

Chapter one

The Real numbers

Introduction :-

1. The set of Natural numbers: $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
or $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
2. The set of integer numbers $Z = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
3. The set of rational numbers.

Def:- A number of the form $\frac{m}{n}$ where m and n are integers, $n \neq 0$ is called rational number.

i.e $Q = \left\{ \frac{m}{n}, m, n \in Z, n \neq 0 \right\}$.

4. The set of irrational numbers.

Def: A number which is not rational number is called irrational number.

Ex:- show that $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational number.

sol: suppose that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational number.

That means $\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n} \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{m^2}{n^2} \Rightarrow m^2 = 2n^2$

1. if m is even and n is odd.

$\therefore m = 2k \Rightarrow m^2 = 4k^2 \Rightarrow 4k^2 = 2n^2 \Rightarrow 2k^2 = n^2$

$\therefore n$ is even (contradiction).

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2. if m is odd and n are even.

$$\text{we get } n = 2K \Rightarrow n^2 = 4K^2$$

$$\text{since } m^2 = 2n^2 \Rightarrow m^2 = 2(4K^2) \Rightarrow m^2 = 8K^2$$

we get m^2 is even (contradiction).

but m is odd then m^2 is odd

3. if m and n are odd

m is odd $\Rightarrow m^2$ is odd.

but $m^2 = 2n^2$ and $2n^2$ is even.

$\therefore m^2$ is even (contradiction).

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