

Class 9 Maths Chapter 1- Number System

Exercise 1.1 Page: 5

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

Solution:

Zero is a rational number.

Zero can be written in the form of $\frac{0}{1}, \frac{0}{2}, \frac{0}{3}$ and so on.. These are in the form of $\frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are integers and $q \neq 0$ ‘

2. Find six rational numbers between 3 and 4.

Solution:

$$3 = 3 \times \frac{7}{7} = \frac{21}{7}$$

$$4 = 4 \times \frac{7}{7} = \frac{28}{7}$$

Therefore, the numbers in between $\frac{21}{7}$ and $\frac{28}{7}$ will be the rational numbers between 3 and 4.

Hence, the required 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 $3/5$ and $4/5$.

Solution:

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{3 \times 6}{5 \times 6} = \frac{18}{30}$$

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

Therefore, the rational numbers between $\frac{18}{30}$ and $\frac{24}{30}$ will be the rational numbers between $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{4}{5}$.

Hence, the 5 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.

Solution:

True

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

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

So, Natural numbers are within the Whole numbers.

∴ Every natural number is a whole number,

(ii) Every integer is a whole number.

Solution:

False

We know., integers= $\{\dots-4,-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3,4\dots\}$

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

∴ Every integer is not a whole number.

(iii) Every rational number is a whole number.

Solution:

False

Rational numbers include positive and negative integers and fractional numbers.

But whole numbers are positive integers only.

Hence, every rational number is not a whole number.

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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 = $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \pi,$.

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 value of \sqrt{m} , where m is a natural number, is always positive.

But a number line has both positive and negative numbers.

So, the statement '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.

\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.

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,

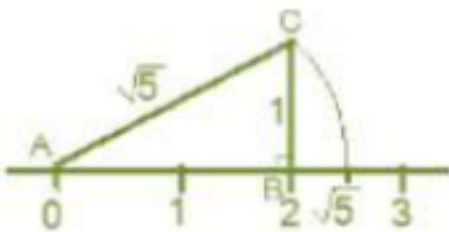
$$AB^2 + BC^2 = CA^2$$

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

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

Step 5: 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 :

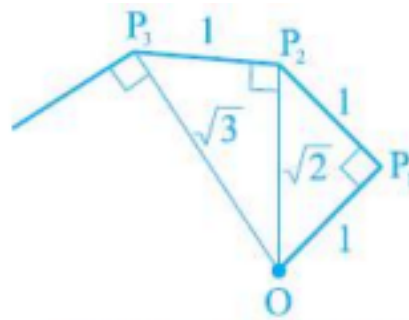
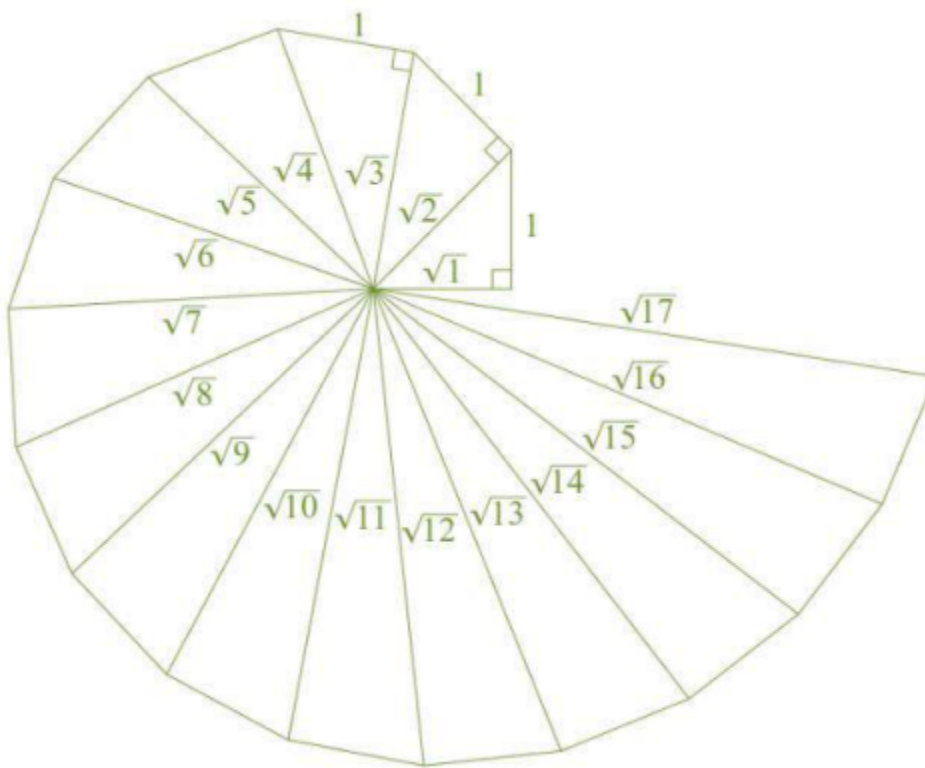


Fig. 1.9 : Constructing square root spiral

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 $P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n, \dots$, and joined them to create a beautiful spiral depicting $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{4}, \dots$

Solution:



- 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 Page: 14

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

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

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r} 100 \overline{) 360} \quad (0.36 \\ \underline{300} \\ 600 \\ \underline{600} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{36}{100} = 0.36 \text{ (Terminating)}$$

(ii) $1/11$

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \overline{) 100} \quad (0.0909 \\ \underline{99} \\ 100 \\ \underline{99} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{11} = 0.0909\dots = 0.\overline{09} \text{ (Non-terminating, repeating)}$$

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

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

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

$$4\frac{1}{8} = 4.125 \text{ (terminating)}$$

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

Solution:

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

$$\frac{3}{13} = 0.\overline{230769} \text{ (non-terminating, repeating)}$$

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

Solution:

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

$$\frac{2}{11} = 0.181818\dots = 0.\overline{18} \quad (\text{non-terminating, recurring})$$

$$(vi) 329/400$$

Solution:

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

$$\frac{329}{400} = 0.8225 \quad (\text{Terminating})$$

2. You know that $1/7 = 0.142857$. Can you predict what the decimal expansions of $2/7$, $3/7$, $4/7$, $5/7$, $6/7$ are, without actually doing the long division? If so, how?

[Hint: Study the remainders while finding the value of $1/7$ carefully.]

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

Assume that $x = 0.666\dots$

Then, $10x = 6.666\dots$

$10x = 6 + x$

$9x = 6$

$$x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Therefore, $0.666\dots = \frac{2}{3}$

(ii) $0.4\overline{7}$

Solution:

Let, $x = 0.4777\dots$

or, $10x = 4.7777\dots$

Or, $100x = 47.777\dots$

Or, $90x = 43$

Or, $x = \frac{43}{90}$

So. $0.4777\dots = \frac{43}{90}$

(iii) $\overline{0.001}$

Solution:

Assume that $x = 0.001001\dots$

Then, $1000x = 1.001001\dots$

or, $1000x - x = 1$

Or, $999x = 1$

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

So, $\overline{0.001} = \frac{1}{999}$

4. Express 0.9999... in the form 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 1/17? Perform the division to check your answer.

Solution:

1/17

Dividing 1 by 17:

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

\therefore There are 16 digits in the repeating block of the decimal expansion of $1/17$.

6. Look at several examples of rational numbers in the form 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:

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

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

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

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 $5/7$ and $9/11$.

Solution:

\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:

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

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

(ii) $\sqrt{225}$

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

Since the number can be represented in p/q form, it is a rational number.

(i) 0.3796

Solution:

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

(ii) 7.478478

Solution:

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

(iii) 1.101001000100001...

Solution:

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

Exercise 1.4 Page: 18

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

Solution:

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Exercise 1.5 Page: 24

1. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational:

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

Solution:

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

Here, $2.2360679\dots$ is non-terminating and non-recurring.

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

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

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 p/q form, $(3 + \sqrt{23}) - \sqrt{23}$ is rational.

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

Solution:

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

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) $1/\sqrt{2}$

Solution:

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

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

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

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

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

(v) 2π

Solution:

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

Hence, $2\pi = 2 \times 3.1415\dots = 6.2830\dots$

Since the number, $6.2830\dots$, 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:

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

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(3+\sqrt{3})(3-\sqrt{3}) &= 3^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2 = 9-3 \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})^2 &= \sqrt{5}^2 + (2 \times \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{2}) + \sqrt{2}^2 \\ &= 5 + 2 \times \sqrt{10} + 2 \\ &= 7 + 2\sqrt{10}\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

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

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:

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 $22/7$ or $3.142857\dots$

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 $10.3/2$ (radius of semi-circle), OC = $10.3/2$, BC = 1

$$OB = OC - BC$$

$$\Rightarrow (10.3/2) - 1 = 8.3/2$$

Using Pythagoras theorem,

$$\text{We get, } BD^2 + OB^2$$

$$OD^2 =$$

$$\Rightarrow (10.3/2)^2 = BD^2 + (8.3/2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow BD^2 = (10.3/2)^2 - (8.3/2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (BD)^2 = (10.3/2) - (8.3/2)(10.3/2) + (8.3/2)$$

$$\Rightarrow BD^2 = 9.3$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = \sqrt{9.3}$$

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

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.

5. Rationalize the denominators of the following:

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

Solution:

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

$$(1 \times \sqrt{7}) / (\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7}) = \sqrt{7}/7$$

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

Solution:

Multiply and divide $1/(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6})$ by $(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6})$

$$[1/(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6})] \times (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) = (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / (\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6})(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6})$$

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

$$= (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / (7-6)$$

$$= (\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{6}) / 1$$

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

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

Solution:

Multiply and divide $1/(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})$ by $(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2})$

$$[1/(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})] \times (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) / (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) = (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) / (\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2})$$

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

$$= (\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}) / (5-2)$$

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

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

Solution:

Multiply and divide $1/(\sqrt{7}-2)$ by $(\sqrt{7}+2)$

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

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

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

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

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1. Find:

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

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

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

2. Find:

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

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

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

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

Solution:

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

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

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

3. Simplify:

(i) $2^{2/3} \times 2^{1/5}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{2/3} \times 2^{1/5} &= 2^{(2/3)+(1/5)} \text{ [Since, } a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n} \text{ _____ Laws of exponents]} \\
&= 2^{13/15} \text{ [} 2/3 + 1/5 = (2 \times 5 + 3 \times 1)/(3 \times 5) = 13/15 \text{]}
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) $(1/3^3)^7$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1/3^3)^7 &= (3^{-3})^7 \text{ [Since, } (a^m)^n = a^{m \times n} \text{ _____ Laws of exponents]} \\
&= 3^{-27}
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) $11^{1/2} / 11^{1/4}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
11^{1/2} / 11^{1/4} &= 11^{(1/2)-(1/4)} \\
&= 11^{1/4} \text{ [(1/2) - (1/4) = (1 \times 4 - 2 \times 1)/(2 \times 4) = 4 - 2/8 = 2/8 = 1/4]}
\end{aligned}$$

(iv) $7^{1/2} \times 8^{1/2}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
7^{1/2} \times 8^{1/2} &= (7 \times 8)^{1/2} \text{ [Since, } (a^m \times b^m) = (a \times b)^m \text{ _____ Laws of exponents]} \\
&= 56^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

