

The symbol for the rational numbers is \mathbb{Q} while the symbol for the irrational numbers is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.
So you can express that x is an irrational number by $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ or by $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.
Recall for any sets R and Q , the set R set minus Q is the set $R \setminus Q \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \{x \in R : x \notin Q\}$.
Note the difference in direction in the slash for set minus ($R \setminus Q$) and quotient of numbers ($1/2 = 0.5$).

►. **Proposition 3.19.** [TS textbook §3.3 page 123]. For all real numbers x and y , if x is rational and $x \neq 0$ and y is irrational, then xy is irrational.

▷. Symbolically written, Proposition 3.19 says

$$(\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2) [(x \in \mathbb{Q} \wedge x \neq 0 \wedge y \notin \mathbb{Q}) \implies xy \notin \mathbb{Q}] \tag{1}$$

1. Complete the next sentence (write out the whole sentence, filling in the blank).

Proposition 3.19 gives that the irrational numbers are closed under the operation of multiplication by _____.

rmk. We have discussed closure properties of number systems (e.g., \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{Q} , $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$) under certain operations (e.g., addition, multiplication, division by a nonzero number). Finally we see the irrational real numbers are closed under some operation.

2. Using that $\sim [P \implies Q] \equiv [P \wedge (\sim Q)]$ (idea: negation of a promise is a lie), symbolically write a negation (denial) if the statement in (1). Your answer can not contain the negation symbol \sim (nor any variant of the \sim symbol). Your answer can contain the symbols \in and \notin .

hint. You may (and probably will) use Proposition 3.19 in the ER's from §3.3 and beyond.

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