

NCERT Solutions for Class 9 Maths Chapter 1 Number Systems Ex 1.5

Question 1.

Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational:

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

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

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

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

(v) 2

Solution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= 3$$

$$= 3/1$$

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

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

$$2\sqrt{7}/7\sqrt{7} = (2/7) \times (\sqrt{7}/\sqrt{7})$$

$$\text{We know that } (\sqrt{7}/\sqrt{7}) = 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } (2/7) \times (\sqrt{7}/\sqrt{7}) = (2/7) \times 1 = 2/7$$

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

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

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

$$(1/\sqrt{2}) \times (\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}/2 \text{ (since } \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} = 2 \text{)}$$

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

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

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

(v) 2

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.

Question 2.

Simplify each of the following expressions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= 6$$

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

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

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

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

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

Question 3.

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

Solution.

When we measure the length of a line with a scale or with any other device, we only get an approximate rational value, i.e. c and d both are irrational.

$\therefore c/d$ is irrational and hence π is irrational.

Thus, there is no contradiction in saying that it is irrational.

Question 4.

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

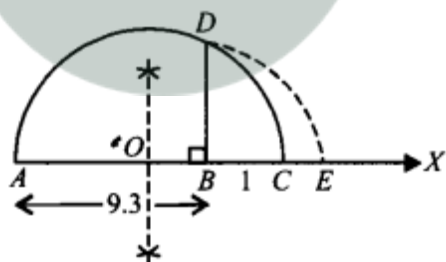
Solution.

Draw a line segment $AB = 9.3$ units and extend it to C such that $BC = 1$ unit.

Find mid point of AC and mark it as O .

Draw a semicircle taking O as centre and AO as radius. Draw $BD \perp AC$.

Draw an arc taking B as centre and BD as radius meeting AC produced at E such that $BE = BD = \sqrt{9.3}$ units.



Question 5.

Rationalise the denominator of the following

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

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

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

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

Solution.

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

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

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

$$(iv) \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{\sqrt{7}+2} \\ = \frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{(\sqrt{7})^2-(2)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{7-4} = \frac{\sqrt{7}+2}{3}$$

