

## 7.4 Approximating Square Roots p. 310

Real Numbers - any number found in the real world

- There are 2 main groups

### Rational

any # you can write as a fraction

ex:  $-\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ , 2.25  
 $0.\bar{3}$ ,  $-1.2\bar{4}$

- integers (any + or - whole)  
ex: -1, 4, -8, 300
- whole numbers (+ only)  
ex: positive integers plus 0
- Natural numbers  
ex: 1, 2, 3, etc (+ only)  
(not including 0)

### Irrational

$\pi$ ;  $2\pi$

any nonperfect square root

ex:  $\sqrt{7}$   $\sqrt{2}$

any non perfect cube root

ex:  $\sqrt[3]{12}$   $\sqrt[3]{-19}$

Classify each number:

- Irrational
  - Rational → Integer  
Whole  
Natural
- a)  $\sqrt{12}$  → irrational
- b)  $-0.\bar{25}$  → rational
- c)  $-\sqrt{9}$  → rational, integer
- d)  $\frac{72}{4}$  → rational, integer, whole, natural
- e)  $\pi$  → irrational
- f)  $0.121221222\dots$  → irrational
- g)  $-\sqrt{196}$  → rational, integer
- h)  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  → irrational
- i)  $0.35$  → rational



Approximating a square root:

• estimate to the nearest (a) integer and (b) tenth

1)  $\sqrt{8}$     a) 3  
              b) 2.8

2)  $-\sqrt{13}$     a) -4  
                  b) -3.6

3)  $-\sqrt{24}$     a) -5  
              b) -4.9

4)  $\sqrt{110}$     a) 10  
              b) 10.5

5)  $\sqrt{23}$     a) 5  
              b) 4.8

6)  $\sqrt{71}$     a) 8  
              b) 8.4

Comparing Real Numbers: use  $<$  or  $>$

1)  $\sqrt{5} < 2\frac{2}{3}$

2)  $\sqrt{0.49} < 0.71$

3)  $\sqrt{23} > 4\frac{1}{5}$

4)  $\sqrt{10} > -\sqrt{5}$

5)  $-\sqrt{2} > -2$

6)  $\sqrt{38} < \sqrt{\frac{100}{3}}$