Solutions
Class 10 Maths
Chapter 1
Ex 1.5

Q.1: Show that the following numbers are irrational.

(i)
$$7\sqrt{5}7\sqrt{5}$$

Let us assume that $7\sqrt{5}7\sqrt{5}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$7\sqrt{5}7\sqrt{5}$$
 = ab $\frac{a}{b}$

$$\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}$$
 = a7b $\frac{a}{7b}$

We know that $\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number

Here we see that $\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction.

(ii)
$$6+\sqrt{2}6+\sqrt{2}$$

Let us assume that $6+\sqrt{2}6+\sqrt{2}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

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

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

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

Here we see that $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction as we know that $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number

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

(iii) **3–**
$$\sqrt{5}$$
3 – $\sqrt{5}$

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

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

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

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

Here we see that $\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction as we know that $\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number

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

Q.2: Prove that the following numbers are irrationals.

Sol:

(i)
$$2\sqrt{7} \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$$

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

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

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

 $\sqrt{7}\sqrt{7}$ is rational number which is a contradiction

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

(ii)
$$32\sqrt{5} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

Let us assume that $32\sqrt{5} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$32\sqrt{5} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}} = ab \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}$$
 = 3b2a $\frac{3b}{2a}$

 $\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}$ is rational number which is a contradiction

Hence $32\sqrt{5} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}}$ is irrational.

(iii)
$$4+\sqrt{2}4+\sqrt{2}$$

Let us assume that $\mathbf{4} + \sqrt{2}\mathbf{4} + \sqrt{2}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$4+\sqrt{24}+\sqrt{2} = ab\frac{a}{b}$$

$$\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$$
 = ab $-4\frac{a}{b}$ -4

$$\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$$
 = a-4bb $\frac{a-4b}{b}$

 $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$ is rational number which is a contradiction

Hence $\mathbf{4} + \sqrt{2}\mathbf{4} + \sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

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

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

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

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

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

 $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$ is rational number which is a contradiction

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

Q.3: Show that $2-\sqrt{3}2-\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

Sol:

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

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

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

Here we see that $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction

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

Q.4: Show that $3+\sqrt{2}3+\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

Sol:

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

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

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

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

Here we see that $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$ is a irrational number which is a contradiction

Hence $3+\sqrt{2}3+\sqrt{2}$ is irrational

Q.5: Prove that $\mathbf{4-5}\sqrt{24} - 5\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

Sol:

Let us assume that $4-5\sqrt{2}4-5\sqrt{2}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$4-5\sqrt{2}4-5\sqrt{2} = ab\frac{a}{b}$$

$$5\sqrt{2}5\sqrt{2} = ab - 4\frac{a}{b} - 4$$

$$\sqrt{2}$$
= ab-45 $\sqrt{2}$ = $\frac{\frac{a}{b}-4}{5}$

$$\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2} = a-4b5b \frac{a-4b}{5b}$$

This contradicts the fact that $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number

Hence $4-5\sqrt{2}4-5\sqrt{2}$ is irrational

Q.6: Show that $\mathbf{5-2}\sqrt{3}5-2\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

Sol.

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

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

$$\sqrt{3}$$
= ab-52 $\sqrt{3}$ = $\frac{\frac{a}{b}-5}{2}$ $\sqrt{3}$ = a-5b2b $\sqrt{3}$ = $\frac{a-5b}{2b}$

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

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

Q.7: Prove that $2\sqrt{3}-12\sqrt{3}-1$ is an irrational number.

Sol:

Let us assume that $2\sqrt{3}-12\sqrt{3}-1$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$2\sqrt{3}-12\sqrt{3}-1 = ab\frac{a}{b}$$

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

$$\sqrt{3}$$
= ab+12 $\sqrt{3}$ = $\frac{\frac{a}{b}+1}{2}$ $\sqrt{3}$ = a+b2b $\sqrt{3}$ = $\frac{a+b}{2b}$

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

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

Q.8: Prove that $2-3\sqrt{5}2-3\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.

Sol:

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

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

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

$$3\sqrt{5} = ab - 233\sqrt{5} = \frac{\frac{a}{b} - 2}{3}$$
 $\sqrt{5} = a - 3b3b\sqrt{5} = \frac{a - 3b}{3b}$

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

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

Q.9: Prove that $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

Sol:

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

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

$$\sqrt{5} = ab - \sqrt{3}\sqrt{5} = \frac{a}{b} - \sqrt{3} \quad (\sqrt{5})^{2} = (ab - \sqrt{3})^{3}(\sqrt{5})^{2} = (\frac{a}{b} - \sqrt{3})^{3} \quad 5 = (ab)^{2} - 2a\sqrt{3}b + 3$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2 = (\frac{a}{b})^{2} - \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} \quad \Rightarrow (ab)^{2} - 2 = 2a\sqrt{3}b \Rightarrow (\frac{a}{b})^{2} - 2 = \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} \quad \Rightarrow a^{2} - 2b^{2}b^{2} = 2a\sqrt{3}b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{2} - 2b^{2}}{b^{2}} = \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} \quad \Rightarrow (a^{2} - 2b^{2}b^{2})(b2a) = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow (\frac{a^{2} - 2b^{2}}{b^{2}})(\frac{b}{2a}) = \sqrt{3} \quad \Rightarrow (a^{2} - 2b^{2}2ab) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\frac{a^{2} - 2b^{2}}{2ab}) = \sqrt{3}$$

Here we see that $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction as we know that $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number

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

Q.10: Prove that $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}$ is irrational.

Sol:

Let us assume that $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} = ab\frac{a}{b}$$

$$\sqrt{4} = ab - \sqrt{3}\sqrt{4} = \frac{a}{b} - \sqrt{3} \quad (\sqrt{4})^{2} = (ab - \sqrt{3})^{3}(\sqrt{4})^{2} = (\frac{a}{b} - \sqrt{3})^{3} \quad 4 = (ab)^{2} - 2a\sqrt{3}b + 3$$

$$4 = (\frac{a}{b})^{2} - \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} + 3 \quad \Rightarrow 4 - 3 = (ab)^{2} - 2a\sqrt{3}b \Rightarrow 4 - 3 = (\frac{a}{b})^{2} - \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} \quad \Rightarrow 1 = (ab)^{2} - 2a\sqrt{3}b$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (\frac{a}{b})^{2} - \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} \quad \Rightarrow (ab)^{2} - 1 = 2a\sqrt{3}b \Rightarrow (\frac{a}{b})^{2} - 1 = \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} \quad \Rightarrow a^{2} - b^{2}b^{2} = 2a\sqrt{3}b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{2} - b^{2}}{b^{2}} = \frac{2a\sqrt{3}}{b} \quad \Rightarrow (a^{2} - b^{2}b^{2})(b2a) = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow (\frac{a^{2} - b^{2}}{b^{2}})(\frac{b}{2a}) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\frac{a^{2} - b^{2}}{2ab}) = \sqrt{3}$$

Here we see that $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction as we know that $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number

Hence $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}$ is an irrational number

Q.11: Prove that for any prime positive integer p, $\sqrt{\mathbf{p}}\sqrt{\mathbf{p}}$ is an irrational number.

Sol:

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

$$\sqrt{p}\sqrt{p}$$
 = ab $\frac{a}{b}$

$$pp = \left(ab\right)^2 \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
pp = a²b² $\frac{a^2}{b^2}$

 \Rightarrow pb²=a² \Rightarrow pb² = a² \Rightarrow p|a² \Rightarrow p|a² \Rightarrow p|a \Rightarrow p|a

$$\Rightarrow$$
b²p \Rightarrow b²p = a²a²

$$\Rightarrow$$
b²p \Rightarrow b²p = p²c²p²c² (·· a=pc)

$$\Rightarrow p|b^2(\text{since} p|c^2p) \Rightarrow p|b^2(\text{since} p|c^2p) \Rightarrow p|b \Rightarrow p|a \text{ and } p|b$$

This contradicts the fact that a and b are co primes

Hence $\sqrt{p}\sqrt{\ p}$ is irrational

Q.12: If p, q are prime positive integers, prove that $\sqrt{\bf p} + \sqrt{\bf q} \sqrt{\bf p} + \sqrt{\bf q}$ is an irrational number.

Sol:

Let us assume that $\sqrt{p}+\sqrt{q}\sqrt{p}+\sqrt{q}$ is rational. Then, there exist positive co primes a and b such that

$$\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q} \sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q} = ab \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\begin{split} \sqrt{p} &= ab - \sqrt{q} \sqrt{\ \overline{p}} = \frac{a}{b} - \sqrt{\ \overline{q}} \ (\sqrt{p})^2 = (ab - \sqrt{q})^2 (\sqrt{\ \overline{p}})^2 = (\frac{a}{b} - \sqrt{\ \overline{q}})^2 \ p = (ab)^2 - 2a\sqrt{q}b + q \\ p &= (\frac{a}{b})^2 - \frac{2a\sqrt{\overline{q}}}{b} + q \ p - q = (ab)^2 - 2a\sqrt{q}b \\ p &= (\frac{a}{b})^2 - \frac{2a\sqrt{\overline{q}}}{b} + q \ p - q = (ab)^2 - 2a\sqrt{q}b \\ (\frac{a}{b})^2 - (p - q) &= \frac{2a\sqrt{\overline{q}}}{b} \quad a^2 - b^2(p - q)b^2 = 2a\sqrt{q}b \\ (\frac{a^2 - b^2(p - q)}{b^2}) (\frac{b}{2a}) &= \sqrt{\overline{q}} \quad \sqrt{q} = a^2 - b^2(p - q)2ab \\ \sqrt{\overline{q}} &= \frac{a^2 - b^2(p - q)}{2ab} \end{split}$$

Here we see that $\sqrt{q}\sqrt{q}$ is a rational number which is a contradiction as we know that $\sqrt{q}\sqrt{q}$ is an irrational number

Hence $\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q}\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{q}$ is an irrational number

