

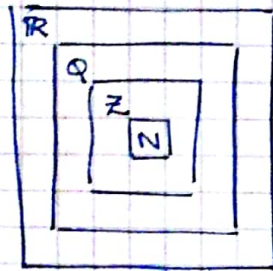
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$\mathbb{N}$  - set of all natural integers (including 0)

$\mathbb{Z}$  - set of all integers

$\mathbb{Q}$  - set of all rational numbers ( $\frac{a}{b}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) ( $b \neq 0$ )

$\mathbb{R}$  - set of all real numbers (includes rational + irrational)



Set  $A$ ,  $A^* = A \setminus \{0\}$

eg  $\mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{Z}^* = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

Def: [1] Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

We say  $n$  is an even integer if  $n = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

[2] We say  $n$  is odd if  $n = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

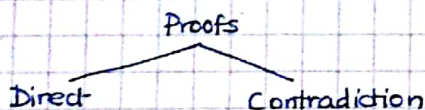
eg:  $-15 = 2(-8) + 1$ ,  $k = -8$        $30 = 2(15)$ ,  $k = 15$

Fact: every fraction rational number  $\frac{a}{b}$  can be written in reduced form.

st.  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$  where  $\gcd(c, d) = 1$ .

eg  $\frac{4}{10} = \frac{2}{5}$ ,  $\gcd(2, 5) = 1$ . Because every  $\mathbb{Z}$  integer can be written as product of a prime and cancel common factors. i.e.  $\frac{4}{10} = \frac{2 \times 2}{2 \times 5} = \frac{2}{5}$

### PROVING.



Prove

Q: ~~Proof~~ that the sum of any 2 even integers ~~is~~ is an even integer.

Proof: (Direct) given: 2 even integers. show: sum is even integer.

let  $x, y$  be even integers.

Hence by definition,  $x = 2k_1$ ,  $y = 2k_2$  for some  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

We show  $x + y$  is even. (show  $x + y = 2m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

$$x + y = 2k_1 + 2k_2 = 2(k_1 + k_2), \quad k_1 + k_2 = m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (integer + integer = integer)}$$

$$\therefore x + y = 2m, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus,  $x + y$  is an even integer.



Q: Prove that  $x = 1.32\overline{22} \dots$  is a rational number.

Proof: (idea, do some basic algebra so that only the repeated digit is to the right of the decimal point).

$$x = 1.3\overline{2} = 1.3222 \dots$$

$$10x = 13.222 \dots$$

$$10x - x = \begin{array}{r} 13.222 \dots \\ - 1.322 \dots \\ \hline 11.900 \dots \end{array}$$

$$9x = 11.9$$

$$x = \frac{11.9}{9} = \frac{119}{90}, x \in \mathbb{Q}, x = \frac{a}{b}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Q: Prove  $x = 2.015\overline{131313} \dots$  is a rational number.

Proof: ~~$$x = 2.015\overline{131313}$$~~

$$x = 2.0151313\overline{13}$$

$$= 2.015131313 \dots$$

$$1000x = 2015.131313 \dots$$

$$1000x - x = \begin{array}{r} 2015.131313 \dots \\ - 2.015131 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

man.

Q: Prove  $x = 2.01\overline{13}$  is rational.

Proof:  $x = 2.01131313 \dots$

$$100x = 201.131313 \dots$$

$$100x - x = \begin{array}{r} 201.131313 \dots \\ - 2.01131313 \dots \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$99x = 199.12$$

$$x = \frac{199.12}{99} = \frac{19912}{9900} = \frac{4978}{2475} = \frac{a}{b}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

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Q: Prove  $1.32\overline{5}$  is a rational number.

Proof:  $x = 1.3252525 \dots$

$$100x = 132.5252525 \dots$$

$$100x - x = \begin{array}{r} 132.5252525 \dots \\ - 1.3252525 \dots \\ \hline 131.2 \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{131.2}{99}$$

$$x = \frac{656}{495} = \frac{a}{b}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Q: Prove  $7.251\overline{265}$  is rational.

Proof:  $x = 7.251265265265 \dots$

$$1000x = 7251.265265265 \dots$$

$$1000x - x = \begin{array}{r} 7251.265265265 \dots \\ - 7.251265265 \dots \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$7244.014$$

$$x = \frac{7244.014}{999} = \frac{7244014}{999000}$$

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$$Q: 1.\overline{00421}$$

Proof:  $x = 1.00421421421\dots$

$$1000x = 1004.21421421\dots$$

$$1000x - x = 1004.21421421421\dots - 1.00421421421\dots$$

$$x = \frac{1003 \cdot 21}{999} = \frac{100321}{99900}$$

Q:  $7.\overline{21265265265\dots}$  do at home.

Q:  $1.53871\overline{23}$ .

Proof:  $x = 1.53871232323\dots$

$$100x = 153.871232323\dots$$

$$100x - x = 153.871232323\dots - 1.538712323\dots$$

$$x = \frac{152.33252}{99}$$

$$x = \frac{15233252}{9900000} = \frac{a}{b}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Fix an integer  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Q: Convince me that  $\exists c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t

$$231792 = 19c_1 + 24c_2$$

$$m = 19c_1 + 24c_2$$

Proof: Since  $\gcd(19, 24) = 1$ ,  $\exists b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $1 = 19b_1 + 24b_2$

Now, multiply by  $m$ :  $m = 19b_1m + 24b_2m$ .

where  $b_1m = c_1$  and  $b_2m = c_2$

Hence,  $m = 19c_1 + 24c_2$ ,  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

This is direct proof.

Q:  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^*$  (without 0)

$$20 = ac_1 + bc_2 \text{ for some } c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

i) can we conclude something on gcd between  $a$  and  $b$ ?  
if so, prove your claim.

Proof: Yes,  $\gcd(a, b)$  is a factor of 20. i.e.  $\gcd(a, b) \mid 20$ .

let  $m = \gcd(a, b)$ . Then  $m \mid 20$ .

Since  $m \mid a$  and  $m \mid b$  we conclude that  $m \mid ac_1 + bc_2$ . Thus,  $m$  is a factor of 20. i.e.  $m \mid 20$ .

more generally,  $L = ac_1 + bc_2$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

so,  $\gcd(a, b) = m$ .

Since  $m \mid a$  and  $m \mid b$ , we conclude that  $m \mid ac_1 + bc_2$ . Thus,  $m \mid L$ .



### Homework:

1. Let  $n, m$  be distinct prime integers. Convince me that there exists  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $2018 = nc_1 + mc_2$
2. Let  $m, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Assume  $m|a$  and  $m|b$ . Convince me that for every integers  $i_1, i_2$ , we have  $m|(ai_1 + bi_2)$ . i.e show that  $ai_1 + bi_2 = mk$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
3. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Prove that  $x+y$  is rational. i.e show that  $x+y = \frac{c}{d}$  for some integers  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $d \in \mathbb{Z}^*$
4. Assume  $31 = a_1c_1 + bc_2$  and  $\gcd(a, b) \neq 1$ . Find  $\gcd(a, b)$  [of course,  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ]
5. Convince me that  $1963 \cdot \overline{20182017}$  is a rational number
6. [Optional] Choose a number  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Convince me that there is a positive integer  $k$ , such that  $k, k+1, k+2, k+3, \dots, k+n$  are non-prime integers.

### Answers:

1.  $n, m$  are distinct prime integers. This means  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$

$$1 = na_1 + ma_2, \quad a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Multiply by 2018, hence  $2018 = n(2018a_1) + m(2018a_2)$

$$\text{let } 2018a_1 = c_1 \text{ and } 2018a_2 = c_2$$

$$\text{Hence, } 2018 = nc_1 + mc_2, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (integer} \times \text{integer)}$$

2. Assuming  $m|a$  and  $m|b$ , let  $\frac{a}{m} = n$  and  $\frac{b}{m} = k$ ,  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{then } \frac{ai_1}{m} = \frac{a}{m}i_1 = ni_1, \quad \text{and } \frac{bi_2}{m} = \frac{b}{m}i_2 = ki_2, \quad ni_1, ki_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\text{then } \frac{ai_1 + bi_2}{m} = \frac{ai_1}{m} + \frac{bi_2}{m} \text{ (same denominator)}$$

$$= ni_1 + ki_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (integer} + \text{integer)}$$

hence,  $m|(ai_1 + bi_2)$  for  $i_1, i_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

3.  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $x = \frac{x_1}{x_2}, y = \frac{y_1}{y_2}$ ,  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x_2, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^*$

$$x+y = \frac{x_1}{x_2} + \frac{y_1}{y_2}$$

$$= \frac{y_2x_1 + x_2y_1}{y_2x_2}, \quad \begin{matrix} y_2x_1 + x_2y_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y_2x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^* \end{matrix} \text{ (integer multiplication \& addition)}$$

$$\text{let } y_2x_1 + x_2y_1 = c$$

$$y_2x_2 = d$$

$$\text{then } x+y = \frac{c}{d}, \quad c \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ \& } d \in \mathbb{Z}^*$$

4. We know that  $a_1c_1 + bc_2 = m\gcd(a, b)$   
 $m\gcd(a, b) = 31$ , 31 is a prime number, its only factors are 31 and 1.  
this means  $\gcd(a, b)$  can only be either 31 or 1. since it is given that  $\gcd(a, b) \neq 1$ , then  $\gcd(a, b) = 31$ .



5.  $1963 \cdot 2018 \overline{2017} = x$

$10000x = 19632018 \cdot \overline{2017}$

$$10000x - x = \begin{array}{r} 1963 \overline{2018} \cdot \overline{2017} \quad 2017 \quad 2017 \quad \dots \\ - \quad \quad \quad 1963 \cdot \overline{2018} \quad 2017 \quad 2017 \quad \dots \\ \hline 19630054 \cdot \overline{9999} \end{array}$$

$9999x = 19630054 \cdot 9999$

$x = \frac{196300549999}{99990000}$

Rewrite 2: if  $m|a$  and  $m|b$  then  $\exists n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $n_1 = \frac{a}{m}$  and  $n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n_2 = \frac{b}{m}$

let  $\gcd(n_1, n_2) = k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
then,  $k = n_1 i_1 + n_2 i_2$

multiplying by  $m$ :  $mk = \overline{a} + \overline{b} = mn_1 i_1 + mn_2 i_2$   
 $= m \frac{a}{m} i_1 + m \frac{b}{m} i_2$

$mk = a i_1 + b i_2$

Hence  $m|(a i_1 + b i_2)$

6. let  $n=5$ .  $10! + 7$   
 $10! + 5, 10! + 6, 10! + 8, 10! + 9, 10! + 10$

$5 \left( \frac{10! + 1}{5} \right), 6 \left( \frac{10! + 1}{6} \right) + 7 \left( \frac{10! + 1}{7} \right) \dots \dots 10 \left( \frac{10! + 1}{10} \right)$

can't be sure about  $10! + 11$  prime or not.

definitely not prime.

let  $n=12$   
 $24! + 12, 24! + 13, 24! + 14, \dots \dots 24! + 24$

$\Rightarrow 12 \left( \frac{24! + 1}{12} \right), 13 \left( \frac{24! + 1}{13} \right), \dots \dots, 24 \left( \frac{24! + 1}{24} \right)$

definitely not prime, bc. they can be factored.

generally can be written as:

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

hence  $(2n)! + n, (2n)! + (n+1), \dots (2n)! + 2n$  are not prime

then  $k = (2n)! + n$

$k+1 = (2n)! + n+1$

$\vdots$

$k+n = (2n)! + 2n = (2n)! + n + n$

11/02/18 Result: There are infinitely many primes.

Proof (by contradiction): We proof assume there are finitely many prime numbers.

Say  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$  prime numbers

Recall: any number can be factored by prime numbers / is a product of prime no.

Let  $n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_m + 1$ . Claim  $n$  cannot be factored as product of prime numbers

[1]  $n$  cannot be ~~be~~ prime. Why? It is clear  $n > q_i$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq m$

[2]  $n = d_1 d_2 \dots d_k$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , where each  $d_i$  is a prime number, ( $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k$  need not be distinct)



$$n = d_1 d_2 \dots d_k = q_1 q_2 \dots q_m + 1$$

note that each  $d_i$  is one of the ~~q\_i's~~  $q_i$ 's.  
but none of the  $q_i$ 's is a factor of  $q_1 q_2 \dots q_m + 1$

i.e.  $d_1 d_2 \dots d_k$   
 $\swarrow$   $q_i$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$   
 $\searrow$  can be factored

but  
 $\frac{q_1 q_2 \dots q_m + 1}{q_i}$  cannot be factored

eg let  $n = d_1 d_2 \dots d_k = q_1 q_1 q_2 q_m = q_1 q_2 q_3 \dots q_m + 1$   
 notice;  $q_1$  can be factored from  $q_1 q_1 q_2 q_m$ , but cannot be factored from  $q_1 q_2 \dots q_m + 1$

$\therefore n$  cannot be written as a product of the finite set of prime numbers assumed  
 Hence there are infinitely many prime numbers.

numbered eg: take finite set 2, 3, 5.  
 $q_1 q_2 q_3 + 1 = n = 31$   
 Write ~~31~~ as product of primes  $\Rightarrow$  cannot write it with 2, 3 or 5 factored.

Eq Question. Convince me that  $3x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  iff  $7 \mid (3x-4)$   
Proof: Assume  $3x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ . We show  $7 \mid (3x-4) \rightarrow$  direct.

$\Rightarrow$   
 $3x = 7q + 4$ , 4 is remainder,  $q$  is quotient.  
 Rearranging;  
 $3x - 4 = 7q$  hence 7 is a factor.

$\Leftarrow$   
 Assume  $7 \mid (3x-4)$ . Show that  $3x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$   
 This means  $3x - 4 = 7m$  for some integer  $m$ .  
 Rearrange:  $3x = 7m + 4$  ( $m$  is now quotient, ~~4~~ 4 is remainder)  
 $\Downarrow$   
 $3x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

Know:  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  iff  $m \mid (ax - b)$

Question: Convince me that  $\sqrt{3}$  is not rational.

Proof: (by contradiction). Deny. Hence assume  $\sqrt{3}$  is rational. Thus  $\sqrt{3}$  can be written as  $\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  (reduced form) and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \neq 0$ .

$\bullet$  Since  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , we can deduce that both  $a$  &  $b$  cannot be even (bc. gcd of even pair is  $\geq 2$ ).

Square both sides:  $3 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$

$\Rightarrow 3b^2 = a^2$ , if  $a$  was even and  $b$  odd,  $3b^2$  would be odd and  $a^2$  would be even. even  $\neq$  odd, contradiction. Similarly, if  $a$  was odd and  $b$  even,  $3b^2$  would be even and  $a^2$  would be odd. Again  $\neq$  even, contradiction.

Only possibility: both  $a$  and  $b$  are odd.



So, let  $a = 2m + 1$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 and let  $b = 2k + 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a^2 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1, \quad b^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

From  $3b^2 = a^2$ ,  $12k^2 + 12k + 3 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1$

Remove 1 from each,  $12k^2 + 12k + 2 = 4m^2 + 4m$

Divide by 4,  $3k^2 + 3k + \frac{1}{2} = m^2 + m$

not an integer      purely integer.

Hence, contradiction:  $3k^2 + 3k + \frac{1}{2} \neq m^2 + m$ .

Therefore,  $3 \neq \frac{a^2}{b^2} \rightarrow \sqrt{3} \neq \frac{a}{b}$ .

$\therefore \sqrt{3}$  must be irrational.

⚡ Technique: choose any prime  $q$ , where 4 is not a factor of  $(q-1)$ . This will work to show that  $\sqrt{q}$  is irrational.

eg:  $q = 11$

$$11b^2 = a^2$$

$$11(4k^2 + 4k + 1) = 4m^2 + 4m + 1$$

$$44k^2 + 44k + 10 = 4m^2 + 4m$$

$$11k^2 + 11k + \frac{10}{4} = m^2 + m$$

not integer      integer.

Question. Prove that  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational (Method 2).

Facts from Number theory:

$q$  is prime  
 $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

If  $q^k | n^w$  for some positive integers  $k, w$ , then  $q | n$

assume  $7^3 | n^{100}$ , can conclude  $7 | n$ .

or  $11^{20} | n$ , can conclude  $11 | n$ .

\*  $q$  has to be prime for this to work. If  $q$  is not prime,  $q^k | n^w \rightarrow q | n$  is not true.

Additionally,  $q | n$  means  $n = mq$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . ( $n$  is a multiple of  $q$ ).

Back to question: Show that  $\sqrt{q}$  is irrational, for any prime  $q$ .

Proof: (by contradiction). Deny. Assume  $\sqrt{q}$  is rational.

Thus  $\sqrt{q} = \frac{a}{b}$ , for  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}^*$

Square both sides (to change everything to planet  $\mathbb{Z}$ )

$$q = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \Rightarrow * qb^2 = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow q | a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow q | a \quad (\text{Number Theory above})$$

Hence  $a = qw$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{Z}$  (i.e.  $a$  is a multiple of  $q$ ).

$$** a^2 = q^2 w^2$$

Substitute back: From (\*) and (\*\*),  $qb^2 = q^2 w^2$

Divide by  $q$ :  $b^2 = qw^2$

conclude:  $q | b$

But,  $\frac{a}{b}$  implies that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . If  $q | a$  and  $q | b$ , then  $\gcd(a, b) \neq 1$  (contradiction).



Hence,  $\sqrt{q}$  cannot be rational.

i.e.  $\sqrt{q}$  is irrational.

i.e.  $\sqrt{3}$  is also irrational.

Question: Show  $\sqrt{3} + 1$  is Irrational.

Proof (by contradiction): Deny. Assume  $\sqrt{3} + 1$  is rational.

$$\sqrt{3} + 1 = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \neq 0, \quad \gcd(a, b) = 1.$$

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b} - 1. \quad // \text{ isolate the squareroot.}$$

From the exercise above,  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational. And  $\frac{a}{b} - 1$  is rational

Rational  $\neq$  Irrational.

Hence  $\sqrt{q} + \sqrt{3} + 1$  is Irrational.

Generally,  $\sqrt{q} + r$ ,  $q$  is prime and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , the result is irrational.

1] Let  $a$  be an odd number. Show  $a^2$  is odd number.

2] Let  $a$  be an even integer. Show  $a^2$  is even integer.

3] Show  $\sqrt{12}$  is irrational. (Hint: isolate the prime).

4] Show that  $\sqrt{45}$  is irrational. (Hint: see question above).

5] Show  $\sqrt{15}$  is irrational. (Try to use method 1).

6] Irrational + Irrational = irrational. True or false. If false, give counter example.

Solutions: 1] Let  $a = 2m + 1$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= (2m + 1)^2 \\ &= 4m^2 + 4m + 1 \\ &= 2(2m^2 + 2m) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } 2m^2 + 2m = k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Hence, } a^2 = 2k + 1 \Rightarrow \text{odd.}$$

$\therefore$  square of an odd number is always odd.

2] let  $a = 2n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$a^2 = (2n)^2 = 4n^2 = 2(2n^2).$$

$$\text{let } 2n^2 = w, \quad w \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Hence, } a^2 = 2w \Rightarrow \text{even.}$$

$\therefore$  square of an even number is always even.

3]  ~~$\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3} = 2\sqrt{3}$~~

~~(3 is a prime number, hence  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational.)~~

Deny. Say  $2\sqrt{3}$  is a rational number.

$$\text{Hence, } 2\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \in \mathbb{Z}^*$$

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

But  $\sqrt{3}$  has been established as an irrational number, irrational  $\neq$  rational (contradiction).

Hence  $2\sqrt{3}$  i.e.  $\sqrt{12}$  is an irrational number.



$$[4] \quad \sqrt{45} = \sqrt{5 \times 3 \times 3} = 3\sqrt{5}$$

Deny. Say  $3\sqrt{5}$  is rational.

$$3\sqrt{5} = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \neq 0$$

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

but  $\sqrt{5}$  is an irrational number.

irrational  $\neq$  rational. (contradiction)

Hence  $3\sqrt{5}$  i.e.  $\sqrt{45}$  is an irrational number

[5] Deny. Say  $\sqrt{15}$  is ~~irrational~~ rational.

$$\sqrt{15} = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \neq 0$$

Square both sides:  $15 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$

We have established that  $a$  and  $b$  are odd numbers.

So let  $a = 2m + 1, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$b = 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$15(4k^2 + 4k + 1) = 4m^2 + 4m + 1$$

$$60k^2 + 60k + 15 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 60k^2 + 60k + 14 = 4m^2 + 4m$$

$$\text{Divide by 4} \Rightarrow \underbrace{15k^2 + 15k + \frac{14}{4}}_{\text{not integer as } 4 \nmid 14} = \underbrace{m^2 + m}_{\text{integer}}$$

Hence  $15k^2 + 15k + \frac{7}{2} \neq m^2 + m$

So we ~~can~~ conclude  $\sqrt{15}$  is not rational, i.e. irrational.

[6] Irrational + irrational = ~~irr~~ irrational is false.

Counter example:  $(\sqrt{2} + 1) + (-\sqrt{2}) = 1, \quad 1 \in \mathbb{Q} \ \& \ 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

15/02/18: General result: (not allowed to use in exam)

let  $n = q_1^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\alpha_2} \dots q_k^{\alpha_k}$  (product of primes)

if any of the  $\alpha_i$ 's is odd (at least 1), then  $\sqrt{n}$  is irrational.

eg:  $147 = 3 \times 7^2$

Hence  $\sqrt{147}$  is irrational.

From this, we conclude product of  $\sqrt{q}$  and  $\sqrt{r}$  where  $q, r$  are distinct primes is irrational.