

Natural Numbers - Counting numbers 1, 2, 3, ... are known as natural numbers.

Whole Numbers - All counting numbers together with 0 form the collection of whole numbers.

ex. 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... etc.

Integers - All counting numbers, negatives of counting numbers and 0 form the collection of all integers.

Thus - ... -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ... etc.

Rational Numbers - The numbers of the form $\frac{p}{q}$ where p and q are integers, and $q \neq 0$ are called rational numbers.

Rational Numbers in Decimal Form -

(1) Terminating Rational Decimal -

If $\frac{p}{q}$ is a rational number where $q \neq 0$

then, if q is a factor of $2^m \times 5^n$

$$\frac{p}{q} = \text{terminating decimal} = \frac{p}{2^m \times 5^n}$$

(2) Non-Terminating Decimal -

$\frac{p}{q}$ will be non-terminating decimal
if $q \neq 0$ and q is not a factor
of $2^m \times 5^n$.

So, if $q \neq 2^m \times 5^n$

Then $\frac{p}{q}$ will be non-terminating decimal.

Note:- m & n are ~~and~~ some non-negative integers.

Ex- $\frac{33}{55} = \frac{33}{11 \times 5}$ not non-terminating decimal

$\frac{41}{1000} = \frac{41}{10^3} = \frac{41}{(2 \times 5)^3} =$ terminating decimal.

Ex- Express the given rational number in simplest form.

(i) $0.\overline{6}$ (ii) $1.\overline{8}$

Solution - (i) let $x = 0.\overline{6}$

$$\text{then } x = 0.666\dots \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\therefore 10x = 6.666\dots \text{ --- (2)}$$

eqⁿ (2) - (1) (on subtracting)

$$9x = 6$$

$$x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ Ans.}$$

$$(ii) \quad x = 1.\overline{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x = 1.888 \dots \quad (i)$$

$$10x = 18.888 \dots \quad (ii)$$

On subtracting (i) from (ii)

$$9x = 17$$

$$x = \frac{17}{9} = 1\frac{8}{9} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}$$

Irrational Numbers -

The numbers which ~~when not~~ expressed in decimal form are expressible as nonterminating and nonrepeating decimals are known as irrational numbers.

Type 1. "Every nonterminating and nonrepeating decimal is irrational."

Type 2. If m is a positive integer which is not a perfect square then \sqrt{m} is irrational.

Ex. $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{7}, \sqrt{10}, \dots$ etc.

Type 3. If m is a positive integer which is not a perfect cube then $\sqrt[3]{m}$ is irrational.

Ex. $\sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{3}, \sqrt[3]{5}, \dots$ etc.

Type 4. π is irrational, while $\frac{22}{7}$ is rational.

Theorem 1. Let p be a prime number and 'a' be a positive integer. If p divides a^2 then show that p divides a .

Let ' p ' be a prime number and 'a' be a positive integer such that p divides a^2 .

We know that

positive integer = product of primes

Let $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$

Then $a^2 = p_1^2 p_2^2 \dots p_n^2$

Now, p divides a^2 .

$\Rightarrow p$ is a prime factor of a^2 .

$\Rightarrow p$ is one of $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n$

\therefore Prime factors of a^2 are p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n

$\Rightarrow p$ divides a .

Thus, p divides a^2

$\Rightarrow p$ divides a .

Theorem 2. Prove that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Let $\sqrt{2}$ be rational and its simplest form is $\frac{p}{q}$,
where $q \neq 0$

Now, $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q} \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$

$\Rightarrow 2q^2 = p^2$ ——— (i)

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } p^2 \quad [\because 2 \text{ divides } 2q^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divide } p$$

$$[\because 2 \text{ is prime and divides } q^2 \Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } q]$$

Let $p = 2c$ for some integer c .

Putting $p = 2c$ in eq (i)

$$2q^2 = 4c^2 \Rightarrow q^2 = 2c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } q.$$

Thus 2 is common factor of p and q .

But, this contradicts the fact that p and q have no common factor other than 1 .

The contradict arises by assuming that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational

Hence, $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Que. Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

Que. Prove that $\sqrt{11}$ is irrational.

Questions

Que 1. Prove that $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Que 2. Prove that $3+2\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Que 3. State whether the following rational numbers will have a terminating or non-terminating decimal expansions.

(i) $\frac{13}{3125}$ (ii) $\frac{17}{8}$ (iii) $\frac{129}{2^2 5^7 7^5}$ (iv) $\frac{6}{15}$

Que 4. The following real numbers have decimal expansions as given below. In each case whether they are rational or not. If they are rational and of the form $\frac{p}{q}$, what you say about prime factors of q .

(i) 43.123456789

(ii) 0.120120012000120000-----

(iii) $43.\overline{123456789}$

Que 5. Write the simplest form of given rational numbers.

(i) 0.375 (ii) 0.0875 (iii) 23.3408