

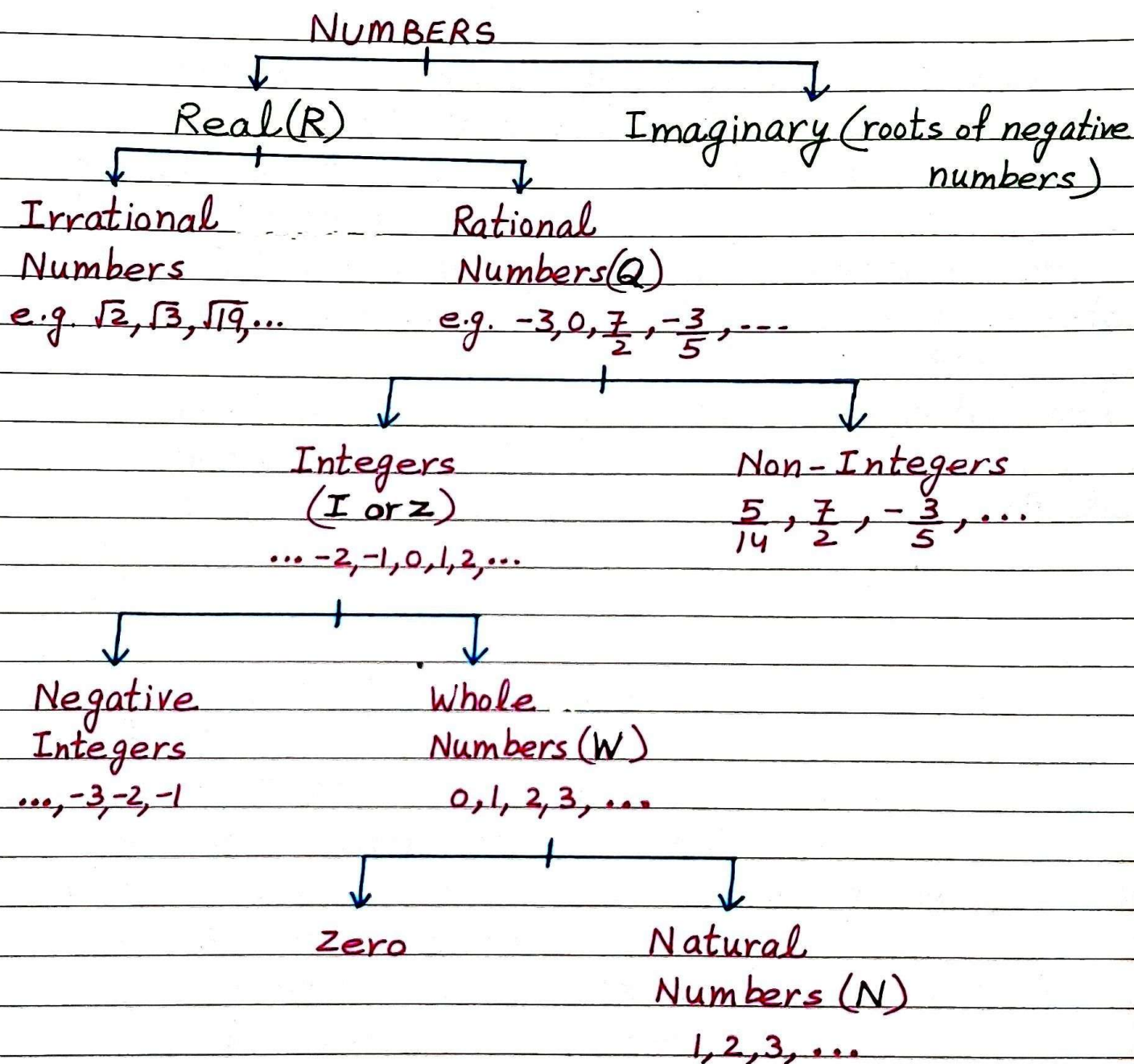
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Chapter - 1 Rational and Irrational Numbers - II

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Real Numbers:- Collection of all rational numbers together with all irrational numbers form the collection of real numbers.

Rational Numbers:- Any number that can be expressed as $\frac{p}{q}$ where p and q are both integers, $q \neq 0$ and p and q have no common factors except 1 i.e. p and q are co-prime.

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Irrational Numbers:- A number that cannot be expressed in the form $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are

both integers and $q \neq 0$, p and q have no common factors (except 1) is called an irrational number.

e.g. $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt{7}$, $-\sqrt{6}$, $\sqrt{20}$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$, $2 + \sqrt{3}$ etc.

Note:- Rational number can be terminating or non terminating. e.g. 3 , $-\frac{7}{2}$, $0.666\ldots$ etc.
 $= 0.\bar{6}$

Irrational number is a non-terminating and non-repeating decimal.

e.g. $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, $0.10110111011110\ldots$, $\sqrt[3]{2}$, $\sqrt[4]{9}$, etc.

Example 1:- Check whether the following are rational or irrational numbers.

(i) $\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$ (terminating) $\rightarrow$ Rational Number

(ii) $\sqrt{3} = 1.7320\ldots$ (non terminating non-repeating)
So, it is irrational number.

(iii) $\frac{2}{3} = 0.666\ldots = 0.\bar{6}$ (non terminating and repeating)
So, it is rational number.

(iv) $0.202202220\ldots$ (non terminating non-repeating)
So, it is irrational number.

(v) $\frac{22}{7} = 3.142857\ldots$

Here, $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$ is a rational number as it is defined as a ratio of 2 integers.

and $\pi = 3.14158\ldots$ is an irrational number as it is non terminating and non repeating

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Example 2:-(i) Insert four irrational numbers between $3\sqrt{2}$ and $2\sqrt{3}$

Solution:- Consider the squares of $3\sqrt{2}$ and $2\sqrt{3}$

$$(3\sqrt{2})^2 = 9 \times 2 = 18 \text{ and } (2\sqrt{3})^2 = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

As $18 > 17 > 15 > 14 > 13 > 12$, it follows that

$$\sqrt{18} > \sqrt{17} > \sqrt{15} > \sqrt{14} > \sqrt{13} > \sqrt{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\sqrt{2} > \sqrt{17} > \sqrt{15} > \sqrt{14} > \sqrt{13} > 2\sqrt{3}$$

(ii) Find two irrational number between $\sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt{7}$

Solution:- Consider the square of $\sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt{7}$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2})^2 = 2 \text{ and } (\sqrt{7})^2 = 7$$

As $2 < 3 < 5 < 7$, it follows that

$$\sqrt{2} < \sqrt{3} < \sqrt{5} < \sqrt{7}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Hence, two irrational numbers are $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{5}$

Note:- Since infinitely many irrational number lie between two distinct irrational numbers, Therefore, we can consider other numbers also.

SURDS:-

Let 'a' be a rational number and 'n' be a positive integer such that $\sqrt[n]{a}$ is irrational. Then $\sqrt[n]{a}$ is called a surd or a radical of order n.

Examples:-

- 1) $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt[3]{4}$, $\sqrt[4]{6}$ and $\sqrt[7]{10}$ are surds of order 2, 3, 4 and 7 respectively.
- 2) $\sqrt[3]{27}$ is not a surd, since $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$ which is rational.
- 3) $\sqrt{\pi}$ is not a surd, because π is irrational.
- 4) $\sqrt{45} = \sqrt{9 \times 5} = 3\sqrt{5}$ is a surd
- 5) $\sqrt[3]{4} \times \sqrt[3]{54} = \sqrt[3]{4 \times 54} = \sqrt[3]{216} = \sqrt[3]{6^3} = 6$ is not a surd.

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Example 3:- Simplify $\sqrt{27} - 3\sqrt{75} + 5\sqrt{48} + 2\sqrt{108}$

Solution:- $\sqrt{9 \times 3} - 3\sqrt{25 \times 3} + 5\sqrt{16 \times 3} + 2\sqrt{36 \times 3}$
 $= 3\sqrt{3} - 3 \times 5\sqrt{3} + 5 \times 4\sqrt{3} + 2 \times 6\sqrt{3}$
 $= 3\sqrt{3} - 15\sqrt{3} + 20\sqrt{3} + 12\sqrt{3}$
 $= (3 - 15 + 20 + 12)\sqrt{3}$
 $= 20\sqrt{3}$

Example 4:- Write in ascending order
 $4\sqrt{5}, 5\sqrt{3}, 10, 3\sqrt{7}, 6\sqrt{2}$

Solution:- $4\sqrt{5} = \sqrt{16 \times 5} = \sqrt{80}$
 $5\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{25 \times 3} = \sqrt{75}$
 $10 = \sqrt{100}$
 $3\sqrt{7} = \sqrt{9 \times 7} = \sqrt{63}$
 $6\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{36 \times 2} = \sqrt{72}$

Now, $63 < 72 < 75 < 80 < 100$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{63} < \sqrt{72} < \sqrt{75} < \sqrt{80} < \sqrt{100}$

$\Rightarrow 3\sqrt{7} < 6\sqrt{2} < 5\sqrt{3} < 4\sqrt{5} < 10$

Example 5:- Arrange the following numbers in ascending order $\sqrt{3}, \sqrt[3]{5}, \sqrt[4]{8}$

Solution:- L.C.M. of roots i.e. 2, 3 and 4 is 12

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = 3^{\frac{1}{2}} = (3^6)^{\frac{1}{12}} = (729)^{\frac{1}{12}}$

$\sqrt[3]{5} = 5^{\frac{1}{3}} = (5^4)^{\frac{1}{12}} = (625)^{\frac{1}{12}}$

$\sqrt[4]{8} = 8^{\frac{1}{4}} = (8^3)^{\frac{1}{12}} = (512)^{\frac{1}{12}}$

As $512 < 625 < 729$

$\Rightarrow (512)^{\frac{1}{12}} < (625)^{\frac{1}{12}} < (729)^{\frac{1}{12}}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{8} < \sqrt[3]{5} < \sqrt{3}$

Rationalisation of Surds

The process of multiplying a surd by another surd to get a rational number is called rationalisation. Each surd is called rationalising factor of the other surd.

e.g. 1) $(4+\sqrt{3})(4-\sqrt{3}) = (4)^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2 = 16 - 3 = 13$

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

3) $\frac{2}{5-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{5-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{5+\sqrt{3}}{5+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2(5+\sqrt{3})}{(5)^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2}$
 $= \frac{2(5+\sqrt{3})}{25-3} = \frac{2(5+\sqrt{3})}{22} = \frac{5+\sqrt{3}}{11}$

Rule:- Multiply and divide the numerator and denominator of the given expression by the rationalising factor of its denominator and simplify.

Example 1:- Rationalise the denominator of the following

(i) $\frac{2}{3+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2}{3+\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{3-\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2(3-\sqrt{5})}{(3)^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2}$
 $= \frac{2(3-\sqrt{5})}{9-5} = \frac{2(3-\sqrt{5})}{4} = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$

(ii) $\frac{17}{3\sqrt{2}+1} = \frac{17}{3\sqrt{2}+1} \times \frac{3\sqrt{2}-1}{3\sqrt{2}-1} = \frac{17(3\sqrt{2}-1)}{(3\sqrt{2})^2 - (1)^2}$
 $= \frac{17(3\sqrt{2}-1)}{18-1} = \frac{17(3\sqrt{2}-1)}{17} = 3\sqrt{2}-1$

(iii) $\frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3})^2}{(\sqrt{2})^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2}$
 $= \frac{(\sqrt{2})^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{2-3} = \frac{2+3+2\sqrt{6}}{-1}$
 $= \frac{5+2\sqrt{6}}{-1} = -(5+2\sqrt{6})$

Example 2 If a and b are rational numbers and $\frac{5+2\sqrt{3}}{7+4\sqrt{3}} = a-b\sqrt{3}$, find the values of ' a ' and ' b '.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution:- } \frac{5+2\sqrt{3}}{7+4\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{7-4\sqrt{3}}{7-4\sqrt{3}} &= \frac{5(7-4\sqrt{3}) + 2\sqrt{3}(7-4\sqrt{3})}{(7)^2 - (4\sqrt{3})^2} \\ &= \frac{35 - 20\sqrt{3} + 14\sqrt{3} - 8 \times 3}{49 - 48} = \frac{11 - 6\sqrt{3}}{1} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $a - b\sqrt{3} = 11 - 6\sqrt{3}$

On comparing, we get $a = 11$ and $b = 6$

Example 3 (i) $\frac{4\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{48} + \sqrt{18}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{4\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{48} + \sqrt{18}} \times \frac{\sqrt{48} - \sqrt{18}}{\sqrt{48} - \sqrt{18}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{48} - \sqrt{18}) + 5\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{48} - \sqrt{18})}{(\sqrt{48})^2 - (\sqrt{18})^2} \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{3 \times 48} - 4\sqrt{3 \times 18} + 5\sqrt{2 \times 48} - 5\sqrt{2 \times 18}}{48 - 18} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{4\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 4 \times 4} - 4\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2} + 5\sqrt{2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 4} - 5\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3}}{30} \\ &= \frac{4 \times 3 \times 4 - 4 \times 3\sqrt{6} + 5 \times 4\sqrt{6} - 5 \times 2 \times 3}{30} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{48 - 12\sqrt{6} + 20\sqrt{6} - 30}{30} = \frac{18 + 8\sqrt{6}}{30} = \frac{9 + 4\sqrt{6}}{15}$$

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

$$= \frac{2(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 2)}{(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})^2 - (2)^2} = \frac{2(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 2)}{5 + 3 + 2\sqrt{5}\sqrt{3} - 4}$$

$$= \frac{2(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 2)}{8 + 2\sqrt{15} - 4} = \frac{2(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 2)}{4 + 2\sqrt{15}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 2}{2 + \sqrt{15}}$$

Again rationalising the denominator, we get

$$\frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 2}{2 + \sqrt{15}} \times \frac{2 - \sqrt{15}}{2 - \sqrt{15}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\sqrt{5}(2 - \sqrt{15}) + \sqrt{3}(2 - \sqrt{15}) - 2(2 - \sqrt{15})}{(2)^2 - (\sqrt{15})^2} \\
 &= \frac{2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{5 \times 15} + 2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3 \times 15} - 4 + 2\sqrt{15}}{4 - 15} \\
 &= \frac{2\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{5} - 4 + 2\sqrt{15}}{-11} \\
 &= \frac{-\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{3} - 4 + 2\sqrt{15}}{-11} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{3} + 4 - 2\sqrt{15}}{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: In the above example, we can consider $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} + 2}$ as $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5} + (\sqrt{3} + 2)}$ also.

i.e. in denominator we can take any two numbers in pair for rationalis

Example 4: If $x = 2 - \sqrt{3}$, find the value of $\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3$

Solution:- Given $x = 2 - \sqrt{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Therefore, } \frac{1}{x} &= \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{(2)^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{4 - 3} = 2 + \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } x - \frac{1}{x} = (2 - \sqrt{3}) - (2 + \sqrt{3})$$

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

$$\text{Therefore, } \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = (-2\sqrt{3})^3$$

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

$$= -8 \times 3\sqrt{3} = -24\sqrt{3}$$

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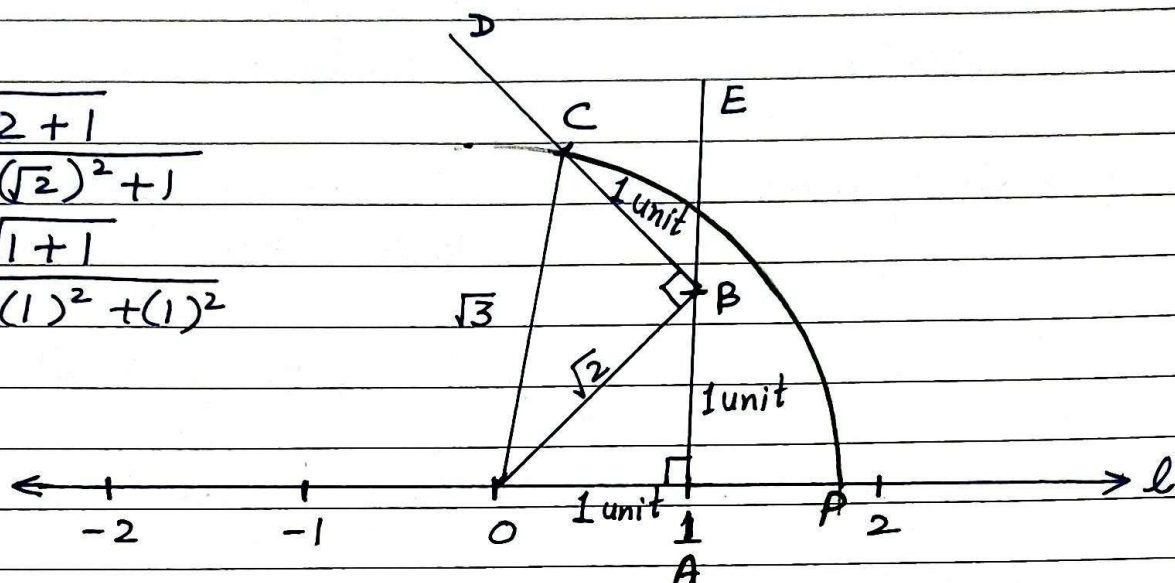
Representation of irrational number on number line.1) $\sqrt{3}$

$$\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{2+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + 1}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{1+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2}$$

Steps:-

- 1) Draw a line and mark numbers on it taking any appropriate scale.
- 2) At point A make an angle of 90° (using compass or protector)
- 3) Take $OA = AB = 1$ unit
- 4) Join OB which is equal to $\sqrt{2}$
- 5) At point B make an angle of 90° and take $BC = 1$ unit.
- 6) Join OC which is equal to $\sqrt{3}$
- 7) With O as centre and radius = OC, we draw an arc of a circle to meet the number line 'l' at the point P
- 8) As $OP = OC = \sqrt{3}$ units, the point P will represent the number $\sqrt{3}$ on the number line.

We know that $\sqrt{1} < \sqrt{2} < \sqrt{3} < \sqrt{4}$

i.e. $\therefore 1 < \sqrt{2} < \sqrt{3} < 2$

So, $\sqrt{3}$ is lying between 1 and 2.

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To prove $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

If possible, let $\sqrt{2}$ be rational

Let its simplest form be $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$, where

p and q are integers having no common factor, other than 1 and $q \neq 0$

$$\text{Then, } \sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q} \Rightarrow p^2 = 2q^2 \text{ --- (i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 \text{ is even} \Rightarrow p \text{ is even [multiple of 2]} \text{ or}$$

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

$$\text{Then } p = 2m \Rightarrow p^2 = 4m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2q^2 = 4m^2 \text{ [Using (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = 2m^2 \Rightarrow q^2 \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow q \text{ is even}$$

Thus, p is even and q is even

This shows that 2 is a common factor of p and q

This contradicts the hypothesis that p and q have no common factor, other than 1

Therefore, $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational and hence it is irrational.

Note : $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{5}$ we can prove in same manner.

