

Exercise 1.1

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

Solution:

We know that, a number is said to be rational if it can be written in the form $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$.

Taking the case of '0',

Zero can be written in the form $\frac{0}{1}, \frac{0}{2}, \frac{0}{3}, \dots$ as well as, $\frac{0}{-1}, \frac{0}{-2}, \frac{0}{-3}, \dots$

Since it satisfies the necessary condition, we can conclude that 0 can be written in the $\frac{p}{q}$ form, where q can either be positive or negative number.

Hence, 0 is a rational number.

2. Find six rational numbers between 3 and 4.

Solution:

There are infinite rational numbers between 3 and 4.

As we have to find 6 rational numbers between 3 and 4, we will multiply both the numbers, 3 and 4, with $6+1=7$ (or any number greater than 6)

$$\text{i.e., } 3 \times \frac{7}{7} = \frac{21}{7}$$

$$\text{and, } 4 \times \frac{7}{7} = \frac{28}{7}$$

\therefore The numbers in between $\frac{21}{7}$ and $\frac{28}{7}$ will be rational and will fall between 3 and 4.

Hence, $\frac{22}{7}, \frac{23}{7}, \frac{24}{7}, \frac{25}{7}, \frac{26}{7}, \frac{27}{7}$ are the 6 rational numbers between 3 and 4.

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

Solution:

There are infinite rational numbers between $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{4}{5}$.

To find out 5 rational numbers between $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{4}{5}$, we will multiply both the numbers, $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{4}{5}$, with $5+1=6$ (or any number greater than 5)

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{6}{6} = \frac{18}{30}$$

$$\text{and, } \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{6}{6} = \frac{24}{30}$$

\therefore The numbers in between $\frac{18}{30}$ and $\frac{24}{30}$ will be rational and will fall between $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{4}{5}$.

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

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

(i) Every natural number is a whole number.

Solution:

True

Natural numbers- Numbers starting from 1 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Natural numbers= 1,2,3,4...

Whole numbers- Numbers starting from 0 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Whole numbers= 0,1,2,3...

Or, we can say that whole numbers have all the elements of natural numbers and zero.

∴ Every natural number is a whole number, however, every whole number is not a natural number.

(ii) Every integer is a whole number.

Solution:

False

Integers- Integers are set of numbers that contain positive, negative and 0; excluding fractional and decimal numbers.

i.e., integers= {...-4,-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3,4...}

Whole numbers- Numbers starting from 0 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Whole numbers= 0,1,2,3....

Hence, we can say that integers includes whole numbers as well as negative numbers.

∴ Every whole number is an integer, however, every integer is not a whole number.

(iii) Every rational number is a whole number.

Solution:

False

Rational numbers- All numbers in the form $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$.

i.e., Rational numbers= $0, \frac{19}{30}, 2, \frac{9}{-3}, \frac{-12}{7}$...

Whole numbers- Numbers starting from 0 to infinity (without fractions or decimals)

i.e., Whole numbers= 0,1,2,3....

Hence, we can say that integers includes whole numbers as well as negative numbers.

∴ Every whole numbers are rational, however, every rational numbers are not whole numbers.

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

(i) Every irrational number is a real number.

Solution:

True

Irrational Numbers- A number is said to be irrational, if it **cannot** be written in the $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$.

i.e., Irrational numbers = $0, \frac{19}{30}, 2, \frac{9}{-3}, \frac{-12}{7}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

Real numbers- The collection of both rational and irrational numbers are known as real numbers.

i.e., Real numbers = $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

\therefore Every irrational number is a real number, however, every real numbers are not irrational numbers.

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

Solution:

False

The statement is false since as per the rule, a negative number cannot be expressed as square roots.

E.g., $\sqrt{9}=3$ is a natural number.

But $\sqrt{2}=1.414$ is not a natural number.

Similarly, we know that there are negative numbers on the number line but when we take the root of a negative number it becomes a complex number and not a natural number.

E.g., $\sqrt{-7}=7i$, where $i=\sqrt{-1}$

\therefore The statement that every point on the number line is of the form \sqrt{m} , where m is a natural number is false.

(iii) Every real number is an irrational number.

Solution:

False

The statement is false, the real numbers include both irrational and rational numbers. Therefore, every real number cannot be an irrational number.

Real numbers- The collection of both rational and irrational numbers are known as real numbers.

i.e., Real numbers = $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

Irrational Numbers- A number is said to be irrational, if it **cannot** be written in the $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$.

i.e., Irrational numbers = $0, \frac{19}{30}, 2, \frac{9}{-3}, \frac{-12}{7}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi, 0.102\dots$

\therefore Every irrational number is a real number, however, every real number is not irrational.

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.

Solution:

No, the square roots of all positive integers are not irrational.

For example,

$\sqrt{4} = 2$ is rational.

$\sqrt{9} = 3$ is rational.

Hence, the square roots of positive integers 4 and 9 are not irrational. (2 and 3, respectively).

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

Solution:

Step 1: Let line AB be of 2 unit on a number line.

Step 2: At B, draw a perpendicular line BC of length 1 unit.

Step 3: Join CA

Step 4: Now, ABC is a right angled triangle. Applying Pythagoras theorem,

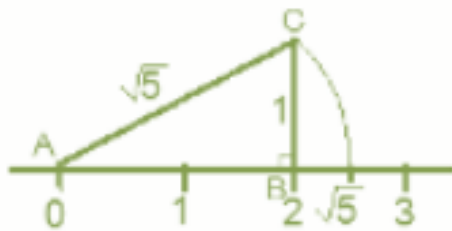
$$AB^2 + BC^2 = CA^2$$

$$2^2 + 1^2 = CA^2 \Rightarrow CA^2 = 5$$

$\Rightarrow CA = \sqrt{5}$ Thus, CA is a line of length $\sqrt{5}$ unit.

Step 4: Taking CA as a radius and A as a center draw an arc touching the number line. The point at which number line get intersected by arc is at $\sqrt{5}$ distance from 0 because it is a radius of the circle whose center was A.

Thus, $\sqrt{5}$ is represented on the number line as shown in the figure.



4. Classroom activity (Constructing the ‘square root spiral’): Take a large sheet of paper and construct the ‘square root spiral’ in the following fashion. Start with a point O and draw a line segment OP₁ of unit length. Draw a line segment P₁P₂ perpendicular to OP₁ of unit length (see Fig. 1.9). Now draw a line segment P₂P₃ perpendicular to OP₂. Then draw a line segment P₃P₄ perpendicular to OP₃. Continuing in Fig. 1.9 :

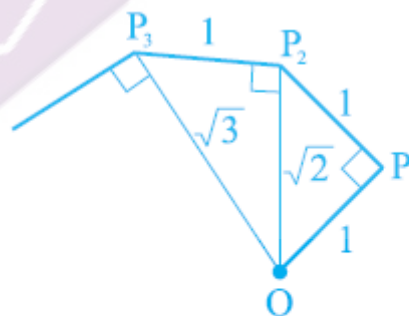
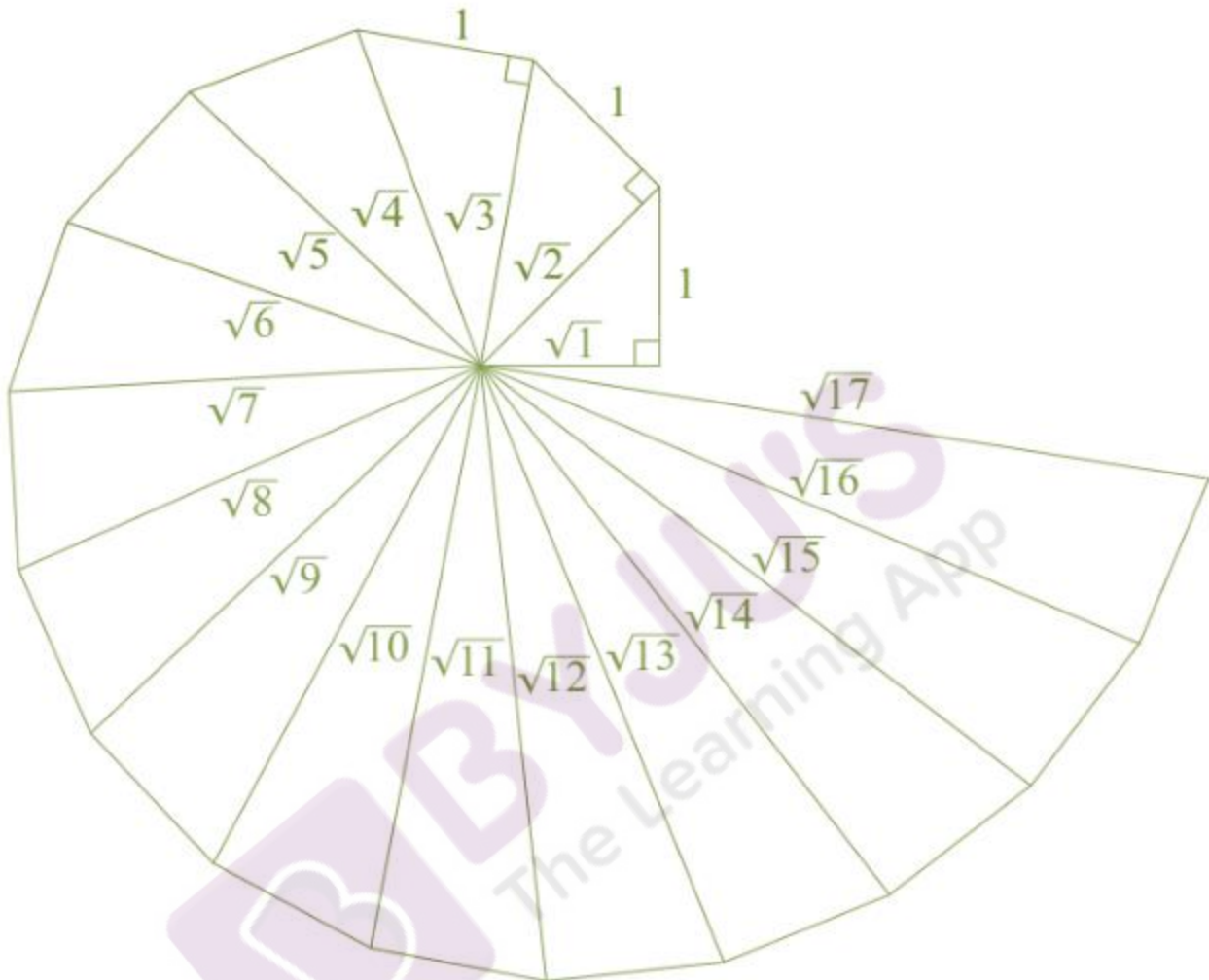


Fig. 1.9 : Constructing square root spiral

Constructing this manner, you can get the line segment P_{n-1}P_n by square root spiral drawing a line segment of unit length perpendicular to OP_{n-1}. In this manner, you will have created the points P₂, P₃,..., P_n,... , and joined them to create a beautiful spiral depicting 2, 3, 4, ...

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- Step 1: Mark a point O on the paper. Here, O will be the center of the square root spiral.
 Step 2: From O, draw a straight line, OA, of 1cm horizontally.
 Step 3: From A, draw a perpendicular line, AB, of 1 cm.
 Step 4: Join OB. Here, OB will be of $\sqrt{2}$
 Step 5: Now, from B, draw a perpendicular line of 1 cm and mark the end point C.
 Step 6: Join OC. Here, OC will be of $\sqrt{3}$
 Step 7: Repeat the steps to draw $\sqrt{4}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6} \dots$

Exercise 1.3

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

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

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00.36 \\
 100 \overline{) 360} \\
 \underline{300} \\
 600 \\
 \underline{600} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

= 0.36 (Terminating)

(ii) $\frac{1}{11}$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.0909\dots \\
 11 \overline{) 1} \\
 \underline{0} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{0} \\
 100 \\
 \underline{99} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{0} \\
 100 \\
 \underline{99} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

= 0.0909... = $\overline{0.09}$ (Non terminating and repeating)

(iii) $4\frac{1}{8}$

Solution:

$$4\frac{1}{8} = \frac{33}{8}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 4.125 \\
 8 \overline{) 33} \\
 \underline{32} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{8} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{16} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{40} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

= 4.125 (Terminating)

(iv) $\frac{3}{13}$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.230769 \\
 13 \overline{) 30} \\
 \underline{26} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{39} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{0} \\
 100 \\
 \underline{91} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{78} \\
 120 \\
 \underline{117} \\
 3
 \end{array}$$

= 0.230769... = $0.\overline{230769}$ (Non terminating and repeating)

(v) $\frac{2}{11}$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.18 \\
 11 \overline{) 2} \\
 \underline{0} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{11} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{88} \\
 2
 \end{array}$$

= 0.1818181818... = $0.\overline{18}$ (Non terminating and repeating)

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

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.8225 \\
 \hline
 400 \overline{) 329} \\
 \underline{0} \\
 3290 \\
 \underline{3200} \\
 900 \\
 \underline{800} \\
 1000 \\
 \underline{800} \\
 2000 \\
 \underline{2000} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

= 0.8225 (Terminating)

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?

[Hint: Study the remainders while finding the value of $\frac{1}{7}$ carefully.]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{7} &= 0.\overline{142857} \\
 \therefore 2 \times \frac{1}{7} &= 2 \times 0.\overline{142857} = \overline{0.285714} \\
 3 \times \frac{1}{7} &= 3 \times 0.\overline{142857} = \overline{0.428571} \\
 4 \times \frac{1}{7} &= 4 \times 0.\overline{142857} = \overline{0.571428} \\
 5 \times \frac{1}{7} &= 5 \times 0.\overline{142857} = \overline{0.714285} \\
 6 \times \frac{1}{7} &= 6 \times 0.\overline{142857} = \overline{0.857142}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Solution:

$$0.\overline{6} = 0.666\dots$$

Assume that $x = 0.666\dots$

$$\text{Then, } 10x = 6.666\dots$$

$$10x = 6 + x$$

$$9x = 6$$

$$x = \frac{2}{3}$$

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(ii) $0.\overline{47}$

Solution:

$$0.\overline{47} = 0.4777\dots$$

$$= \frac{4}{10} + \frac{0.777}{10}$$

Assume that $x = 0.777\dots$

Then, $10x = 7.777\dots$

$$10x = 7 + x$$

$$x = \frac{7}{9}$$

$$\frac{4}{10} + \frac{0.777\dots}{10} = \frac{4}{10} + \frac{7}{90} \quad (\because x = \frac{7}{9} \text{ and } x = 0.777\dots \Rightarrow \frac{0.777\dots}{10} = \frac{7}{9 \times 10} = \frac{7}{90})$$

$$= \frac{36}{90} + \frac{7}{90} = \frac{43}{90}$$

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

Solution:

$$0.\overline{001} = 0.001001\dots$$

Assume that $x = 0.001001\dots$

Then, $1000x = 1.001001\dots$

$$1000x = 1 + x$$

$$999x = 1$$

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

4. Express $0.9999\dots$ in the form $\frac{p}{q}$. Are you surprised by your answer? With your teacher and classmates discuss why the answer makes sense.

Solution:

Assume that $x = 0.9999\dots$ _____ Eq. (a)

Multiplying both sides by 10,

$10x = 9.9999\dots$ _____ Eq. (b)

Eq.(b) – Eq.(a), we get

$$10x = 9.9999\dots -$$

$$\underline{x = 0.9999\dots}$$

$$9x = 9$$

$$x = 1$$

The difference between 1 and 0.999999 is 0.000001 which is negligible.

Hence, we can conclude that, 0.999 is too much near 1, therefore, 1 as the answer can be justified.

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.

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{17}$$

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Dividing 1 by 17:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.0588235294117647 \\
 \hline
 17 \overline{) 1} \\
 \underline{0} \\
 10 \\
 \underline{0} \\
 100 \\
 \underline{85} \\
 150 \\
 \underline{136} \\
 140 \\
 \underline{136} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{34} \\
 60 \\
 \underline{51} \\
 90 \\
 \underline{85} \\
 50 \\
 \underline{34} \\
 160 \\
 \underline{153} \\
 70 \\
 \underline{68} \\
 20 \\
 \underline{17} \\
 30 \\
 \underline{17} \\
 130 \\
 \underline{119} \\
 110 \\
 \underline{102} \\
 80 \\
 \underline{68} \\
 120 \\
 \underline{119} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{17} = \overline{0.0588235294117647}$$

∴, There are 16 digits in the repeating block of the decimal expansion of $\frac{1}{17}$

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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?

Solution:

We observe that when q is 2, 4, 5, 8, 10... Then the decimal expansion is terminating. For example:

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5, \text{ denominator } q = 2^1$$

$$\frac{7}{8} = 0.875, \text{ denominator } q = 2^3$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = 0.8, \text{ denominator } q = 5^1$$

We can observe that the terminating decimal may be obtained in the situation where prime factorization of the denominator of the given fractions has the power of only 2 or only 5 or both.

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

Solution:

We know that all irrational numbers are non-terminating non-recurring. \therefore , three numbers with decimal expansions that are non-terminating non-recurring are:

a) $\sqrt{3} = 1.732050807568$

b) $\sqrt{26} = 5.099019513592$

c) $\sqrt{101} = 10.04987562112$

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

Solution:

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

$$\frac{9}{11} = 0.\overline{81}$$

\therefore , Three different irrational numbers are:

a) 0.73073007300073000073...

b) 0.75075007300075000075...

c) 0.76076007600076000076...

9. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational according to their type:

(i) $\sqrt{23}$

Solution:

$$\sqrt{23} = 4.79583152331...$$

Since the number is non-terminating non-recurring therefore, it is an irrational number.

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(ii) $\sqrt{225}$

Solution:

$$\sqrt{225} = 15 = 15/1$$

Since the number can be represented in $\frac{p}{q}$ form, it is a rational number.

(iii) **0.3796**

Solution:

Since the number, 0.3796, is terminating, it is a rational number.

(iv) **7.478478**

Solution:

The number, 7.478478, is non-terminating but recurring, it is a rational number.

(v) **1.101001000100001...**

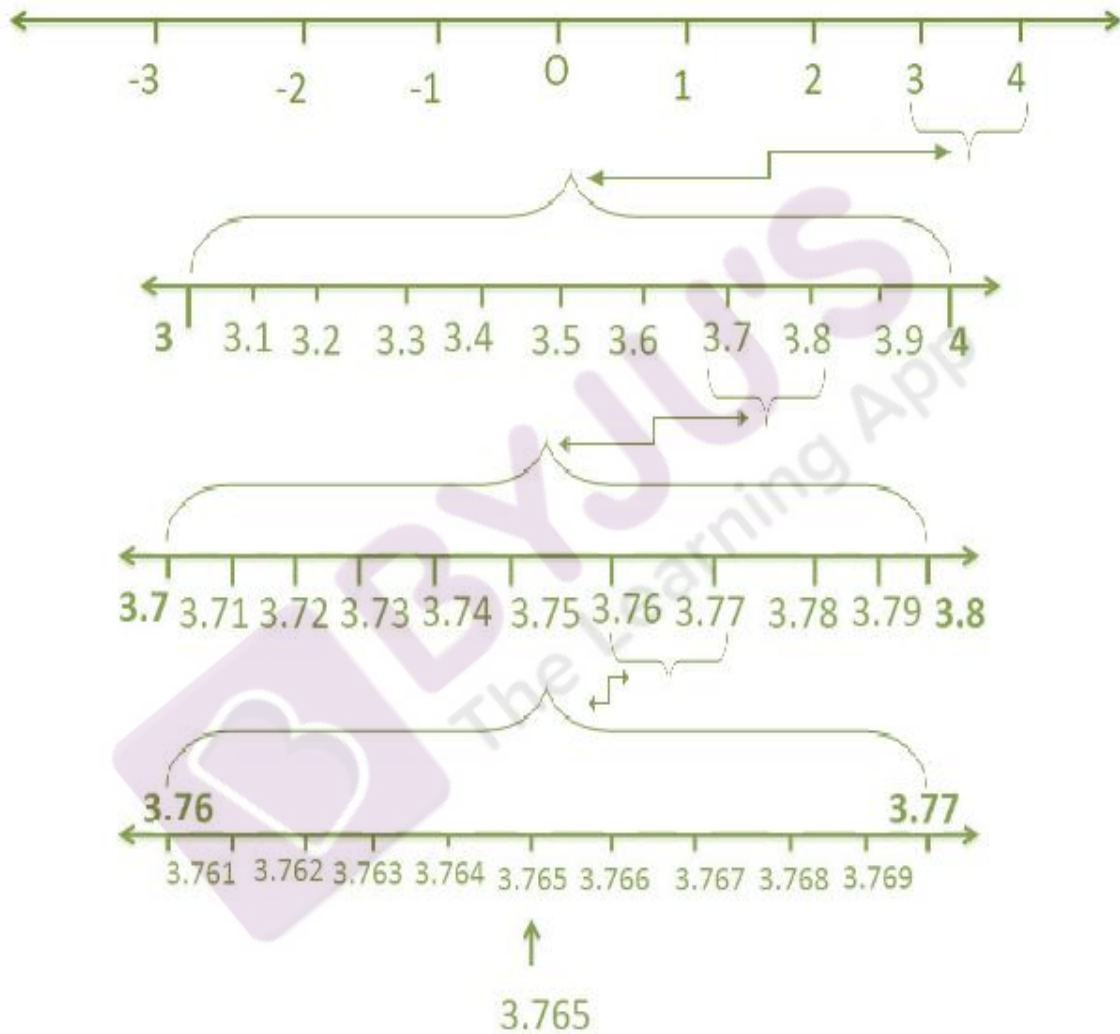
Solution:

Since the number, 1.101001000100001..., is non-terminating non-repeating (non-recurring), it is an irrational number.

Exercise 1.4

1. Visualise 3.765 on the number line, using successive magnification.

Solution:



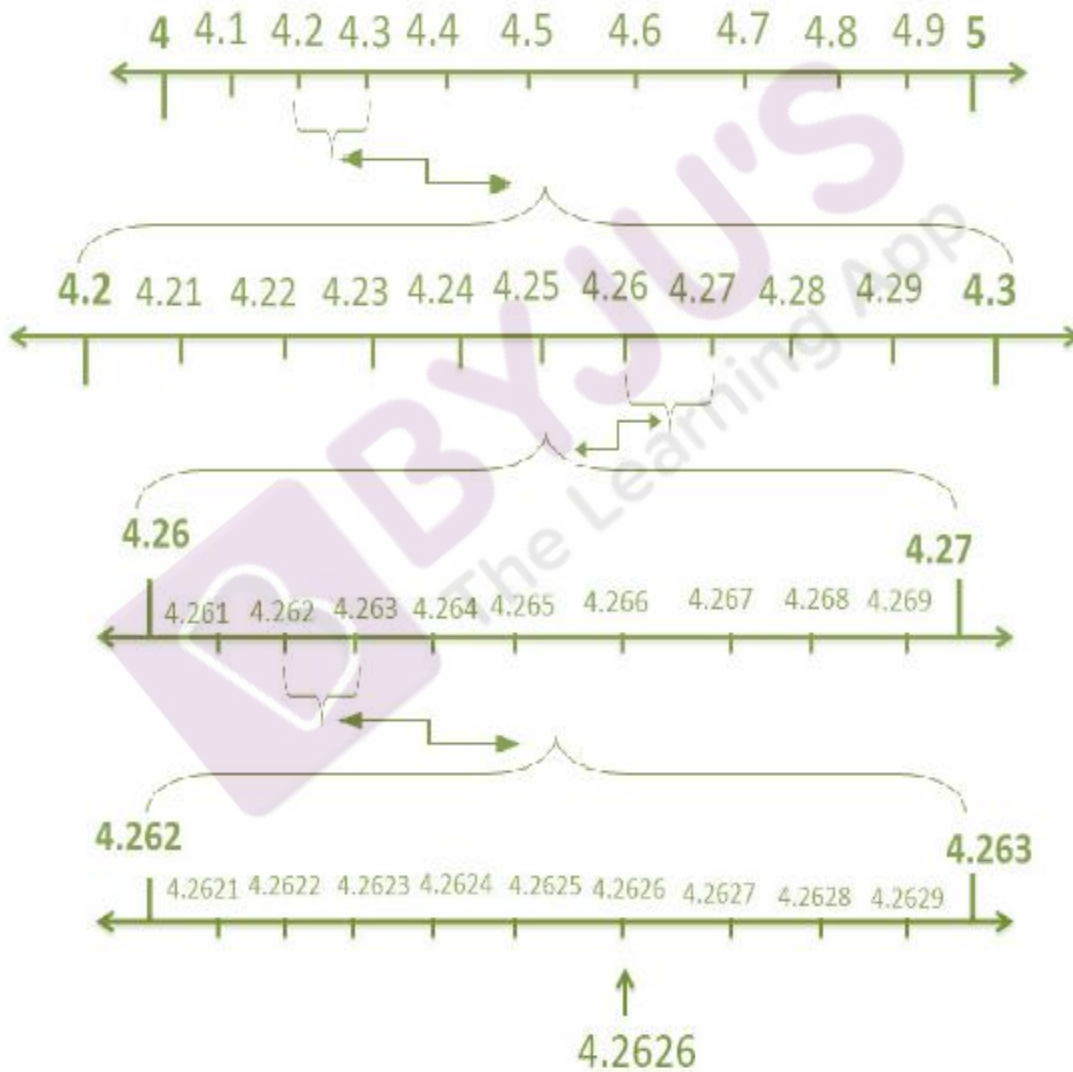
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2. Visualise $4.\overline{26}$ on the number line, up to 4 decimal places.

Solution:

$$4.\overline{26} = 4.26262626\dots$$

$$4.\overline{26} \text{ up to 4 decimal places} = 4.2626$$



Exercise 1.5

1. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational:

(i) $2 - \sqrt{5}$

Solution:

We know that, $\sqrt{5} = 2.2360679\dots$

Here, 2.2360679... is non-terminating and non-recurring.

Now, substituting the value of $\sqrt{5}$ in $2 - \sqrt{5}$, we get,

$$2 - \sqrt{5} = 2 - 2.2360679\dots = -0.2360679\dots$$

Since the number, $-0.2360679\dots$, is non-terminating non-recurring, $2 - \sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

(ii) $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23} &= 3 + \sqrt{23} - \sqrt{23} \\ &= 3 \\ &= \frac{3}{1} \end{aligned}$$

Since the number, $\frac{3}{1}$, is in $\frac{p}{q}$ form, $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23}$ is rational.

(iii) $\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7\sqrt{7}}$

Solution:

$$\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7\sqrt{7}} = \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}}$$

We know that, $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = 1$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} &= \frac{2}{7} \times 1 \\ &= \frac{2}{7} \end{aligned}$$

Since the number, $\frac{2}{7}$, is in $\frac{p}{q}$ form, $\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7\sqrt{7}}$ is rational.

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

Solution:

Multiplying and dividing numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{2}$, we get,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad [\text{Since } \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} = 2]$$

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We know that, $\sqrt{2} = 1.4142\dots$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1.4142\dots}{2} = 0.7071\dots$$

Since the number, 0.7071 ..., is non-terminating non-recurring, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ is an irrational number.

(v) 2π

Solution:

We know that, the value of $\pi = 3.1415\dots$

$$\text{Hence, } 2\pi = 2 \times 3.1415\dots \\ = 6.2830\dots$$

Since the number, 6.2830..., is non-terminating non-recurring, 2π is an irrational number.

2. Simplify each of the following expressions:

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

Solution:

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

Opening the brackets, we get,

$$(3 \times 2) + (3 \times \sqrt{2}) + (\sqrt{3} \times 2) + \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{2} \\ = 6 + 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6}$$

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

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

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

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3. Recall, π 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 π is irrational. How will you resolve this contradiction?

Solution:

There is no contradiction. When we measure a value with a scale, we only obtain an approximate value. We never obtain an exact value. Therefore, we may not realize whether c or d is irrational. The value of π is almost equal to $\frac{22}{7}$ or 3.142857...

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

Solution:

Step 1: Draw a 9.3 units long line segment, AB. Extend AB to C such that BC=1 unit.

Step 2: Now, AC = 10.3 units. Let the centre of AC be O.

Step 3: Draw a semi-circle of radius OC with centre O.

Step 4: Draw a BD perpendicular to AC at point B intersecting the semicircle at D. Join OD.

Step 5: OBD, obtained, is a right angled triangle.

Here, $OD = \frac{10.3}{2}$ (radius of semi-circle), $OC = \frac{10.3}{2}$, $BC = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} OB &= OC - BC \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{10.3}{2}\right) - 1 &= \frac{8.3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

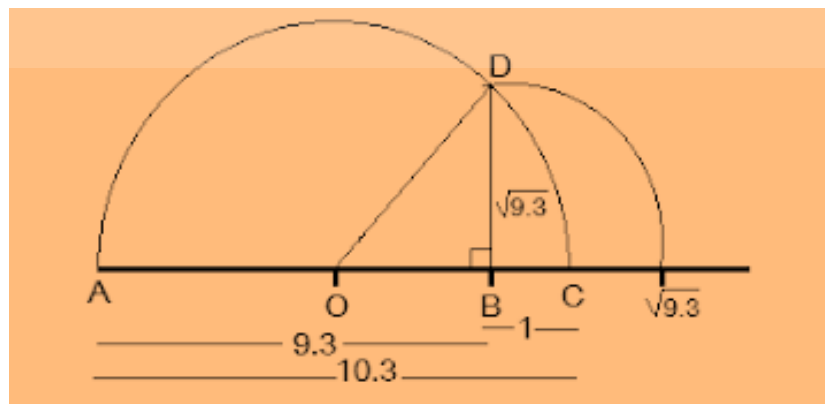
Using Pythagoras theorem,

We get,

$$\begin{aligned} OD^2 &= BD^2 + OB^2 \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{10.3}{2}\right)^2 &= BD^2 + \left(\frac{8.3}{2}\right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow (BD)^2 &= \left(\frac{10.3}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{8.3}{2}\right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow (BD)^2 &= \left(\frac{10.3}{2} - \frac{8.3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{10.3}{2} + \frac{8.3}{2}\right) \\ \Rightarrow BD^2 &= 9.3 \\ \Rightarrow BD &= \sqrt{9.3} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the length of BD is $\sqrt{9.3}$.

Step 6: Taking BD as radius and B as centre draw an arc which touches the line segment. The point where it touches the line segment is at a distance of $\sqrt{9.3}$ from O as shown in the figure.



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5. Rationalize the denominators of the following:

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

Solution:

Multiply and divide $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$ by $\sqrt{7}$

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

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

Solution:

Multiply and divide $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}}$ by $\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}$

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{7}^2 - \sqrt{6}^2} \quad [\text{denominator is obtained by the property, } (a+b)(a-b)=a^2 - b^2]$$

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}}{1}$$

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

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

Solution:

Multiply and divide $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}$ by $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$

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

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}^2 - \sqrt{2}^2} \quad [\text{denominator is obtained by the property, } (a+b)(a-b)=a^2 - b^2]$$

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

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

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

Solution:

Multiply and divide $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}$ by $\sqrt{7} + 2$

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

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

[denominator is obtained by the property, $(a+b)(a-b)=a^2 - b^2$]

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

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

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1. Find:

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}64^{\frac{1}{2}} &= (8 \times 8)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (8^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 8^1 \quad [2 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1] \\ &= 8\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}32^{\frac{1}{5}} &= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= (2^5)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= 2^1 \quad [5 \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{5}{5} = 1] \\ &= 2\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}125^{\frac{1}{3}} &= (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (5^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 5^1 \quad [3 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1] \\ &= 5\end{aligned}$$

2. Find:

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}9^{\frac{3}{2}} &= (3 \times 3)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= (3^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= 3^3 \quad [2 \times \frac{3}{2} = 3] \\ &= 27\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 32^{\frac{2}{5}} &= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{\frac{2}{5}} \\ &= (2^5)^{\frac{2}{5}} \\ &= 2^2 \quad [5 \times \frac{2}{5} = 2] \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) $16^{\frac{3}{4}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 16^{\frac{3}{4}} &= (2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &= (2^4)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &= 2^3 \quad [4 \times \frac{3}{4} = 3] \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 125^{\frac{-1}{3}} &= (5 \times 5 \times 5)^{\frac{-1}{3}} \\ &= (5^3)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 5^{-1} \quad [3 \times \frac{-1}{3} = -1] \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

3. Simplify:

(i) $2^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{5}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{5}} &= 2^{\left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5}\right)} \\ &= 2^{\frac{13}{15}} \end{aligned}$$

[Since, $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$ _____ Laws of exponents]

$$\left[\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2 \times 5 + 3 \times 1}{3 \times 5} = \frac{13}{15} \right]$$

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

Solution:

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

$$= 3^{-27}$$

[Since, $(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$ _____ Laws of exponents]

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

Solution:

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

$$= 11^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1 \times 4 - 2 \times 1}{2 \times 4} = \frac{4 - 2}{8} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}\right]$$

(iv) $7^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 8^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Solution:

$$7^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 8^{\frac{1}{2}} = (7 \times 8)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 56^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

[Since, $a^m \cdot b^m = (a \times b)^m$ _____ Laws of exponents]