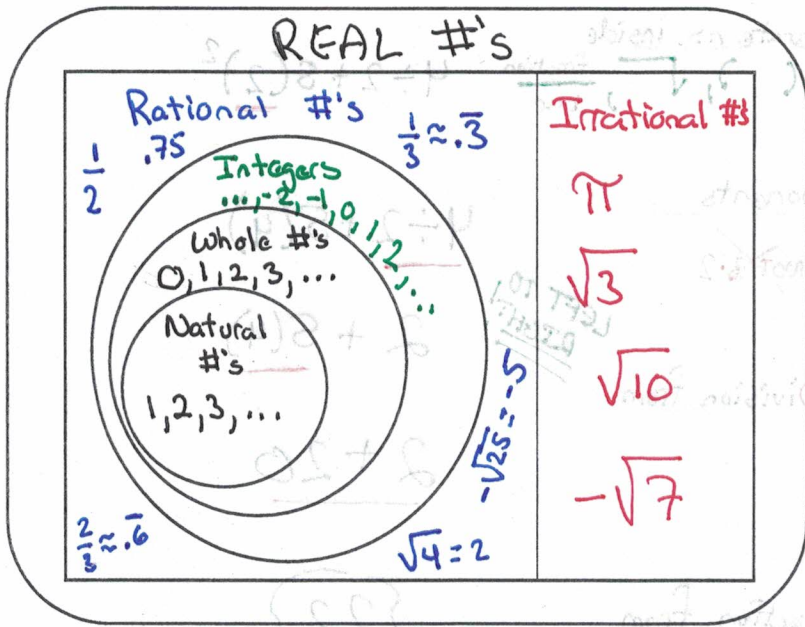


# 1.1 Real Numbers & The Order of Operations

The Venn Diagram below shows the "Set of Real Numbers" and the relationships between the different types of numbers.



## THE SET OF REAL NUMBERS

- Natural Numbers (aka counting numbers): 1, 2, 3, ... *Means it continues*
- No Fractions, No Decimals, No Negatives
- Whole Numbers: 0, 1, 2, 3, ...; are natural numbers and 0.
- Integers: ... -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...; are whole #'s and their opposites.
- Rational Numbers: are #'s that can be written in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  (Fraction), a and b are INTEGERS,  $b \neq 0$ ; in decimal form they are repeating and terminating decimals.
- Irrational Numbers: are numbers that cannot be written in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$ ; in decimal form they are non-terminating and non-repeating. \* If it cannot be made into a fraction it is irrational.

Example 1: Classify each number by writing them in the correct column(s).

	Natural	Whole	Integer	Rational	Irrational
7, $\frac{2}{3} \approx .6$ , -8	7, 1, $\frac{6}{3}$	7, 1, $\frac{6}{3}$	7, -8, 1	7, $\frac{2}{3}$ , -8	$\sqrt{3}$ , $\pi$
$\sqrt{3}$ , 4.5, 1		0	$-\sqrt{25}$ , $\frac{6}{3}$	4.5, $-\sqrt{25}$	1.2345...
$\pi$ , $-\sqrt{25} = -5$ , $\frac{6}{3} = 2$			0	$\frac{6}{3}$ , 0, $\frac{8}{5}$	
0, 1.2345..., $\frac{8}{5} = 1.6$					

Example 2: State what the sign of the answer will be (positive or negative) and then simplify.

a) $5 + (-7)$ $5 - 7$ N; -2	b) $1 - (-4)$ $1 + 4$ P; 5	c) $-5 - 7$ N; -12	d) $(-8) + 8$ $-8 + 8$ 0 Zero is neither positive or negative	e) $9 - (-10)$ $9 + 10$ P; 19	f) $8 + (-3)$ $8 - 3$ P; 5
g) $(-4)(-2)$ P; 8	h) $3(-10)$ N; -30	i) $6(7)$ P; 42	j) $(-8)(7)$ N; -56	k) $(-9)(-5)$ P; 45	l) $(-1)(4)(-5)$ P; 20
m) $(-6) \div (-3)$ $\frac{-6}{-3}$ P; 2	n) $\frac{9}{3}$ P; 3	o) $\frac{-48}{-6}$ P; 8	p) $\frac{-36}{4}$ N; -9	q) $\frac{81}{-9}$ N; -9	r) $\frac{-50}{10}$ N; -5

\* **Order of Operations** – is a set of rules that tells you the order in which to perform mathematical operations in a mathematical statement. All people follow these rules so that they come to the same answer.

You know these rules as “PEMDAS” or “Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally”.

**Please**

**Parentheses** - clear any operations inside  
 GROUPING SYMBOLS  $[ ] , ( ) , \sqrt{\quad}$ ,  $\frac{\text{fraction}}{\text{bar}}$

$$4 \div 2 + 5(10 - 8)^2$$

$$4 \div 2 + 5(2)^2$$

**Excuse**

**Exponents** - simplify exponents  
 Power {  $3^2$  ← exponent  
           ↑ base  
           →  $3 \cdot 3 = 9$  NOT  $3 \cdot 2$

$$4 \div 2 + 5(4)$$

**My**

**Multiplication OR Division** from  
 Left to Right.

LEFT TO RIGHT!

$$2 + 5(4)$$

**Dear**

$$2 + 20$$

**Aunt**

**Addition OR Subtraction** from  
 Left to Right

$$22$$

**Sally**

**Example 3:** Use the Order of Operations to simplify each expression.

a)  $6 - 10 \div 5$

$$6 - 2$$

$$4$$

b.)  $4 \cdot 7 + 4 \div 2^2$

$$4 \cdot 7 + 4 \div 4$$

$$28 + 4 \div 4$$

$$28 + 1$$

$$29$$

c.)  $2[(11 - 5)^2 \div 3]$

$$2[(6)^2 \div 3]$$

$$2[36 \div 3]$$

$$2[12]$$

$$24$$

d.)  $\frac{15(13-11)}{8-5}$

$$\frac{15(2)}{8-5}$$

$$\frac{30}{8-5}$$

$$\frac{30}{3}$$

$$10$$

e.)  $\frac{1}{3}[2(5-1) + \frac{2}{3}(9)]$

$$\frac{1}{3}[2(4) + \frac{2}{3}(9)]$$

$$\frac{1}{3}[8 + \frac{2}{3}(9)]$$

$$\frac{1}{3}[8 + 6]$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(14)$$

$$14/3$$

f.)  $\frac{2+(3^4+1)}{4}$

$$\frac{2+(81+1)}{4}$$

$$\frac{2+82}{4}$$

$$\frac{84}{4}$$

$$21$$

Simplify Top then Bottom!