

# Am I Rational or Irrational?

**Cubed Roots** →  $\sqrt[3]{\text{radicand}}$

- If the radicand is a perfect cube, it is Rational

$\sqrt[3]{1} = 1$	$\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$	$\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$	$\sqrt[3]{64} = 4$	$\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$
$\sqrt[3]{216} = 6$	$\sqrt[3]{343} = 7$	$\sqrt[3]{512} = 8$	$\sqrt[3]{729} = 9$	$\sqrt[3]{1000} = 10$

- If the radicand is NOT a perfect cube, it is IRRational
  - Examples:  $\sqrt[3]{35} \approx 3.27106631018859\dots$

**Squared Roots** →  $\sqrt{\text{radicand}}$

- If the radicand is a perfect square, it is Rational

$\sqrt{1} = 1$	$\sqrt{4} = 2$	$\sqrt{9} = 3$	$\sqrt{16} = 4$	$\sqrt{25} = 5$	$\sqrt{36} = 6$	$\sqrt{49} = 7$	$\sqrt{64} = 8$	$\sqrt{81} = 9$
$\sqrt{100} = 10$	$\sqrt{121} = 11$	$\sqrt{144} = 12$	$\sqrt{169} = 13$	$\sqrt{196} = 14$	$\sqrt{225} = 15$	$\sqrt{256} = 16$	$\sqrt{289} = 17$	$\sqrt{324} = 18$
$\sqrt{361} = 19$	$\sqrt{400} = 20$	$\sqrt{441} = 21$	$\sqrt{484} = 22$	$\sqrt{529} = 23$	$\sqrt{576} = 24$	$\sqrt{625} = 25$		

- If the radicand is NOT a perfect square, it is IRRational
  - Example:  $\sqrt{38} \approx 6.164414002968976\dots$

**Simple Fractions Written with Integers** (Ex:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ):

- They are Rational because you can divide the numerator (top number) by the denominator (bottom number) and the numbers after the decimal either terminate (stop) or they repeat.

**Fractions Written with  $\pi$ ,  $\sqrt{32}$**  (Ex:  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ):  $\frac{\sqrt{32}}{\pi}$

- They are IRRational because you can divide the numerator (top number) by the denominator (bottom number) and the numbers after the decimal do NOT terminate (stop) AND they do NOT repeat.

0.26  
Rational

ALWAYS True	SOMETIMES	NEVER True
<p>The sum of a rational number and an irrational number is</p> <p><u>IRRational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>567 + \sqrt{32}</math></p> <p>* decimal never stops</p> <p>*This is simplified. Type it in a calculator to see what you get!</p>	<p>The product of a rational number and an irrational numbers is sometimes:</p> <p>-Multiply any irrational number by the rational number zero. The product is</p> <p><u>Rational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>\sqrt{32} \cdot 0 = 0</math></p> <p>-Choose any other rational with any irrational number and the product is</p> <p><u>IRRational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>4 \cdot \sqrt{32}</math></p>	<p>The sum of a rational number and an irrational number is</p> <p><u>never Rational</u></p> <p><math>42 + \pi</math></p> <p><u>IRRational</u></p>
<p>The sum of two rational numbers is</p> <p><u>Rational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>3 + 5 = \underline{8}</math></p> <p>Ex: <math>\sqrt{121} + \sqrt{1} = \underline{12}</math></p> <p>Ex: <math>\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \underline{\frac{2}{3}}</math></p>	<p>The sum of two irrational numbers is sometimes:</p> <p>-If the irrational parts of the numbers have zero sum, the sum is</p> <p><u>Rational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>\sqrt{32} + -\sqrt{32} = 0</math></p> <p>-If not, the sum is</p> <p><u>IRRational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>\sqrt{32} + \sqrt{32} = 2\sqrt{32}</math></p>	<p>The sum of two rational numbers is</p> <p><u>never IRRational</u></p> <p><math>27 + 49 =</math></p> <p><u>Rational</u></p>
<p>The product of two rational numbers is</p> <p><u>Rational</u></p> <p>Why: <math>4 \cdot 6 = 24</math></p> <p>-If a, b, c, &amp; d are integers with b &amp; d non-zero, then <math>\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}</math> is also rational.</p> <p>-If b or d is zero, the product is undefined, which is not the same as irrational.</p> <p><math>\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4}</math> <math>\frac{1}{8}</math> 0.125 ↑ decimal stops</p>	<p>The product of two irrational numbers is</p> <p>sometimes:</p> <p><u>Rational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>\sqrt{32} \cdot \sqrt{32} = 32</math></p> <p><u>IRRational</u></p> <p>Ex: <math>\pi \cdot \pi = \pi^2</math></p>	<p>The product of two rational numbers is</p> <p><u>never IRRational</u></p> <p><math>27 \cdot 49</math></p> <p><math>1323</math></p> <p><u>Rational</u></p>

**Be careful to read problems carefully! This statement is ALWAYS true:**  
The product of a **nonzero** rational number and an irrational number is irrational.