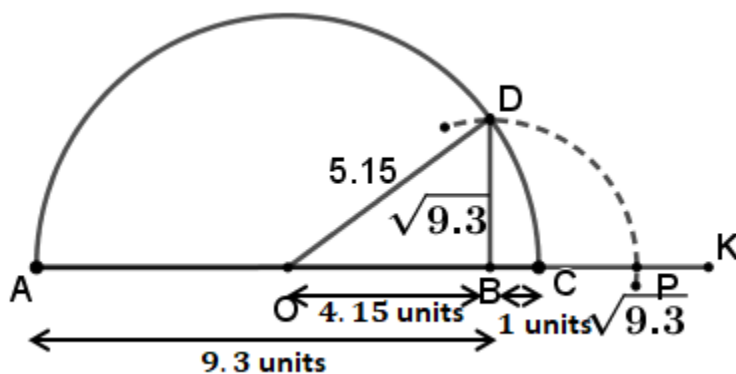
3. Recall,  $\pi$  is defined as the ratio of the circumference (say  $c$ ) of a circle to its diameter (say  $d$ ). That is,  $\pi = \frac{c}{d}$ . This seems to contradict the fact that  $\pi$  is irrational. How will you resolve this contradiction?

Sol: we use  $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$  or 3.14 these are approximate values.

The actual value of  $\pi$  is 3.141592653589....which is non-terminating non-recurring. Hence  $\pi$  is an irrational number.

4. Represent  $\sqrt{9.3}$  on the number line.

Sol:



5. Rationalise the denominators of the following:

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

Sol: Rationalise factor of  $\sqrt{7} = \sqrt{7}$

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

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

**Sol:** Rationalise factor of  $\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}$

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

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

**Sol:** Rationalise factor of  $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}{(\sqrt{5})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}{5 - 2} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}}{3}$$

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

**Sol:** Rationalise factor of  $\sqrt{7} - 2 = \sqrt{7} + 2$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - 2} \times \frac{\sqrt{7} + 2}{\sqrt{7} + 2} = \frac{\sqrt{7} + 2}{(\sqrt{7})^2 - (2)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{7} + 2}{7 - 2} = \frac{\sqrt{7} + 2}{5}$$

### Laws of Exponents for Real Numbers

(i)  $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$

(ii)  $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

(iii)  $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

(iv)  $a^m \times b^m = (ab)^m$

(v)  $\frac{a^m}{b^m} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m$

(vi)  $\frac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}$

(vii)  $\frac{1}{a^{-m}} = a^m$

(viii)  $a^0 = 1$

(ix)  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-m} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^m$

**Example 20 : Simplify**

(i)  $2^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{3}}$

**Sol:**  $2^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2^{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}} = 2^{\frac{2+1}{3}} = 2^{\frac{3}{3}} = 2^1 = 2$

(ii)  $\left(3^{\frac{1}{5}}\right)^4$

**Sol:**  $\left(3^{\frac{1}{5}}\right)^4 = 3^{\frac{1}{5} \times 4} = 3^{\frac{4}{5}}$

(iii)  $\frac{7^{\frac{1}{5}}}{7^{\frac{1}{3}}}$

**Sol:**  $\frac{7^{\frac{1}{5}}}{7^{\frac{1}{3}}} = 7^{\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3}} = 7^{\frac{3-5}{15}} = 7^{\frac{-2}{15}}$

(iv)  $13^{\frac{1}{5}}.17^{\frac{1}{5}}$

Sol:  $13^{\frac{1}{5}}.17^{\frac{1}{5}} = (13 \times 17)^{\frac{1}{5}} = 221^{\frac{1}{5}}$

### EXERCISE 1.5

#### 1. Find

(i)  $64^{\frac{1}{2}} = (8^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 8^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} = 8$

(ii)  $32^{\frac{1}{5}} = (2^5)^{\frac{1}{5}} = 2^{5 \times \frac{1}{5}} = 2$

(iii)  $125^{\frac{1}{3}} = (5^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 5^{3 \times \frac{1}{3}} = 5$

#### 2. Find

(i)  $9^{\frac{3}{2}} = (3^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 3^{2 \times \frac{3}{2}} = 3^3 = 27$

(ii)  $32^{\frac{2}{5}} = (2^5)^{\frac{2}{5}} = 2^{5 \times \frac{2}{5}} = 2^2 = 4$

(iii)  $16^{\frac{3}{4}} = (2^4)^{\frac{3}{4}} = 2^{4 \times \frac{3}{4}} = 2^3 = 8$

(iv)  $125^{\frac{-1}{3}} = (5^3)^{\frac{-1}{3}} = 5^{3 \times \frac{-1}{3}} = 5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5}$

#### 3. Simplify

(i)  $2^{\frac{2}{3}}.2^{\frac{1}{5}} = 2^{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5}} = 2^{\frac{10+3}{15}} = 2^{\frac{13}{15}}$

(ii)  $\left(\frac{1}{3^3}\right)^7 = \frac{1^7}{(3^3)^7} = \frac{1}{3^{21}} =$

(iii)  $\frac{11^{\frac{1}{2}}}{11^{\frac{1}{4}}} = 11^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} = 11^{\frac{2-1}{4}} = 11^{\frac{1}{4}}$

(iv)  $7^{\frac{1}{2}}.8^{\frac{1}{2}} = (7 \times 8)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 56^{\frac{1}{2}}$