# BEBERA PEMBUKTIAN BILANGAN IRRASIONAL

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 $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.41421356237309504880168872420969807856967187537694...$ 

 $\sqrt{3} \approx 1.73205080756887729352744634150587236694280525381038...$ 

## BAGAIMANA DENGAN

 $\sqrt{2}$ 

Proposition 1. The square root of 2 is irrational.

We prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational,

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q},$$

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

Moreover, let p and q have no common divisor > 1.

Then

$$2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \implies 2q^2 = p^2. \tag{1}$$

Since  $2q^2$  is even, it follows that  $p^2$  is even.

Then p is also even

(in fact, if p is odd, then  $p^2$  is odd).

This means that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$p = 2k. (2)$$

Substituting (2) into (1), we get

$$2q^2 = (2k)^2 \Rightarrow 2q^2 = 4k^2 \Rightarrow q^2 = 2k^2.$$

Since  $2k^2$  is even,

, it follows that  $q^2$  is even.

Then q is also even.

This is a contradiction.

We prove that  $\sqrt[3]{4}$  is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\sqrt[3]{4}$  is rational, that is

$$\sqrt[3]{4} = \frac{p}{q},$$

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

Moreover, let p and q have no common divisor > 1.

Then

$$4 = \frac{p^3}{q^3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4q^3 = p^3. \tag{1}$$

Since  $4q^3$  is even, it follows that  $p^3$  is even.

Then p is also even

(in fact, if p is odd, then  $p^3$  is odd).

This means

that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

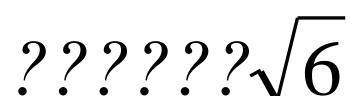
$$p = 2k. (2)$$

Substituting (2) into (1), we get

$$4q^3 = (2k)^3 \Rightarrow 4q^3 = 8k^3 \Rightarrow q^3 = 2k^3.$$

Since  $2k^3$  is even, it follows that  $q^3$  is even. Then  $\underline{q}$  is also even.

This is a contradiction.



We prove that  $\sqrt{6}$  is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\sqrt{6}$  is rational, that is

$$\sqrt{6} = \frac{p}{q},$$

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

Moreover, let p and q have no common divisor > 1.

Then

$$6 = \frac{p^2}{a^2} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad 6q^2 = p^2. \tag{1}$$

Since  $6q^2$  is even, it follows that  $p^2$  is even.

Then p is also even (in fact, if p is odd, then  $p^2$  is odd).

This means that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$p = 2k. (2)$$

Substituting (2) into (1), we get

$$6q^2 = (2k)^2 \implies 6q^2 = 4k^2 \implies 3q^2 = 2k^2.$$

Since  $2k^2$  is even, it follows that  $3q^2$  is even.

Then  $\underline{q}$  is also even (in fact, if q is odd, then  $3q^2$  is odd).

contradiction.

We prove that 
$$\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2} + 5$$
 is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2} + 5$  is rational, that is  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} + 5 = \frac{p}{a}$ ,

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

Then

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{3(p - 5q)}{3}.$$

Since  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational and  $\frac{3(p-5q)}{q}$  is rational,

we obtain a contradiction.

We prove that  $\log_5 2$  is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\log_5 2$  is rational, that is

$$\log_5 2 = \frac{p}{q},$$

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ . Then

$$5^{p/q} = 2 \Rightarrow 5^p = 2^q$$
.

Since  $5^p$  is odd and  $2^q$  is even, we obtain a contradiction.

We prove that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{3}$  is rational,

that is 
$$\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{a}$$
,

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ . Then

$$\left(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}\right)^2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \implies 2 + 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3} + 3 = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 + 2\sqrt{6} = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{6} = \frac{p^2 - 5q^2}{2q^2}.$$

Since  $\sqrt{6}$  is irrational and  $\frac{p^2 - 5q^2}{2q^2}$  is rational,

We prove that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{3}$  is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{3}$  is rational,

, that is

$$\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{3} = \frac{p}{q},$$

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

It follows that

$$\sqrt[3]{3} = \frac{p}{q} - \sqrt{2},$$

hence

$$\sqrt[3]{3} = \frac{p}{a} - \sqrt{2},$$

$$3 = \left(\frac{p}{q} - \sqrt{2}\right)^{3}$$

$$= \frac{p^{3}}{q^{3}} - 3\frac{p^{2}}{q^{2}}\sqrt{2} + 3\frac{p}{q}\left(\sqrt{2}\right)^{2} - \left(\sqrt{2}\right)^{3}$$

$$= \frac{p^{3}}{q^{3}} - 3\frac{p^{2}}{q^{2}}\sqrt{2} + 6\frac{p}{q} - 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$= \frac{p^{3}}{q^{3}} + 6\frac{p}{q} - \sqrt{2}\left(3\frac{p^{2}}{q^{2}} + 2\right).$$

We can rewrite this as

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{\frac{p^3}{q^3} + 6\frac{p}{q} - 3}{3\frac{p^2}{q^2} + 2} = \frac{p^3 + 6pq^2 - 3q^3}{3p^2q + 2q^3}.$$

Since 
$$\sqrt{2}$$
 is irrational and  $\frac{p^3 + 6pq^2 - 3q^3}{3p^2q + 2q^3}$  is rational,

we obtain a contradiction.

**Proposition 2.** For any squarefree integer n > 1,  $\sqrt{n}$  is irrational.

What about the case of general n? Well, of course  $\sqrt{n^2}$  is not only rational but is an integer, namely n. Moreover, an arbitrary positive integer n can be factored to get one of these two limiting cases: namely, any n can be uniquely decomposed as

$$n = sN^2$$
,

where s is squarefree. (Prove it!) Since  $\sqrt{sN^2} = N\sqrt{s}$ , we have that  $\sqrt{n}$  is rational iff  $\sqrt{s}$  is rational; by the above result, this only occurs if s = 1. Thus:

**Theorem 3.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\sqrt{n}$  is rational iff  $n = N^2$  is a perfect square.

Another way of stating this result is that  $\sqrt{n}$  is either an integer or is irrational.

What about cube roots and so forth? We can prove that  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is irrational using a similar argument: suppose  $\sqrt[3]{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ , with  $\gcd(a,b) = 1$ . Then we get

$$2b^3 = a^3,$$

so  $2 \mid a^3$ , thus  $2 \mid a$ . Put a = 2A, so  $b^3 = 2^2A^3$  and  $2 \mid b^3$ . Thus  $2 \mid b$ : contradiction.

Any integer can be written as the product of a cube-free integer<sup>1</sup> and a perfect cube; with this one can prove that the  $\sqrt[3]{n}$  is irrational unless  $n = N^3$ . For the sake of variety, we prove the general result in a different way.

**Theorem 4.** Let k > 2 be a positive integer. Then  $\sqrt[k]{n}$  is irrational unless  $n = N^k$  is a perfect kth power.

*Proof.* Suppose n is not a perfect kth power. Then there exists some prime  $p \mid n$  such that  $\operatorname{ord}_p(n)$  is not divisible by k. Let us use this prime to get a contradiction:

$$\frac{a^k}{b^k} = n, \ a^k = nb^k.$$

Take  $\operatorname{ord}_p$  of both sides:

$$k \operatorname{ord}_p(a) = \operatorname{ord}_p(a^k) = \operatorname{ord}_p(nb^k) = k \operatorname{ord}_p(b) + \operatorname{ord}_p(n),$$

so  $\operatorname{ord}_p(n) = k(\operatorname{ord}_p(a) - \operatorname{ord}_p(b))$  and  $k \mid \operatorname{ord}_p(n)$ : contradiction.

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### SEKARANG BENTUK YANG LAIN

We prove that sin 1° is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that  $\sin 1^{\circ}$  is rational.

Then  $\cos^2 1^\circ$  and  $\cos 2^\circ$  are also rational,

#### since

$$\cos^2 1^\circ = 1 - \sin^2 1^\circ$$
 and  $\cos 2^\circ = \cos^2 1^\circ - \sin^2 1^\circ$ .

Similarly,  $\cos 4^{\circ}$ ,  $\cos 8^{\circ}$ ,  $\cos 16^{\circ}$ , and  $\cos 32^{\circ}$  are rational, since

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$$\cos 4^{\circ} = 2\cos^2 2^{\circ} - 1$$
,  $\cos 8^{\circ} = 2\cos^2 4^{\circ} - 1$ ,

$$\cos 16^{\circ} = 2\cos^2 8^{\circ} - 1, \qquad \cos 32^{\circ} = 2\cos^2 16^{\circ} - 1.$$

#### On the other hand we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \cos 30^{\circ} = \cos(32^{\circ} - 2^{\circ}) :$$

$$= \cos 32^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} + \sin 32^{\circ} \sin 2^{\circ}$$

$$= \cos 32^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} + 2\cos 16^{\circ} \sin 16^{\circ} \sin 2^{\circ}$$

$$= \cos 32^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} + 4\cos 16^{\circ} \cos 8^{\circ} \sin 8^{\circ} \sin 2^{\circ}$$

$$= \cos 32^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} + 8\cos 16^{\circ} \cos 8^{\circ} \cos 4^{\circ} \sin 4^{\circ} \sin 2^{\circ}$$

$$= \cos 32^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} + 16\cos 16^{\circ} \cos 8^{\circ} \cos 4^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} \sin^{2} 2^{\circ}$$

$$= \cos 32^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} + 64\cos 16^{\circ} \cos 8^{\circ} \cos 4^{\circ} \cos 2^{\circ} \sin^{2} 1^{\circ}.$$

The right-hand side is rational. One can prove that  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  is irrational.

We obtain a contradiction.

We prove that 
$$2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \ldots + \frac{1}{n!} + \ldots$$
 is irrational.

Assume to the contrary that this number is rational, that is

$$\frac{p}{a} = 2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \ldots + \frac{1}{n!} + \ldots,$$

where p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$ .

We multiply both sides by qn! with n > q.

We get

$$pn! = qn! \left(2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} + \dots\right)$$

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$$= qn! \left(2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) + qn! \left(\frac{1}{(n+1)!} + \frac{1}{(n+2)!} + \frac{1}{(n+3)!} + \dots\right)$$

$$= qn! \left(2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) + q \left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} + \dots\right),$$

SO

$$pn! - qn! \left(2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right)$$
$$= q \left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} + \dots\right)$$

Note that pn! and qn!

$$\left(2+\frac{1}{2!}+\frac{1}{3!}+\ldots+\frac{1}{n!}\right)$$
 are integer.

If we prove that

$$q\left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} + \ldots\right) < 1,$$

we obtain a contradiction.

To this end we observe that

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} < \frac{1}{(n+1)^2},$$

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} < \frac{1}{(n+1)^3}, \dots$$

By this and a formula of geometric progression we have

$$q\left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} + \dots\right)$$

$$< q\left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^3} + \dots\right)$$

$$= q\frac{1}{(n+1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)}$$

$$= q\frac{1}{n+1 - \frac{n+1}{n+1}} = q\frac{1}{n+1-1} = \frac{q}{n},$$

which is < 1 by (1).