

1.3 Number Sets, Density and Limits

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Recall:	N= set of natural numbers	$N=\{1,2,3,4,\dots\}$
	W= set of whole numbers	$W=\{0,1,2,3,4,\dots\}$
	Z= set of integers	$Z=\{\dots-2,-1,0,1,2,3,\dots\}$

Rational Numbers (Q)

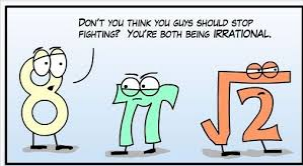
- can be written as a fraction
- includes repeating decimals
- includes terminating decimals

Irrational Numbers (Q' or P)

- can NOT be written as a fraction "Q prime"
- includes non-terminating non-repeating decimals

REAL Numbers (R)

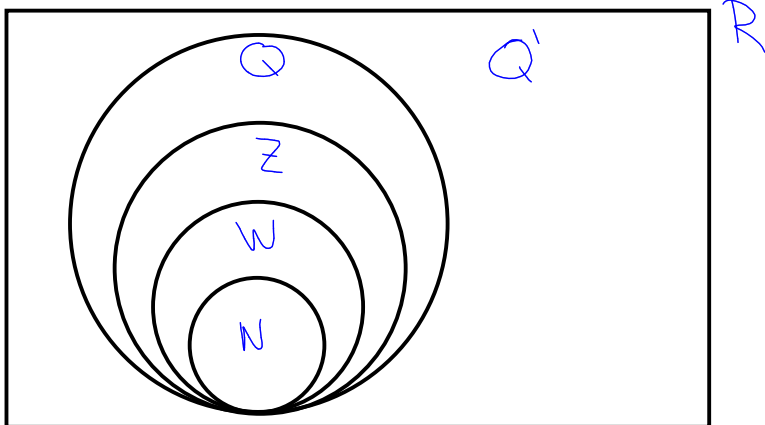
- includes all rational and irrational numbers
- does not include imaginary* numbers



Ex. 1 State all sets (N,W,Z,Q, Q' or P) that each number belongs to.

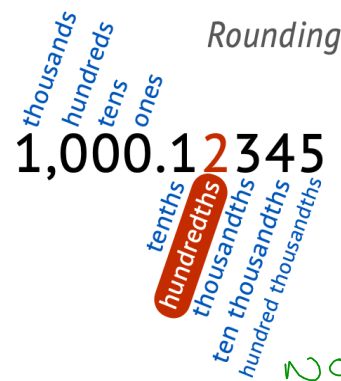
- a) 5 $N \ Z \ W \ Q$
- b) 0 $W \ Z \ Q$
- c) -3 $Z \ Q$
- d) 5.8 Q
- e) -6.7 Q
- f) 4.15151515...
 $= 4.\overline{15}$ Q
- g) $\frac{-7}{10}$ Q
- h) 0.22222...
 $= 0.\overline{2}$ Q
- k) $\sqrt{2}$ and π
 Q'

Ex. 2 Label the Venn Diagram to show the relationship between the number sets.



Rational Numbers (Q)

- can be written as a fraction
- includes repeating decimals
- includes terminating decimals



Ex. 3 Write the following terminating decimals as fractions.

a) 0.7
 $= \frac{7}{10}$

b) -0.75
 $= -\frac{75}{100} \div 25$
 $= -\frac{3}{4}$

c) 0.125
 $= \frac{125}{1000} \div 125$
 $= \frac{1}{8}$

d) 4.57
 $= 4 \frac{57}{100}$

NOTE
 Look at column of our last digit

e) -12.6
 $= -12 \frac{6}{10}$
 $= -12 \frac{3}{5}$

f) -8.4213789
 $= -8 \frac{4213789}{10000000}$

g) 0.000000023
 $= \frac{23}{1,000,000,000}$

Ex. 4 Write the following repeating decimals as fractions.

a) $0.\overline{7777}$
 $= 0.\overline{7}$
 $= \frac{7}{9}$

b) $-0.\overline{33}$
 $= -0.\overline{3}$
 $= -\frac{3}{9} \div 3$
 $= -\frac{1}{3}$

c) $8.\overline{66}$
 $= 8.\overline{6}$
 $= 8 \frac{6}{9} \div 3$
 $= 8 \frac{2}{3}$

Notice anything?

$$0.\overline{18} = \frac{18}{99} = \frac{2}{11}$$

$$0.\overline{123} = \frac{123}{999} = \frac{41}{333}$$

$$0.\overline{8765} = \frac{8,765}{9,999}$$

d) $-32.\overline{1818}$
 $= -32.\overline{18}$
 $= -32 \frac{18}{99} \div 9$
 $= -32 \frac{2}{11}$

e) $10.\overline{0236}0236...$
 $= 10.\overline{0236}$
 $= 10 \frac{236}{9999}$



Limit Property

- When a sequence or pattern of numbers gets closer and closer to a single number. That number is called the **limit**.

Ex. 5 Find the limit for each sequence (if it exists)

a) 8.1, 8.01, 8.001, 8.0001, 8.00001, 8.000001, ... 8.1
8.01
8.001

8

b) 4.7, 4.77, 4.777, 4.7777, ... 4.7

c) -12.65, -12.6565, -12,656565, -12.65656565, ... -12.65

d) 2,4,8,16,32,64, ... ∞ (NO LIMIT)

e) $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$ | Limit ∅
HUGE #

f) 1,4,9,16,25,36, ... ∞ NO LIMIT

g) 32,16,8,4,2, ... | Limit ∅
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$\begin{matrix} \div 2 & \div 2 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 32 & 16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & \dots \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \dots \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{16} & \dots \end{matrix}$

