MATH 121 Real Numbers – Chapter R

- 1. Compile a list of 12 real numbers, in order, such that all of the following conditions are met:
 - a) Each number is contained in the interval (1.9, 2).
 - b) Six numbers are rational, and six numbers are irrational.
 - c) One number is written as a fraction, one as a mixed number, one as a terminating decimal, one as a repeating decimal.

d) One number is between $1\frac{19}{21}$ and $1\frac{20}{21}$.

- (a) If one exists, find a real number between .701 and .70101.
 - (b) Find a real number between .701 and the number you produced in part (a).
 - (c) How many real numbers are there between .701 and .70101?
 - (d) Between any two distinct real numbers, how many numbers are there?
 - (e) Can you find a real number between $.\overline{9}$ and 1?
 - (f) What can you conclude from part (e)?
- 3. a) Give an example of an irrational number a between the integers 1 and 2.
 - b) Now, give an example of another irrational number *b* between *a* and 2.
 - c) Now, give an example of another irrational number *c* between *a* and *b*.

Based on your results from parts (a) through (c) above, complete the following:

d) Between any two rational numbers I can always find_____

4. FACT: $\sqrt{17}$ is an irrational number.

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- a) Using only multiplication (use a calculator but not the "square root" function), estimate $\sqrt{17}$ to the nearest thousandth.
- b) Given that the segment below is 1 unit long, how could you construct a segment that is $\sqrt{17}$ units long? Hint: Consider right triangles.
- 5. True or False? If false, provide a counterexample.
 - a) Every real number can be expressed as a decimal.
 - b) Every real number can be expressed as a terminating decimal or a repeating decimal.
 - c) Every real number that can be expressed as a terminating decimal or a repeating decimal is really a fraction of integers in disguise.
- 6. a) Give an example of an rational number (in fractional form) between 1/3 and 1/2.

- b) Give an example of another rational number (in fractional form) between 2/3 and 3/4.
- c) Give an example of another rational number in (in fractional form) between 5/6 and 6/7.
- Based on your results form parts (a) through (c) above, complete the following:
 Between any two rational numbers I can always find______

7. Write a number between 13.252 and 13.2521