

1) Assume that  $x$  and  $y$  are integers and

$$6x + 9y = 1$$

$$3(2x + 3y) = 1$$

$$2x + 3y = \frac{1}{3}$$

if  $x$  and  $y$  are integers  $2x$  and  $3y$  must be integers.

Integer + Integer cannot =  $\frac{1}{3}$

$\therefore$  assumption must be false, <sup>no integers</sup>  ~~$x$  and  $y$~~  exist for which  $6x + 9y = 1$

2) Assume  $x$  and  $y$  are integers and

$$30x + 20y = 7$$

$$10(3x + 2y) = 7$$

$$3x + 2y = \frac{7}{10}$$

$3x$  and  $2y$  must be integers.

Integer + Integer = Integer  $\therefore$  assumption must be incorrect.

$\therefore$  No integers exist for  $x$  and  $y$  for which  $30x + 20y = 7$ .

3/ assume  $\sqrt{3}$  can be expressed in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers with no common factor (except 1)

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$3 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

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

$a^2$  (and  $a$ ) must be multiples of 3

$$3b^2 = (3n)^2$$

$$3b^2 = 9n^2$$

$$\cancel{3}b^2 = 3n^2$$

$b^2$  (and  $b$ ) must also be multiples of 3.

$a$  and  $b$  have common factor 3.  $\therefore$  the assumption is incorrect and  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational

4/ Assume  $\sqrt{2}$  can be expressed in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers with no common factors except 1.

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$2b^2 = a^2$$

$a^2$  (and  $a$ ) must be even

$$2b^2 = (2n)^2$$

$$2b^2 = 4n^2$$

$$b^2 = 2n^2$$

$b^2$  (and  $b$ ) must also be even

$a$  and  $b$  have a common factor of 2.  $\therefore$   
the assumption is incorrect and  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational

5/ Assume the sum of a rational number and an irrational number is rational

Let the rational number =  $\frac{a}{b}$  (where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers)

Let the irrational number =  $c$  (which cannot be expressed in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers)

Let their sum =  $\frac{d}{e}$  (where  $d$  and  $e$  are integers)

$$\frac{a}{b} + c = \frac{d}{e}$$

$$c = \frac{d}{e} - \frac{a}{b}$$

$$= \frac{bd}{be} - \frac{ae}{be}$$

$$= \frac{bd - ae}{be}$$

$c$  has been written in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.  $\therefore$  the assumption is incorrect and the sum of a rational and irrational number must be irrational.

6/ assume there are a finite number of primes.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x &= \text{the product of all prime numbers} \\ &= p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3 \times \dots \times p_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } y = x + 1$$

$y$  has no prime factors  $p_1$  to  $p_n$  as there would always be a remainder of 1.

$\therefore$  either  $y$  is prime and the assumption is incorrect  
or  $y$  is not prime and has a factor not listed and the assumption is incorrect.

Either way the assumption is incorrect and there are an infinite number of primes.