





# RATIONAL AND **IRRATIONAL NUMBERS**

- Q.1. Without actual division find which of the following rationals are terminating decimal:

(i)  $\frac{9}{25}$  (ii)  $\frac{7}{12}$  (iii)  $\frac{121}{125}$  (iv)  $\frac{37}{78}$ Ans. (i) In  $\frac{9}{25}$ , the prime factors of denominator 25 are 5, 5. Thus it is terminating decimal.

- (ii) In  $\frac{7}{12}$ , the prime factors of denominator 12 are 2, 2 and 3. Thus it is not terminating decimal.
- (iii) In  $\frac{121}{125}$ , the prime factors of denominator 125 are 5, 5 and 5. Thus it is terminating decimal.
- (iv) In  $\frac{37}{78}$ , the prime factors of denominator 78 are 2, 3 and 13. Thus it is not terminating decimal.
- Q.2. Represent each of the following as a decimal number.
- (i)  $\frac{4}{15}$  (ii)  $2\frac{5}{12}$  (iii)  $5\frac{31}{55}$

**Ans.** (i) In  $\frac{4}{15}$ , using long division method:

$$\begin{array}{r}
0.266...\\
15) 4.0000\\
\underline{30}\\
100\\
\underline{90}\\
100\\
\underline{90}\\
\underline{10}
\end{array}$$
Hence,  $\frac{4}{15} = 0.266... = 0.2\overline{6}$ .





(iv) In  $5\frac{31}{55}$ , using long division method: (iii) In  $2\frac{5}{12}$ , using long division method:

$$\begin{array}{c}
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0.4166... \\
12)5.000 \\
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Express each of the following as a rational number in the form of  $\frac{p}{a}$ , where  $q \neq 0$ .

(i) 
$$0.\overline{6}$$

(ii) 
$$0.\overline{43}$$

(iii) 
$$0.2\overline{27}$$

(iv) 
$$0.2\overline{104}$$

**Ans.** (i) Let 
$$x = 0.\overline{6} = 0.6666$$
 ...(i)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (i) by 10, we get

$$10x = 6.6666$$
 ...(ii)

$$10x = 6.6666$$

$$x = 0.6666$$

$$9x = 6$$
  $\Rightarrow x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$  Hence, required fraction  $= \frac{2}{3}$ .

(ii) Let 
$$x = 0.\overline{43} = 0.43434343$$

...(i)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (i) by 100, we get 100x = 43.434343

Subtracting eqn. (i) from eqn. (ii), we get





$$100x = 43.434343$$

$$x = 0.434343$$

$$99x = 43 \qquad \Rightarrow 99x = 43 \Rightarrow x = \frac{43}{99}$$

Hence, required fraction  $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{43}{99}$ .

(iii) Let 
$$x = 0.2\overline{27} = 0.2272727...$$
 ...(i)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (i) by 10, we get

$$10x = 2.272727...$$
 ...(ii)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (ii) by 100, we get

$$1000x = 227.272727...$$
 ...(iii)

Subtracting eqn. (ii) from (iii), we get

1000x = 227.272727...

$$10x = 2.272727...$$

$$990x = 225$$
  $\Rightarrow 990x = 225$   $\Rightarrow x = \frac{225}{990} = \frac{5}{22}$ 

Hence, required fraction  $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{5}{22}$ .

(iv) Let 
$$x = 0.2\overline{104} = 0.2104104104...$$
 ...(i)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (i) by 10, we get

$$10x = 2.104104104...$$
 ...(ii)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (ii) by 1000, we get

$$10000x = 2104.104104104...$$
 ...(iii)

Subtracting eqn. (ii) from (iii), we get

$$10000x = 2104.104104104$$

$$10x = 2.104104104$$

9990
$$x = 2102$$
  $\Rightarrow$  9990 $x = 2102$   $\Rightarrow$   $x = \frac{2102}{9990} = \frac{1051}{4995}$ 

Hence, required fraction =  $\frac{1051}{4995}$ .





#### Q.4. Express each of the following as a vulgar fraction.

(i) 
$$3.\overline{146}$$

**Ans.** Let 
$$x = 3.\overline{146} = 3.146146$$

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (i) by 1000, we get

$$1000x = 3146.146146146$$

...(ii)

Subtracting eqn. (i) from eqn. (ii), we get

$$1000x = 3146.146146146$$

$$x = 3.146146146$$

$$999x = 3143$$

$$\Rightarrow 999x = 3143 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3143}{999}$$

Hence, required vulgar fraction =  $\frac{3143}{999}$ .

(ii) Let 
$$x = 4.3\overline{24} = 4.324242424$$

...(i)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (i) by 10, we get

$$10x = 43.24242424$$

...(ii)

Multiplying both sides of eqn. (ii) by 100, we get

$$1000x = 4324.24242424$$

...(iii)

Subtracting eqn. (ii) from eqn. (iii), we get

$$1000x = 4324.24242424$$

$$10x = 43.24242424$$

$$990x = 4281 \qquad \Rightarrow 990x = 4281 \Rightarrow x = \frac{4281}{990} = \frac{1427}{330}$$

Hence, required vulgar fraction =  $\frac{1427}{330}$ .

#### Q.5. Insert one rational number between:

(i) 
$$\frac{3}{5}$$
 and  $\frac{7}{9}$ 

(ii) 8 and 8.04

**Ans.** If a and b are two rational numbers, then between these two numbers, one rational number will be  $\frac{(a+b)}{2}$ .

Required rational number between  $\frac{3}{5}$  and  $\frac{7}{9}$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{5} + \frac{7}{9} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{27 + 35}{45} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{62}{45} = \frac{31}{45} : \frac{3}{5} < \frac{31}{45} < \frac{7}{9}.$$





(ii) Required rational number between 8 and 8.04

$$= \frac{1}{2}(8+8.04) = \frac{1}{2}(16.04) = 8.02 \quad \therefore \quad 8 < 8.02 < 8.04$$

# Q.6. Insert two rational numbers between $\frac{3}{4}$ and $1\frac{1}{5}$

Ans. 
$$\frac{3}{4}$$
 and  $1\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{6}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{4} + \frac{6}{5} \right) < \frac{6}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{15 + 24}{20} \right) < \frac{6}{5}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{39}{20} \right) < \frac{6}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < \frac{39}{40} < \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < \frac{39}{40} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{39}{40} + \frac{6}{5} \right) < \frac{6}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < \frac{39}{40} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{39 + 48}{40} \right) < \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < \frac{39}{40} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{87}{40} \right) < \frac{6}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < \frac{39}{40} < \frac{87}{80} < \frac{6}{5}$$

Hence, required rational numbers are  $\frac{39}{40}$  and  $\frac{87}{80}$ .

#### Q.7. Insert three rational numbers between

(ii) 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 and  $\frac{3}{5}$ 

(iv) 
$$2\frac{1}{3}$$
 and  $3\frac{2}{3}$ 

(v) 
$$-\frac{1}{2}$$
 and  $\frac{1}{3}$ 

**Ans.** (i) The given numbers are 4 and 5.

As 
$$4 < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{4+5}{1} \right) < 5 \Rightarrow 4 < \frac{9}{2} < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 < 4.5 < 5 \qquad \dots(i)$$

Again, 
$$4 < \frac{1}{2} \left( 4 + \frac{9}{2} \right) < \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 4 < 4.25 < 4.5 ...(ii)

Again, 
$$4.5 < 5 \Rightarrow 4.5 < \frac{1}{2}(4.5+5) < 5 \Rightarrow 4.5 < 4.75 < 5$$
 ...(iii)

: From eqn. (i), (ii) and (iii), we get 4 < 4.25 < 4.5 < 4.75 < 5.

Thus, required rational numbers between 4 and 5 are 4.25, 4.75 and 4.5.





(ii) The given numbers are  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{5}$ 

As, 
$$\frac{1}{2} < \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{5}\right) < \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{5+6}{10}\right) < \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{11}{10}\right) < \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \frac{11}{20} < \frac{3}{5}$$

Again, 
$$\frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{11}{20} \right) < \frac{3}{5} \implies \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{21}{20} \right) < \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} < \frac{21}{40} < \frac{3}{5}$$
 ...(ii)

Again, 
$$\frac{11}{20} < \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{11}{20} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{11}{20} + \frac{3}{5} \right) < \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{23}{20} \right) < \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \frac{23}{40} < \frac{3}{5} \qquad \dots (iii)$$

From eqn. (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$\frac{1}{2} < \frac{21}{40} < \frac{11}{20} < \frac{23}{40} < \frac{3}{15}$$

Thus, required rational numbers between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{5}$  are  $\frac{21}{40}$ ,  $\frac{11}{20}$  and  $\frac{23}{40}$ .

(iii) The given numbers are 4 and 4.5

As 
$$4 < 4.5 \Rightarrow 4 < \frac{1}{2}(4+4.5) < 4.5$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 < 4.25 < 4.5 \qquad \dots (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 < \frac{1}{2}(4+4.25) < 4.25 \Rightarrow 4 < 4.125 < 4.25$$
 ...(ii)

Again, 4.25 < 4.5

$$\Rightarrow 4.25 < \frac{1}{2}(4.25 + 4.5) + 4.5 \Rightarrow 4.25 < 4.375 < 4.5$$
 ...(iii)

From eqn. (i), (ii) and (iii), we have 4 < 4.125 < 4.25 < 4.375 < 4.5

Thus, required rational numbers between 4 and 4.5 are 4.125, 4.25 and 4.375.





(iv) The given numbers are  $2\frac{1}{3}$  and  $3\frac{2}{3}$  i.e.,  $\frac{7}{3}$  and  $\frac{11}{3}$ .

As 
$$\frac{7}{3} < \frac{11}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{3} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{7}{3} + \frac{11}{3} \right) < \frac{11}{3}$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \frac{7}{3} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{18}{3} \right) < \frac{11}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{3} < \frac{18}{6} < \frac{11}{3}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{7}{3} < 3 < \frac{11}{3}$  ...(i)

Again, 
$$\frac{7}{3} < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{7}{3} + \frac{3}{1} \right) < 3$$
  
 $\frac{7}{3} < \frac{8}{3} < 3$  ...(ii)

Again,  $3 < \frac{11}{3}$ 

$$3 < \frac{1}{2} \left( 3 + \frac{11}{3} \right) < \frac{11}{3} \Rightarrow 3 < \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{20}{3} \right) < \frac{11}{3}$$
$$3 < \frac{10}{3} < \frac{11}{3} \qquad \dots(iii)$$

From eqn. (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$\frac{7}{3} < \frac{8}{3} < 3 < \frac{10}{3} < \frac{11}{3}$$
.

Thus required rational numbers between  $2\frac{1}{3}$  and  $3\frac{2}{3}$  i.e.,  $\frac{7}{3}$  and  $\frac{11}{3}$  are  $\frac{8}{3}$ , 3 and  $\frac{10}{3}$ .

Q.8. Find the decimal representation of  $\frac{1}{7}$  and  $\frac{2}{7}$ . Deduce from the decimal representation of  $\frac{1}{7}$ , without actual calculation, the decimal representation of  $\frac{3}{7}$ ,  $\frac{4}{7}$ ,  $\frac{5}{7}$  and  $\frac{6}{7}$ .





**Ans.** Decimal representation of  $\frac{1}{7}$  using long division method.

$$\frac{0.142871}{7)1.000000}$$
Thus decimal representation of  $\frac{1}{7} = 0.\overline{142857}$ 

$$\frac{7}{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Decimal representation of } \frac{2}{7} = 2 \times \frac{1}{7} = 2 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{285714}$$

$$\frac{28}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Decimal representation of } \frac{3}{7} = 3 \times \frac{1}{7} = 3 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{428571}$$

$$\frac{14}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Decimal representation of } \frac{4}{7} = 4 \times \frac{1}{7} = 4 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{571428}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Decimal representation of } \frac{5}{7} = 5 \times \frac{1}{7} = 5 \times 0.\overline{142857} = 0.\overline{714285}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \text{ Decimal representation of } \frac{6}{7} = 6 \times \frac{1}{7} = 6 \times 0.\overline{142847} = 0.\overline{857142}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Decimal representation of } \frac{6}{7} = 6 \times \frac{1}{7} = 6 \times 0.\overline{142847} = 0.\overline{857142}$$

#### Q.9. State, whether the following numbers are rational or irrational:

(i) 
$$(2+\sqrt{2})^2$$

(ii) 
$$(5+\sqrt{5})(5-\sqrt{5})$$

**Ans.** (i) 
$$(2+\sqrt{2})^2 = 4+2+2\times2\times\sqrt{2} = 6+4\sqrt{2}$$

Hence, it is an irrational number.

(iii) 
$$(5+\sqrt{5})(5-\sqrt{5}) = (5)^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2$$
 [Using  $(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$ ]  
=  $25-5=20$ 

Hence, it is a rational number.

#### Q.10. Given

universal

set = 
$$\{-6, -5\frac{3}{4}, -\sqrt{4}, -\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{3}{8}, 0, \frac{4}{5}, 1, 1\frac{2}{3}, \sqrt{8}, 3.01, \pi, 8.47\}$$

From the given set find:

- (i) Set of rational numbers
- (ii) Set of irrational numbers
- (iii) Set of integers
- (iv) Set of non-negative integers

Ans. The given universal set is

$$\{-6, -5\frac{3}{4}, -\sqrt{4}, -\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{3}{8}, 0, \frac{4}{5}, 1, 1\frac{2}{3}, \sqrt{8}, 3.01, \pi, 8.47\}$$





(i) Set of rational numbers

= 
$$\{-6, -5\frac{3}{4}, -\sqrt{4}, -\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{3}{8}, 0, \frac{4}{5}, 1, 1\frac{2}{3}, 3.01, 8.47\}$$

- (ii) Set of irrational numbers =  $\{\sqrt{8}, \pi\}$
- (iii) Set of integers =  $\{-6, -\sqrt{4}, 0, 1\}$
- (iv) Set of non-negative integers =  $\{0, 1\}$

# Q.11. Use division method to show that $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{5}$ are irrational numbers.

**Ans.** 
$$\sqrt{3} = 1.73205...$$

	1.73205
1	3.00 00 00 00 00
	1
27	200
	189
343	1100
	1029
3462	7100
	6924
346405	1760000
	1732025
	28975
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It is non-terminating and non-recurring decimals.

 $\therefore$   $\sqrt{3}$  is an irrational number.

 $\sqrt{5} = 2.2360679...$ 

2.2360679	
2	5.00 00 00 00 00 00
	1
42	100
	84
443	1600
	1329
4466	27100
	26796
447206	3040000
	2683236
4472127	35676400
	31304889
44721349	437151100
	402492141
	34658959

It is non terminating and non recurring decimals.

 $\therefore \sqrt{5}$  is an irrational number.





### Q.14. Show that $\sqrt{5}$ is not a rational number.

**Ans.** Let  $\sqrt{5}$  is a rational number and let  $\sqrt{5} = \frac{p}{q}$ .

Where p and q have no common factor and  $q \neq 0$ .

Squaring both sides, we get

$$(\sqrt{5})^2 = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^2 = 5 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \Rightarrow p^2 = 5q^2$$
 ...(i)

 $\Rightarrow p^2$  is a multiple of 5  $\Rightarrow p$  is also multiple of 5

Let p = 5m for some positive integer m.

$$p^2 = 25m^2$$
 ...(ii)

From eqn. (i) and (ii), we get

 $5q^2 = 25m^2 \implies q^2 = 5m^2 : q^2$  is multiple of  $5 \implies q$  is multiple of 5

Thus, p and q both are multiple of 5.

This shows that 5 is a common factor of p and q. This contradicts the hypothesis that p and q have no common factor, other than 1.

 $\therefore \sqrt{5}$  is not a rational number.

#### Q.13. Show that:

- (i)  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7})$  is an irrational number
- (ii)  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})$  is an irrational number.

Ans. (i) Let  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7})$  is a rational number.

Then square of given number i.e.,  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7})^2$  is rational.

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7})^2$$
 is rational

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{7})^2 + 2\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{7} = 3 + 7 + 2\sqrt{21} = (10 + 2\sqrt{21})$$
 is rational

But,  $(10+2\sqrt{21})$  being the sum of a rational and irrational is irrational. This contradiction arises by assuming that  $(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{7})$  is rational number.

Hence,  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}$  is an irrational number.





(ii) Let  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})$  is a rational number.

Then square of given number i.e.,  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})^2$  is rational.

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})^2$$
 is rational

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2 + 2\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5} = 3 + 5 + 2\sqrt{15} = (8 + 2\sqrt{15}) \text{ rational.}$$

But,  $(8+2\sqrt{15})$  being the sum of a rational and irrational it is irrational. This contradiction arises by assuming that  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})$  is rational.

Hence,  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})$  is irrational number.

## Q.14. Use method of contradiction to show that $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

**Ans.** (i) Now, Let  $\sqrt{3}$  is a rational number

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q}$$
 (where  $q \neq 0$ )

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

$$\Rightarrow 3 = \frac{p^2}{a^2} \Rightarrow p^2 = 3q^2$$

 $\therefore$   $p^2$  is divisible by 3 as  $3q^2$  is divisible by 3.

$$\Rightarrow$$
 p is divisible by 3.

...(i)

...(ii)

Let p = 3r

Then  $p^2 = 9r^2$  (On squaring both sides)

$$\Rightarrow 3q^2 = 9r^2 \Rightarrow q^2 = 3r^2$$

 $\therefore$  3 $r^2$  is also divisible by 3.

$$\therefore q \text{ is divisible by 3.}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$\frac{p}{q}$$
 is divisible by 3.





 $\therefore$  p and q have 3 as their common factor but  $\frac{p}{q}$  is a rational number i.e. p and q

have no common factor.  $\therefore \frac{p}{q}$  is not rational. So  $\sqrt{3}$  is not rational. Hence,

 $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational number.

#### Q.15. Insert three irrational numbers between 0 and 1.

**Ans.** Three irrational numbers between 0 and 1 can be

0 < 0.1011001110001111... < 0.1010011000111... < 0.202002000200020002... < 1

#### Q.16. Rationalise the denominator and simplify.

$$(i) \ \frac{1}{3-\sqrt{5}}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{6}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}}$$

(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}$$

(iv) 
$$\frac{7+3\sqrt{5}}{3+\sqrt{5}} - \frac{7-3\sqrt{5}}{3-\sqrt{5}}$$

$$(v) \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}$$

(vi) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{11}}$$

Ans. (i) 
$$\frac{1}{3-\sqrt{5}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $3 + \sqrt{5}$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{3-\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{\left(3-\sqrt{5}\right)\left(3+\sqrt{5}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{\left(3\right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{5}\right)^2} = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{9-5} = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{4} \qquad \{\because (a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2\}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{6}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$ , we get

$$\frac{6(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})} = \frac{6(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{5})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2} \quad \{\because (a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2\}$$
$$= \frac{6(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})}{5 - 2} = \frac{6(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})}{3} = 2(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})$$





(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{\left(2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}\right)}{\left(2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}\right)\left(2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}\right)} = \frac{2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}{\left(2\sqrt{5}\right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{3}\right)^2} = \frac{2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}{17}$$

(iv) 
$$\frac{7+3\sqrt{5}}{3+\sqrt{5}} - \frac{7-3\sqrt{5}}{3-\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{(7+3\sqrt{5})(3-\sqrt{5}) - (7-3\sqrt{5})(3+\sqrt{5})}{(3+\sqrt{5})(3-\sqrt{5})}$$

$$= \frac{21-7\sqrt{5}+9\sqrt{5}-15-21-7\sqrt{5}+9\sqrt{5}+15}{(3)^2-(\sqrt{5})^2}$$

$$= \frac{21+2\sqrt{5}-15-21+2\sqrt{5}+15}{9-5} = \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{4} = \sqrt{5}$$

(v) 
$$\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $1-(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})} \times \frac{1-(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})}{1-(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \frac{1-(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})}{(1)^2-(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})^2} = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}{1-(5+3+2\sqrt{15})}$$

$$= \frac{1-\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}{1-8-2\sqrt{15}} = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}{-7-2\sqrt{15}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}-1}{7+2\sqrt{15}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $7-2\sqrt{15}$ , we get

$$\frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 1}{7 + 2\sqrt{15}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3} - 1}{7 + 2\sqrt{15}} \times \frac{(7 - 2\sqrt{15})}{(7 - 2\sqrt{15})}$$

$$= \frac{7\sqrt{5} + 7\sqrt{3} - 7 - 2\sqrt{75} - 2\sqrt{45} + 2\sqrt{15}}{49 - 4(15)}$$

$$= \frac{7\sqrt{5} + 7\sqrt{3} - 7 - 2\times5\sqrt{3} - 2\times3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{15}}{-11}$$





$$= \frac{7\sqrt{5} + 7\sqrt{3} - 7 - 10\sqrt{3} - 6\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{15}}{-11}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{3} - 7 + 2\sqrt{15}}{-11} = \frac{-(7 - \sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{15})}{-11}$$

$$= \frac{7 - \sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{15}}{11}$$

(vi) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{11}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{11}} = \frac{[(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}) + \sqrt{11}]}{[(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}) - \sqrt{11}][\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}) + \sqrt{11}]}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5})^2 - (\sqrt{11})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{6 + 5 + 2\sqrt{30} - 11}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{2\sqrt{30}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{30}$ , we get

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11})\sqrt{30}}{2\sqrt{30} \times \sqrt{30}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{180} + \sqrt{150} + \sqrt{330}}{2\times 30}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{36\times5} + \sqrt{25\times6} + \sqrt{330}}{60}$$

$$= \frac{6\sqrt{5} + 5\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{330}}{60}$$

Q.17. If  $\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1} = a + b\sqrt{3}$ , find the value of a and b.

**Ans.** 
$$\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1} = a + b\sqrt{3}$$

Multiplying both sides numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by  $(\sqrt{3}-1)$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1} = \frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)(\sqrt{3}-1)}{(\sqrt{3}+1)(\sqrt{3}-1)}$$





$$\Rightarrow \frac{3+1-2\sqrt{3}\times 1}{3-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4-2\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2-\sqrt{3}$$
But  $\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1} = a+b\sqrt{3}$ , so  $2-\sqrt{3} = a+b\sqrt{3}$ 

Comparing both sides

$$\Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ and } b = -1$$

Q.18. If  $\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3-\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{2}$ , find the value of a and b.

**Ans.** 
$$\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3-\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by  $3+\sqrt{2}$  , we get

$$\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3-\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(3+\sqrt{2})(3+\sqrt{2})}{(3-\sqrt{2})(3+\sqrt{2})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(3+\sqrt{2})^2}{(3)^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2} \Rightarrow \frac{9+2+2\times 3\sqrt{2}}{9-2} \Rightarrow \frac{11+6\sqrt{2}}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{11}{7} + \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{7} \text{ But } \frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{2} = a+b\sqrt{2}, \text{ so } \frac{11}{7} + \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{7} = a+b\sqrt{2}$$

Comparing both sides, 
$$a = \frac{11}{7}$$
,  $b = \frac{6}{7}$ 

#### Q.19. Simplify:

(i) 
$$\frac{22}{2\sqrt{3}+1} + \frac{17}{2\sqrt{3}-1}$$
 (ii)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}$  (iii)  $\frac{19}{3\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}+2\sqrt{3}}$ 

**Ans.** (i) 
$$\frac{22}{2\sqrt{3}+1} + \frac{17}{2\sqrt{3}-1}$$

By rationalising the denominator of each term, we get

$$\frac{22}{2\sqrt{3}+1} + \frac{17}{2\sqrt{3}-1} = \frac{22}{2\sqrt{3}+1} \times \frac{2\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{3}-1} + \frac{17}{2\sqrt{3}-1} \times \frac{2\sqrt{3}+1}{2\sqrt{3}+1}$$
$$= \frac{44\sqrt{3}-22}{\left(2\sqrt{3}\right)^2 - (1)^2} + \frac{34\sqrt{3}+17}{\left(2\sqrt{3}\right)^2 - (1)^2}$$





$$= \frac{44\sqrt{3} - 22}{12 - 1} + \frac{34\sqrt{3} + 17}{12 - 1} = \frac{44\sqrt{3} - 22}{11} + \frac{34\sqrt{3} + 17}{11}$$
$$= \frac{44\sqrt{3} - 22 + 34\sqrt{3} + 17}{11} = \frac{78\sqrt{3} - 5}{11}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}$$

By rationalising the denominator of each term, we get 
$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2 \times 6} + 2}{(\sqrt{6})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2} - \frac{\sqrt{3 \times 6} - \sqrt{6}}{(\sqrt{6})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 3} + 2}{6 - 2} - \frac{\sqrt{3 \times 3 \times 2} - \sqrt{6}}{6 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 2 - (3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6})}{4} = \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 2 - 3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$$

(iii) 
$$\frac{18}{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}}$$

By rationalising the denominator of each term, we get

$$\frac{18}{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{18}{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{5\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{5\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{54\sqrt{2} + 36\sqrt{3}}{(3\sqrt{2})^2 - (2\sqrt{3})^2} + \frac{5\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{(5\sqrt{2})^2 - (2\sqrt{3})^2}$$

$$= \frac{54\sqrt{2} + 36\sqrt{3}}{18 - 12} + \frac{5\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{38}$$

$$= \frac{19(54\sqrt{2} + 36\sqrt{3}) + 3(5\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3})}{114}$$

$$= \frac{1026\sqrt{2} + 684\sqrt{3} + 15\sqrt{2} - 6\sqrt{3}}{114}$$

$$= \frac{1041\sqrt{2} + 678\sqrt{3}}{114} = \frac{1041\sqrt{2}}{114} + \frac{678\sqrt{3}}{114}$$

$$= \frac{347\sqrt{2}}{38} + \frac{113\sqrt{3}}{19}$$





Q.20. If 
$$x = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 2}{\sqrt{5} + 2}$$
 and  $y = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 2}{\sqrt{5} - 2}$ ; find:  $x^2 + y^2 + xy$ 

(i) 
$$x^2$$

(ii) 
$$y^2$$

(iv) 
$$x^2 + y^2 + xy$$

(i) 
$$x^2$$
 (ii)  $y^2$  (iii)  $xy$   
Ans. (i)  $x = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 2}{\sqrt{5} + 2} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 2}{\sqrt{5} + 2} \times \frac{\sqrt{5} - 2}{\sqrt{5} - 2}$ 

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{5} - 2)^2}{5 - 4} = \frac{5 + 4 - 4\sqrt{5}}{1} = 9 - 4\sqrt{5} \therefore x = 9 - 4\sqrt{5}$$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = (9 - 4\sqrt{5})^2 = 81 + 16(5) - 72\sqrt{5} = 81 + 80 - 72\sqrt{5} = 161 - 72\sqrt{5}$$

(ii) 
$$y = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 2}{\sqrt{5} - 2} \times \frac{\sqrt{5} + 2}{\sqrt{5} + 2} = \frac{5 + 4 + 4\sqrt{5}}{5 - 4} = 9 + 4\sqrt{5}$$
  
 $y = 9 + 4\sqrt{5}$ 

Squaring both sides, we get

$$y^2 = (9 + 4\sqrt{5})^2 = 81 + 80 + 2 \times 9 \times 4\sqrt{5} = 161 + 72\sqrt{5}$$

(iii) 
$$xy = (9 - 4\sqrt{5})(9 + 4\sqrt{5}) = 81 - 80 = 1$$

(iv) 
$$x^2 + y^2 + xy = 161 - 72\sqrt{5} + 161 + 72\sqrt{5} + 1 = 323$$

#### **O.21.** Write down the values of:

(i) 
$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^2$$

(i) 
$$(5+\sqrt{3})^2$$

(iii) 
$$(\sqrt{6} - 3)^2$$

(iv) 
$$(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6})^2$$

**Ans.** (i) 
$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} \times \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} = \frac{9}{4}(\sqrt{2})^2 = \frac{9}{4}\times 2 = \frac{9}{2}$$

(ii) 
$$(5+\sqrt{3})^2 = (5)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2(5)(\sqrt{3})$$
  
=  $25+3+10\sqrt{3}$   
=  $28+10\sqrt{3}$ 

[using  $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$ ]

(iii) 
$$(\sqrt{6} - 3)^2 = (\sqrt{6})^2 + (3)^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{6} \times 3$$
  
=  $6 + 9 - 6\sqrt{6} = 15 - 6\sqrt{6}$ 

[using 
$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$
]

(iv) 
$$(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6}) = (\sqrt{5})^2 + (\sqrt{6})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{6}$$
 [using  $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$ ]  
=  $5 + 6 + 2\sqrt{30} = 11 + 2\sqrt{30}$ 

[using 
$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$
]





#### Q.22. Rationalize the denominator of:

$$(i) \ \frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}}$$

(iii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}$$

(iv) 
$$\frac{2\sqrt{5}+3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{5}-3\sqrt{2}}$$

**Ans.** (i)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}$ 

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$ , we get

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^2}{(\sqrt{3})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{2}}{3 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{3 + 2 - 2\sqrt{6}}{1} = 5 - 2\sqrt{6}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}$ , we get

$$= \frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{5})^2}{(\sqrt{7})^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{7})^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{5}}{7 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{7 + 5 + 2\sqrt{35}}{2} = \frac{12 + 2\sqrt{35}}{2} = \frac{2(6 + \sqrt{35})}{2}$$

$$= 6 + \sqrt{35}$$

(iii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$ , we get

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})^2}{(\sqrt{5})^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2}$$
$$= \frac{(\sqrt{5})^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5}}{5 - 3}$$





$$= \frac{5+3+2\sqrt{15}}{2} = \frac{8+2\sqrt{15}}{2} = \frac{2(4+\sqrt{15})}{2} = 4+\sqrt{15}$$
(iv)  $\frac{2\sqrt{5}+3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{5}-3\sqrt{2}}$ 

Multiplying numerator and denominator by  $2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}$ , we get

$$\frac{2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2})^2}{(2\sqrt{5})^2 - (3\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{(2\sqrt{5})^2 + (3\sqrt{2})^2 + 2\times 2\sqrt{5} \times 3\sqrt{2}}{20 - 18}$$

$$= \frac{20 + 18 + 12\sqrt{10}}{2} = \frac{38 + 12\sqrt{10}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2(19 + 6\sqrt{10})}{2} = 19 + 6\sqrt{10}$$

### Q.23. Find the values of 'a' and 'b' in each of the following:

(i) 
$$\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}} = a+b\sqrt{3}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{7}-2}{\sqrt{7}+2} = a\sqrt{7}+b$$

(iii) 
$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}} = a\sqrt{3}-b\sqrt{2}$$
 (iv)  $\frac{5+3\sqrt{2}}{5-3\sqrt{2}} = a+b\sqrt{2}$ 

(iv) 
$$\frac{5+3\sqrt{2}}{5-3\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{2}$$

(v) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}} = a - b\sqrt{3}$$

(v) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}} = a - b\sqrt{3}$$
 (vi)  $\frac{4\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{10}$ 

**Ans.** (i) 
$$\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}} = a+b\sqrt{3}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by  $(2+\sqrt{3})$ , we get

$$\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{(2+\sqrt{3})^2}{4-3}$$

$$= \frac{(2)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{3}}{1}$$
 {using  $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ }
$$= 4+3+4\sqrt{3} = 7+4\sqrt{3}$$
But  $\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}} = a+b\sqrt{3}$ . So,  $7+4\sqrt{3} = a+b\sqrt{3}$ 

Comparing both sides we get:

$$a = 7$$
 and  $b = 4$ 





(ii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{7}-2}{\sqrt{7}+2} = a\sqrt{7}+b$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by  $\sqrt{7}-2$ , we get

$$\frac{\sqrt{7}-2}{\sqrt{7}+2} = \frac{\sqrt{7}-2}{\sqrt{7}+2} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}-2}{\sqrt{7}-2} = \frac{(\sqrt{7}-2)^2}{7-4}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{7})^2 + (2)^2 - 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{7}}{3}$$
 {using  $(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$ }
$$= \frac{7+4-4\sqrt{7}}{3} = \frac{11-4\sqrt{7}}{3}$$

But 
$$\frac{\sqrt{7}-2}{\sqrt{7}+2} = a\sqrt{7}+b$$
. So,  $\frac{11}{3} - \frac{4\sqrt{7}}{3} = a\sqrt{7}+b$ .

Comparing both sides, we get

$$a\sqrt{7} = \frac{-4\sqrt{7}}{3}$$
 and  $b = \frac{11}{3}$ 

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{-4}{3}$$
 and  $b = \frac{11}{3}$ 

(iii) 
$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}} = a\sqrt{3} - b\sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by 
$$\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$$
, we get
$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2}}{(\sqrt{3})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2}}{3 - 2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2}}{1}$$

Also 
$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}} = a\sqrt{3}-b\sqrt{2}$$
. So,  $3\sqrt{3}+3\sqrt{2} = a\sqrt{3}-b\sqrt{2}$ 

Comparing both sides, we get

$$a = 3$$
 and  $b = -3$ 





(iv) 
$$\frac{5+3\sqrt{2}}{5-3\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by  $5+3\sqrt{2}$ , we get

$$\frac{5+3\sqrt{2}}{5-3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5+3\sqrt{2}}{5-3\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{5+3\sqrt{2}}{5+3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(5+3\sqrt{2})^2}{(5)^2 - (3\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{(5)^2 + (3\sqrt{2})^2 + 2 \times 5 \times 3\sqrt{2}}{25-18} \qquad \{\text{using } (a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2\}$$

$$= \frac{25+18+30\sqrt{2}}{7} = \frac{43+30\sqrt{2}}{7}$$

Also, 
$$\frac{5+3\sqrt{2}}{5-3\sqrt{2}} = a+b\sqrt{2}$$
. So,  $\frac{43}{7} + \frac{30\sqrt{2}}{7} = a+b\sqrt{2}$ 

Comparing both sides, we get:

$$a = \frac{43}{7}$$
 and  $b = \frac{30}{7}$ 

(v) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}} = a - b\sqrt{3}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by  $3\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3}$ , we get:

$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{3\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{3} - 5 \times 3 + 12 \times 2 - 20\sqrt{2} \times 3}{(3\sqrt{2})^2 - (5\sqrt{3})^2}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{2} \times 3 - 15 + 24 - 20\sqrt{2} \times 3}{18 - 75}$$

$$= \frac{9 - 17\sqrt{2} \times 3}{-57} = -\frac{9}{57} + \frac{17\sqrt{6}}{57} = \frac{-3}{19} + \frac{17\sqrt{6}}{57}$$
But  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{3}} = a - b\sqrt{3}$ . So,  $\frac{-3}{19} + \frac{17\sqrt{6}}{57} = a - b\sqrt{6}$ 

Comparing both sides, we get:

$$a = -\frac{3}{19}$$
 and  $b = \frac{-17}{57}$ 





(vi) 
$$\frac{4\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{10}$$

Multiplying numerator and denominator of L.H.S. by 
$$3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2}$$
, we get 
$$\frac{4\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2}}$$
$$= \frac{4\sqrt{5} \times 3\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{5} \times 2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} \times 3\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2} \times 2\sqrt{2}}{(3\sqrt{5})^2 - (2\sqrt{2})^2}$$
$$= \frac{12 \times 5 + 8\sqrt{10} + 9\sqrt{10} + 6 \times 2}{45 - 8}$$
$$= \frac{72 + 17\sqrt{10}}{37} = \frac{72}{37} + \frac{17\sqrt{10}}{37}$$
Also,  $\frac{4\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{10}$ . So,  $a + b\sqrt{10} = \frac{72}{37} + \frac{17\sqrt{10}}{37}$ 

Comparing both sides, we get:

$$a = \frac{72}{37}$$
 and  $b = \frac{17}{37}$