

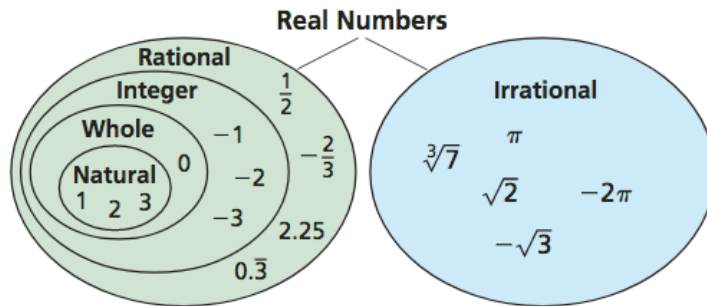
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Classifying Real Numbers

A **rational number** is a number that can be written as the ratio of two integers. An **irrational number** cannot be written as the ratio of two integers.

- The square root of any whole number that is not a perfect square is irrational. The cube root of any integer that is not a perfect cube is irrational.
- The decimal form of an irrational number neither terminates nor repeats.

Rational numbers and irrational numbers together form the set of **real numbers**.



Example 1 Classify each real number in as many ways as possible.

| | Number | Subset(s) | Reasoning |
|----|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| a. | $\sqrt{18}$ | | |
| b. | $0.\overline{33}$ | | |
| c. | $-\sqrt{4}$ | | |
| d. | $\frac{56}{7}$ | | |
| e. | $\sqrt[3]{5}$ | | |

Practice

Classify the real number in as many ways as possible.

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. $\sqrt{17}$ | 2. $\frac{1}{5}$ | 3. 0.25 |
| 4. $\frac{48}{6}$ | 5. $-\sqrt{25}$ | 6. $\sqrt[3]{32}$ |

Determine whether the statement is *always*, *sometimes*, or *never* true. Explain your reasoning.

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| 7. A natural number is a whole number. | 8. An integer is a natural number. |
| 9. A natural number is negative. | 10. A real number is an irrational number. |
| 11. A rational number is a real number. | 12. A whole number is an irrational number. |