

Solution

REAL NUMBERS WS 4

Class 10 - Mathematics

Section A

- (b) an irrational number

Explanation: Rational Numbers say $\frac{4}{9}, \frac{p}{q}, \sqrt{4}$, fraction, whole numbers, terminating decimal, repeating decimal, perfect square, can be expressed as a ratio of two integers provided the denominator is not equal to zero

Irrational Numbers $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{7}, \pi$ not a fraction, decimal does not repeat, decimal does not end, non-perfect square, we cannot express as a ratio but both can be expressed as decimal numbers

The difference between a rational and an irrational number is always an irrational number.

e.g. rational - irrational = irrational say $2 - \sqrt{2} = \text{irrational}$
- (a) an irrational number

Explanation: $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})^2 = (\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5}$
 $= 3 + 5 + 2\sqrt{15}$
 $= 8 + 2\sqrt{15}$

Here, $\sqrt{15} = \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5}$

Since $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{5}$ both are an irrational number. Therefore, $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})^2$ is an irrational number.
- (a) an irrational number

Explanation: Let $2 - \sqrt{3}$ be rational number

$2 - \sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}$ where p and q are composite numbers

$\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q} + 2$

$\sqrt{3} = \frac{(p+2q)}{q}$

since p, q are integers, so $\frac{(p+2q)}{q}$ is rational

$\therefore \sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number

it shows our supposition was wrong

hence $2 - \sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.
- (a) an irrational number

Explanation: Let a be rational and \sqrt{b} is irrational.

If possible let $a + \sqrt{b}$ be rational.

Then $a + \sqrt{b}$ is rational and a is rational.

$\Rightarrow [(a + \sqrt{b}) - a]$ is rational [Difference of two rationals is rational]

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{b}$ is rational.

This contradicts the fact that \sqrt{b} is irrational.

The contradiction arises by assuming that $a + \sqrt{b}$ is rational.

Therefore, $a + \sqrt{b}$ is irrational.
- (d) a rational number or an irrational number

Explanation: The sum of two irrational numbers can be either a rational number or an irrational number.

e.g $5\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2} = 5\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2}$ sum is irrational

$(2 + 6\sqrt{7}) + (-6\sqrt{7}) = 2$ sum is rational

Hence sum can be either rational or irrational
- (a) Option (iv)

Explanation: 3.141141114 is an irrational number because it is a non-repeating and non-terminating decimal.
- (b) a rational number

Explanation: It can be expressed in $\frac{p}{q}$ form

$$2.35 = \frac{235}{100}$$

so, 2.35 is a rational number

8. (a) a rational number

Explanation: $(1 + \sqrt{2}) + (1 - \sqrt{2}) = 1 + \sqrt{2} + 1 - \sqrt{2} = 1 + 1 = 2$ And 2 is a rational number.

Therefore the given number is rational number.

9.

(c) a rational number

Explanation: Clearly, 1.732 is a terminating decimal.

Hence, it is a rational number.

10.

(d) both rational and irrational number

Explanation: The difference between two distinct irrational numbers can be either a rational number or an irrational number.

e.g difference between pi and $(\pi - 3)$ is equal to 3 which is rational

$\sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt{2} + 1$ both are irrational but their difference is 1 which is rational

Similarly, $\sqrt{2}$ and $\sqrt{3}$ are irrational and their difference $(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})$ is also irrational

11.

(d) an irrational number

Explanation: $(2 + \sqrt{2})$ is an irrational number.

If it is rational, then the difference of two rational is rational.

$\therefore (2 + \sqrt{2}) - 2 = \sqrt{2}$ = irrational, which is a contradiction.

Hence, $(2 + \sqrt{2})$, is an irrational number.

12.

(b) an irrational number

Explanation: an irrational number

13.

(b) π

Explanation: π

14. (a) both rational and irrational number

Explanation: The product of a rational number and an irrational number can be either a rational number or an irrational number.

e.g $\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{10}$ which is irrational

but $\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{16} = 4$ which is a rational number

Thus, the product of two irrational numbers can be either rational or irrational

similarly, the product of rational and irrational numbers can be either rational or irrational

$5 \times \sqrt{2} = 5\sqrt{2}$ which is irrational.

but $0 \times \sqrt{3} = 0$ which is rational.

Section B

15. Let us assume that $11 + 3\sqrt{2}$ be a rational number.

$$\Rightarrow 11 + 3\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}, \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are integers, } b \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{a-11b}{3b}$$

RHS is a rational number but LHS is irrational.

\therefore Our assumption was wrong. Hence, $11 + 3\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

16. By the definition of a composite number, we know if a number is composite, then it means it has factors other than 1 and itself.

Therefore, for the given expression

$$2 \times 3 \times 5 + 5 = 5(6 + 1) = 5 \times 7$$

It is a composite number

$$\text{Also, } 5 \times 7 \times 11 + 7 \times 5$$

$$= 5 \times 7(11 + 1) = 35 \times (11 + 1)$$

$$= 35 \times 12$$

It is a composite number.

17. Let us consider $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}$ is a rational number that can be written as

$$\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5} = a \text{ [where } a \text{ is rational]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5} = a - \sqrt{3}$$

Squaring both sides, we get

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 2a\sqrt{3} = a^2 + 3 - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a\sqrt{3} = a^2 - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{a^2 - 2}{2a}$$

As $a^2 - 2$, $2a$ are rational numbers .

So $\frac{a^2 - 2}{2a}$ is also rational but $\sqrt{3}$ is not rational which contradicts our consideration.

Since a rational number cannot be equal to an irrational number. Our assumption that $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}$ is a rational is wrong .

So, $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

18. If possible let $a = 6 + \sqrt{7}$ be a rational number.

$$\text{Squaring } a^2 = (6 + \sqrt{7})^2$$

$$a^2 = 36 + 7 + 12\sqrt{7}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a^2 - 43}{12} \dots(1)$$

Since a is a rational number the expression $\frac{a^2 - 43}{12}$ is also rational number.

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{7} \text{ is a rational number}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence, $6 + \sqrt{7}$ is irrational.

Hence proved.

19. Let us assume that $10 + 2\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

$$10 + 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}; q \neq 0 \text{ and } p, q \text{ are integers}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{p - 10q}{2q}$$

RHS is rational but LHS is irrational

\therefore Our assumption is wrong. Hence $10 + 2\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

20. The given number is $\frac{2+3\sqrt{2}}{7}$

Let us assume that $\frac{2+3\sqrt{2}}{7}$ is rational no.

$$\text{so } \frac{2+3\sqrt{2}}{7} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{7} = \frac{p-2q}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{7} = \frac{p-2q}{3q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = 7\left(p - \frac{2q}{3q}\right)$$

Clearly R.H.S is rational and L.H.S is irrational, which is impossible.

Hence our assumption is false.

So, $\frac{2+3\sqrt{2}}{7}$ is an irrational number.

21. Let us assume that $5\sqrt{2}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co-primes a and b such that

$$5\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

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

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

As $a-5b$ and b are integers .

So, $\frac{a-5b}{b}$ is rational number .

But $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational number .

Since a rational number cannot be equal to an irrational number. Our assumption that $5\sqrt{2}$ is rational wrong.

Hence, $5\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

22. Let given no be rational

$$\text{so, } \frac{3+\sqrt{7}}{5} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + \sqrt{7} = \frac{5p}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{7} = \frac{5p}{q} - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{7} = \frac{5p-3q}{q}$$

Since, p and q are rational numbers, so is $\frac{5p-3q}{q}$. It means that $\sqrt{7}$ is also rational, but we know that $\sqrt{7}$ is irrational this contradicts our assumption that $\frac{3+\sqrt{7}}{5}$ is rational, hence it is an irrational number.

23. Let us assume that $4 + 2\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

$$4 + 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}; q \neq 0 \text{ and } p, q \text{ are integers}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{p-4q}{2q}$$

RHS is rational but LHS is irrational

\therefore Our assumption was wrong. Hence $4 + 2\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

24. We will solve this by contradiction method i.e.,

Assume $5 - 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}$ be a rational number.

$$\therefore 5 - \frac{p}{q} = 2\sqrt{3} \text{ or } \frac{5q-p}{2q} = \sqrt{3},$$

Since p,q are integers, therefore $\frac{5q-p}{2q}$ is a rational number, which is a contradiction, since $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

Therefore, our supposition is wrong and hence, $5 - 2\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

25. Let us assume that $3 - 2\sqrt{5}$ is a rational number.

$$\therefore 3 - 2\sqrt{5} = \frac{p}{q}, q \neq 0, p \text{ and } q \text{ are integers}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5} = \frac{3q-p}{2q}$$

Now RHS is rational but LHS is irrational

\therefore Our assumption was wrong; $3 - 2\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

26. Let $4 - 5\sqrt{2}$ is a rational number

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 5\sqrt{2} = x, \text{ where } x \text{ is a rational}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{4-x}{5}$$

irrational = rational

which is contradiction. This contradiction has arisen because of our wrong assumption. hence $4 - 5\sqrt{2}$ is irrational

27. Let us assume that $2 - 3\sqrt{5}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co-primes a and b such that

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

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

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

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

We observe that $\frac{2b-a}{3b}$ is a rational number.

It shows that $\sqrt{5}$ is a rational number.

This contradicts the fact that $\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number

This contradiction has raised because we assumed that $2 - 3\sqrt{5}$ is a rational number

Hence, our assumption is wrong, and $2 - 3\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

28. Let us assume that $5 + 2\sqrt{7}$ is not an irrational number.

$$\therefore 5 + 2\sqrt{7} \text{ is a rational number } p \text{ i.e. } 5 + 2\sqrt{7} = p$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{7} = \frac{p-5}{2}$$

This is a contradiction as RHS is rational but LHS is irrational.

Hence $5 + 2\sqrt{7}$ can not be rational, so irrational.

29. Let us assume that $2 + 3\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

$$2 + 3\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}; p, q \text{ are integers and } q \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{p-2q}{3q}$$

RHS is rational but LHS is irrational

\therefore Our assumption is wrong. Hence $2 + 3\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

30. Let $5 - 3\sqrt{2}$ be rational

$$\therefore 5 - 3\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}, p \text{ \& } q \text{ are integers, } q \neq 0, \text{ HCF } (p, q) = 1$$

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

$$\frac{15q-p}{3q} = \sqrt{2}$$

Rational = Irrational

which is a contradiction.

Hence, $5 - 3\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

31. Let $\sqrt{5}$ is a rational no $\sqrt{5} = \frac{a}{b}$, where a and b are co-primes

Squaring both sides

$$5 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$5b^2 = a^2$$

5 divides a^2 (\because 5 divides $5b^2$)

5 divides a ...(i)

$a = 5c$ for some integer 'c'

squaring both sides

$$a^2 = 25c^2$$

$$5b^2 = 25c^2 (\because a^2 = 5b^2)$$

$$b^2 = 5c^2$$

5 divides b^2 (\because 5 divides $5c^2$)

5 divides b ...(ii)

From (i) and (iii), we can conclude 5 is also a common factor of a and b

But this contradicts the fact that a and b are co-primes.

It means our assumption is incorrect

Hence, $\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational no.

32. Let us assume, to the contrary, that is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ rational.

So, we can find coprime integers a and b ($\neq 0$) such that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{a}{b} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{b}{a}$$

Since, a and b are integers, $\frac{b}{a}$ is rational, and so is $\sqrt{2}$ rational.

But this contradicts the fact that is $\sqrt{2}$ irrational.

So, we conclude that is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ irrational.

33. Let $\sqrt{3}$ be a rational number.

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}, p, q \text{ are coprime, } q \neq 0$$

$$3q^2 = p^2 \Rightarrow 3 \mid p^2 \Rightarrow 3 \mid p \text{ Let } p = 3m$$

$$3q^2 = 9m^2 \Rightarrow q^2 = 3m^2 \Rightarrow 3 \mid q^2 \Rightarrow 3 \mid q$$

\therefore 3 is common factor of p and q

Contraction to our assumption

Hence $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational No.

34. Let us assume that $7 - 2\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

$$\Rightarrow 7 - 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b}, \text{ where a and b are integers, } b \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{7b-a}{2b}$$

RHS is a rational number but LHS is irrational.

\therefore Our assumption was wrong. Hence, $7 - 2\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

35. Let us assume that $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b} \text{ Where a and b are co-prime positive integers}$$

On squaring both sides, we get

$$(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})^2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$2 + 3 + 2\sqrt{6} = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$5 + 2\sqrt{6} = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$2\sqrt{6} = \frac{a^2}{b^2} - 5$$

$$2\sqrt{6} = \frac{a^2 - 5b^2}{b^2}$$

$$\sqrt{6} = \frac{a^2 - 5b^2}{2b^2}$$

Now $\frac{a^2 - 5b^2}{2b^2}$ is a rational number.

This shows that $\sqrt{6}$ is a rational number.

But this contradicts the fact that $\sqrt{6}$ is an irrational number.

This contradiction has raised because we assume that $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})$ is a rational number.

Hence, our assumption is wrong and $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})$ is an irrational number.

36. Let us assume, to the contrary, that $3\sqrt{2}$ is rational.

That is, we can find coprimes a and b ($b \neq 0$) such that $3\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$

Rearranging, we get $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{3b}$... (i)

Since 3, a and b are integers, $\frac{a}{3b}$ is rational, and so (i) shows that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational.

But this contradicts the fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

So, we conclude that $3\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

37. To Prove: $5+3\sqrt{2}$ is irrational number

Proof: If possible let us assume $5 + 3\sqrt{2}$ is a rational number.

$\Rightarrow 5 + 3\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$ where $q \neq 0$ and p and q are coprime integers.

$\Rightarrow 3\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q} - 5$

$\Rightarrow 3\sqrt{2} = \frac{p-5q}{q}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{p-5q}{3q}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{\text{integer}}{\text{integer}}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}$ is a rational number.

This contradicts the given fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Hence $5 + 3\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

38. $7 \times 11 \times 13 + 13$

Take 13 common there we get

$$= 13(7 \times 11 + 1)$$

$$= 13(77 + 1)$$

$$= 13(78)$$

It is the product of two numbers and both numbers are more than 1. So, it is a composite number.

39. Let $3\sqrt{3} - 7$ be a rational number.

$3\sqrt{3} - 7 = x$, where x is rational

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{x+7}{3}$$

irrational = rational

This is a contradiction. This contradiction has arisen because of our wrong assumption. Hence $3\sqrt{3} - 7$ is irrational.

40. Let us assume that $7 + 4\sqrt{5}$ is rational

$7 + 4\sqrt{5} = \frac{p}{q}$; $q \neq 0$ and p, q are integers

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5} = \frac{p-7q}{4q}$$

Clearly $\frac{p-7q}{4q}$ is rational but $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational

Our assumption was wrong $\Rightarrow 7 + 4\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

41. Let us assume that $6 + \sqrt{2}$ is a rational number.

So we can write this number as

$$6 + \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

Here a and b are two co-prime numbers and b is not equal to 0

Subtract 6 both side we get

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} - 6$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{(a-6b)}{b}$$

Here a and b are integers so $(a-6b)/b$ is a rational number. So $\sqrt{2}$ should be a rational number. But $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number. It is a contradiction.

Hence result is $6 + \sqrt{2}$ is a irrational number

42. Let us assume that $8 + 5\sqrt{5}$ is a rational number

$\Rightarrow 8 + 5\sqrt{5} = \frac{a}{b}$, where a and b are integers, $b \neq 0$.

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5} = \frac{a-8b}{5b}$$

RHS is a rational number but LHS is irrational.

\therefore Our assumption was wrong. Hence, $8 + 5\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

43. Let us assume that $2 - 3\sqrt{5}$ is a rational number

$$2 - 3\sqrt{5} = \frac{p}{q}; q \neq 0 \text{ and } p, q \text{ are integers}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5} = \frac{2q-p}{q}$$

RHS is rational but LHS is irrational

\therefore Our assumption was wrong. Hence $2 - 3\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

44. Let us assume $\sqrt{3}$ be a rational, then as every rational can be represented in the form p/q where $q \neq 0$

Let $\sqrt{3} = p/q$ where p, q have no common factor.

Now squaring on both sides we get $3 = p^2/q^2$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times q^2 = p^2$$

Which means 3 divides p^2 which implies 3 divides p

Hence we can write $p = 3 \times k$, where k is some constant.

This gives $3 \times q^2 = 9 \times k^2$

$$q^2 = 3 \times k^2$$

Which means 3 divides q^2 which implies 3 divides q .

3 divides p and q which means 3 is a common factor for p and q .

And this is a contradiction for our assumption that p and q have no common factor...

Hence we can say our assumption that $\sqrt{3}$ is rational is wrong...

And therefore $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational...

45. Let us assume, to the contrary, that $3\sqrt{2}$ is rational. Then, there exist co-prime positive integers a and b such that

$$3\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{3b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \text{ is rational } \left[\because 3, a \text{ and } b \text{ are integers } \therefore \frac{a}{3b} \text{ is a rational number} \right]$$

This is a contradiction. Hence our assumption is wrong.

So, $3\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

46. Let us assume that $2\sqrt{3} - 1$ is a rational. number

Then, there exist positive co-primes a and b such that

$$2\sqrt{3} - 1 = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$2\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b} + 1$$

$$2\sqrt{3} = \frac{a+b}{b}$$

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{a+b}{2b}$$

Here $\frac{a+b}{2b}$ is a rational number, so $\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

This contradicts the fact that $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number

Hence $2\sqrt{3} - 1$ is irrational

47. i. 0.05918 is a rational number as decimal expansion is terminating.

ii. 1.010010001... is an irrational number as decimal expansion is non-terminating non-recurring (non-repeating).

iii. $\sqrt{\frac{9}{27}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, it is an irrational number.

iv. $\sqrt{\frac{12}{75}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{25}} = \frac{2}{5}$, which is a rational number.

48. Let us assume $\sqrt{2}$ be a rational number and its simplest form be $\frac{a}{b}$, a and b are coprime positive integers and $b \neq 0$.

$$\text{So } \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 2b^2$$

Thus a^2 is a multiple of 2

$\Rightarrow a$ is a multiple of 2.

Let $a = 2m$ for some integer m

$$\therefore b^2 = 2m^2$$

Thus b^2 is a multiple of 2

$\Rightarrow b$ is a multiple of 2

Hence 2 is a common factor of a and b .

This contradicts the fact that a and b are coprimes

Hence $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

49. Consider $\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q}$ is rational and can be represented as $\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q} = a$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{p}) = a - \sqrt{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{p})^2 = (a - \sqrt{q})^2 \text{ (squaring both sides)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = a^2 + (\sqrt{q})^2 - 2a\sqrt{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = a^2 + q - 2a\sqrt{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a\sqrt{q} = a^2 + q - p$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{q} = \frac{a^2 + q - p}{2a}$$

As q is prime so \sqrt{q} is not rational but $\frac{a^2 + q - p}{2a}$ is rational because a, p, q are non-zero integers which contradicts our consideration.

Hence, $\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q}$ is irrational where p and q are primes.

50. We will solve it by contradiction method i.e., assume that $5 - \sqrt{3}$ is rational.

Then, there exist co-prime positive integers a and b such that

$$5 - \sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 - \frac{a}{b} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5b - a}{b} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5b - a}{b} = \sqrt{3}$$

Since a, b are integers, therefore $\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction.

So, our assumption is incorrect.

Hence, $5 - \sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

51. Let us assume that $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co-primes a and b such that

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\sqrt{7} = \frac{2b}{a}$$

As 2b and a are rational numbers.

Then $\frac{2b}{a}$ is rational number.

But $\sqrt{7}$ is not a rational number.

Since a rational number cannot be equal to an irrational number. Our assumption that $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$ is rational number is wrong.

Hence $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$ is an irrational number

52. Let us assume that $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co-primes a and b such that

$$\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\sqrt{5} = \frac{3b}{2a}$$

As 3b and 2a are integers.

So, $\frac{3b}{2a}$ is rational number.

But $\sqrt{5}$ is not rational number.

Since a rational number cannot be equal to an irrational number. Our assumption that $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}$ is a rational number is wrong.

Hence $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}$ is irrational number.

53. Let us assume that $5 - 2\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number.

Then, there must exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$\Rightarrow 5 - 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b} - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{3} = 5 - \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{5b - a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{5b - a}{2a}$$

The right side $\frac{5b - a}{2a}$ is a rational numbers so $\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

This contradicts the fact that $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number

Hence our assumption is incorrect and $5 - 2\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

54. Let us assume that $5 + 3\sqrt{2}$, is a rational number.

Then there exist co primes a and b such that

$$5 + 3\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

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

$$= \frac{a-5b}{b}$$

$$\text{So } \sqrt{2} = \frac{a-5b}{3b} \text{ -----(i)}$$

$\frac{a-5b}{3b}$ is rational so this shows that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational

But $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

∴ (i) presents a contradiction.,

Hence $5 + 3\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

55. Given

$\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number

Let $5 + 2\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number

∴ we can write $5 + 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}$, where p and q are integers

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q} - 5 = \frac{p-5q}{q}$$

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

Here, $\frac{p-5q}{2q}$ is a rational number

So, $\sqrt{3}$ is also a rational number.

But it is given that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational number.

⇒ our assumption was wrong

⇒ $5 + 2\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

56. Let $7 - 2\sqrt{2} = m$, where m is a rational number

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{7-m}{2}$$

Irrational = Rational

⇒ LHS \neq RHS

It means our assumption is wrong.

Hence, $7 - 2\sqrt{2}$ is irrational

57. We will prove this by contradiction i.e., let us assume that $3 + \sqrt{2}$ is rational number. Then, there exist positive co-primes a and b such that

$$3 + \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} - 3$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a-3b}{b}$$

Since a, b are integers, therefore $\sqrt{2}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction.

Hence, the given number i.e., $3 + \sqrt{2}$ is irrational.