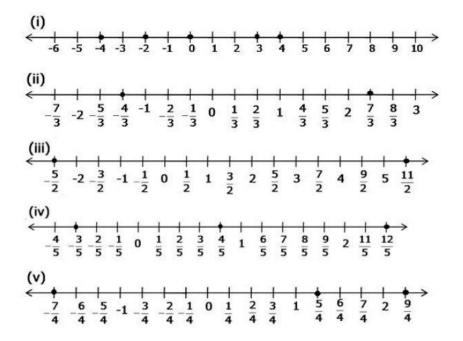
Real Numbers

Exercise - 2.1

Solution 1:



Solution 2(i):

$$\frac{227}{400} = 227 \pm 400$$

$$0.5675$$

$$400) 227.0000$$

$$-2000$$

$$2700$$

$$-2400$$

$$3000$$

$$-2800$$

$$2000$$

$$-2000$$

$$0$$
Hence, $\frac{227}{400} = 0.5675$

Solution 2(ii):

 $\frac{27}{99} = 27 + 99$ $\underbrace{0.2727}_{99} = 27.0000}_{-198}$ 720 $\underbrace{-693}_{270}$ $\underbrace{-693}_{720}$ $\underbrace{-693}_{27}$ $\underbrace{27}_{99} = 0.2727...$ Hence, $\frac{27}{99}$ is a recurring decimal Hence, $\frac{27}{99} = 0.2727... = 0.\overline{27}$

Solution 2(iii):

$$\frac{15}{7} = 15 \pm 7$$

$$\frac{2.142857}{7)}$$

$$\frac{15.000000}{-14}$$

$$\frac{-14}{10}$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{-56}{40}$$

$$\frac{-35}{50}$$

$$\frac{-49}{1}$$

$$\frac{15}{7} = 2.142857...$$
 is a non-terminating decimal

Solution 2(iv):

$$\frac{3}{5} = 3 \div 5$$

 $5) \frac{0.6}{3.0}$
 $\frac{-30}{0}$
Hence, $\frac{3}{5} = 0.6$

Solution 2(v):

$$\frac{17}{125} = 17 + 125$$

$$\frac{0.136}{125}$$

$$\frac{-125}{450}$$

$$\frac{-375}{750}$$

$$\frac{-750}{0}$$
Hence, $\frac{17}{125} = 0.136$

Solution 2(vi):

$$\frac{\frac{2}{11}}{\frac{2}{11}} = 2 \div 11$$

$$\frac{0.1818}{11}$$

$$\frac{11}{2.00}$$

$$\frac{-11}{90}$$

$$\frac{-88}{20}$$

$$\frac{-11}{90}$$

$$\frac{-88}{2}$$

$$\frac{2}{11} = 0.1818...$$
Hence, $\frac{2}{11} = 0.1818...$ is a recurring decimal
$$\therefore \frac{2}{11} = 0.\overline{18}$$

Solution 2(vii):

$$\frac{17}{8} = 17 + 8$$

$$\frac{2.125}{8) 17.000}$$

$$\frac{-16}{10}$$

$$\frac{-8}{20}$$

$$\frac{-16}{40}$$

$$\frac{-40}{0}$$
Hence, $\frac{17}{18} = 2.125$

Solution 3(i):

$$0.\overline{6} = 0.6666...$$

Let x = 0.6666....
 $\therefore 10x = 6.6666... = 6.\overline{6}$
 $10x - x = 6.\overline{6} - 0.\overline{6}$
 $\therefore 9x = 6$
 $\therefore x = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$

Solution 3(ii):

$$0.\overline{37} = 0.3737....$$

Let x = 0.3737....
 $\therefore 100x = 37.3737... = 37.\overline{37}$
 $100x - x = 37.\overline{37} - 0.\overline{37}$
 $\therefore 99x = 37$
 $\therefore x = \frac{37}{99}$

Solution 3(iii):

2.
$$\overline{17} = 2.1717...$$

Let x = 2.1717... = 2. $\overline{17}$
 $\therefore 100x = 217.1717... = 217.\overline{17}$
 $100x - x = 217.\overline{17} - 2.\overline{17}$
 $\therefore 99x = 215$
 $\therefore x = \frac{215}{99}$

Solution 3(iv):

$$17.89 = 17.8989...$$
Let x = 17.8989... = 17.89
$$\therefore 100x = 1789.89... = 1789.89$$

$$100x - x = 1789.89 - 17.89$$

$$\therefore 99x = 1772$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1772}{99}$$

Solution 3(v):

 $13.\overline{514} = 13.\overline{514}...$ Let x = 13.514... = 13.514 :. 1000x = 13514.514... = 13514.514 1000x - x = 13514.514 - 13.514 :. 999x = 13501 :. x = $\frac{13501}{999}$ Exercise – 2.2

Solution 1:

i. |11-25| = |-14| = 14 ii. |9|+|-9| = 9+9= 18 iii. |6×3+(−6)×3 = |18+(-18)| = 0 = 0 iv. |x + 5 - (7 + x)|= |×+5-7-×| = |5-7| = |-2| = 2 v. | 4 | x |-8| = 4x8 = 32 vi. 3(3-8)+(-5) = 3(-5)+(-5) = | - 15 - 5| = | - 20 | = 20

Solution 2:

i.
$$|x - 2| = 6$$

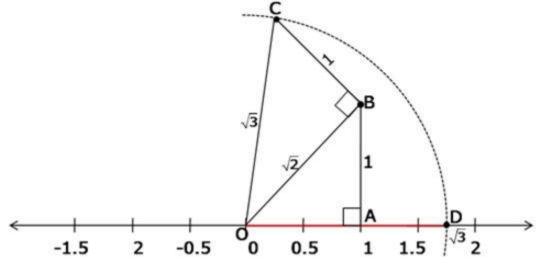
:. $x - 2 = +6$ or $x - 2 = -6$
:. $x = 6 + 2$ or $x = -6 + 2$
:. $x = 8$ or $x = -4$
ii. $|3x - 6| = 21$
:. $3x - 6 = +21$ or $3x - 6 = -21$
:. $3x = 21 + 6$ or $3x = -21 + 6$
:. $3x = 27$ or $3x = -15$
:. $x = 9$ or $x = -5$
iii. $|4x - 2| = 10$
:. $4x - 2 = +10$ or $4x - 2 = -10$
:. $4x = 10 + 2$ or $4x = -10 + 2$
:. $4x = 12$ or $4x = -8$
:. $x = 3$ or $x = -2$
iv. $|-(2x - 3)| = 7$
:. $-2x + 3 = +7$ or $-2x + 3 = -7$
:. $-2x = 7 - 3$ or $-2x = -7 - 3$
:. $-2x = 4$ or $-2x = -10$
:. $x = -2$ or $x = 5$
v. $|x - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{3}{2}$
:. $x - \frac{1}{2} = +\frac{3}{2}$ or $x - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}$
:. $x = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ or $x = -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$
:. $x = 2$ or $x = -1$

Solution 3:

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i. x > 2 ; y < 2
x > 2
∴2 < x
But y < 2 and 2 < x
∴y < 2 < x
∴x > y
ii. x = 4 ; 4 < y
x = 4
But 4 < y
∴x < y
iii. x > -3 ; -6 > y
x > -3 and y < -6
y < x
∴x > y
iv. -x = 5 ; -5 < y
x = -5 and y > -5
Substituting -5 for x
∴y > x
∴x < y
x > 5 ; y < -5
v. x > 5 and y < -5
∴x > y
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Solution 4:

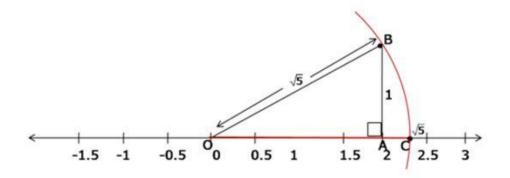
 $\sqrt{3}$ can be shown on the number line as follows :



Draw a number line.

Mark a point O representing zero. Take a point OA such that OA = 1. Now draw a perpendicular line segment AB to OA, such that AB = 1. Join the points O and B. Let us find $\sqrt{2}$ Consider ΔOAB , Since AB is perpendicular to OA, ΔOAB is a right triangle. In ΔOAB , OB² = OA² + AB² (Pythagoras' Theorem) $\therefore OB^2 = 1^2 + 1^2$ $\therefore OB^2 = 2, \therefore OB = \sqrt{2}$ We know that 3 can be written as, 3 = 2 + 1 $\therefore 3 = (\sqrt{2})^2 + 1^2$

:. Taking OB as the base draw a line segment BC = 1 unit, such that BC \perp OB. :. \triangle OBC is a right triangle. In \triangle OBC, $OC^2 = OB^2 + OC^2$ (Pythagoras' Theorem) :. $OC^2 = (\sqrt{2})^2 + 1^2$:. $OC^2 = 2 + 1 = 3$:. $OC = \sqrt{3}$ Draw an arc of radius OC and centre O The arc intersects the number line at point D :. $\sqrt{3}$ is thus marked at point D on the number line.



Take point A on numberline such that OA = 2 Construct AB, of length of 1 unit,⊥ to OA.

.: ΔOAB is a right triangle.

In $\triangle OAB (OB)^2 = (OA)^2 + (AB)^2$ (Pythagoras' Theorem)

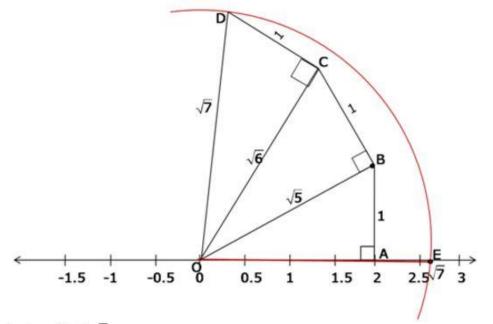
$$(OB)^2 = 2^2 + 1^2$$

$$\therefore (OB)^2 = 5, \therefore OB = \sqrt{5}$$

Draw an arc of radius OB taking Oas centre.

The arc intersects the number line at point C

 $\therefore \sqrt{5}$ is thus marked at point C on the number line.



Let us find √5

Draw a number line.

Mark a point O representing zero.

Take point A on numberline such that OA = 2

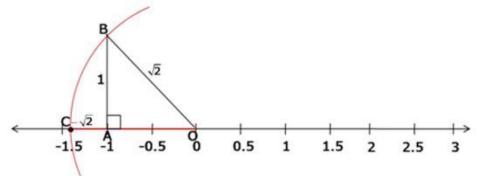
Construct $AB \perp OA$ such that AB = 1 unit.

.: ΔOAB is a right triangle.

In $\triangle OAB$, $(OB)^2 = (OA)^2 + (AB)^2$ (Pythagoras' Theorem) $(OB)^2 = 2^2 + 1^2$ $\therefore (OB)^2 = 5, \therefore OB = \sqrt{5}$ Now, let us find √6 Construct BC⊥OB, such that BC=1 unit. : AOBC is a right triangle. In $\triangle OBC$, $OC^2 = OB^2 + BC^2$ (Pythagoras' Theorem) $\therefore OC^2 = \left(\sqrt{5}\right)^2 + 1^2$: OC² = 5+1 = 6 $\therefore OC = \sqrt{6}$ Now, let us find $\sqrt{7}$ Construct CD \perp OC, such that CD = 1 unit. In $\triangle OCD$, $OD^2 = OC^2 + CD^2$ (Pythagoras' Theorem) $\therefore OD^2 = \left(\sqrt{6}\right)^2 + 1^2$: OD² = 6+1 = 7 : OD = $\sqrt{7}$ Draw an arc of radius OD and centre O The arc intersects the number line at E.

:. $\sqrt{7}$ is thus marked at point E on the number line.

Solution 5:



Take point A on a numberline such that A = -1:. OA = 1Construct $AB \perp OA$ such that AB = 1 unit. Since $AB \perp OA$, $\triangle OAB$ is a right triangle In $\triangle OAB$ (OB)² = (OA)² + (AB)² (Pythagoras' Theorem)

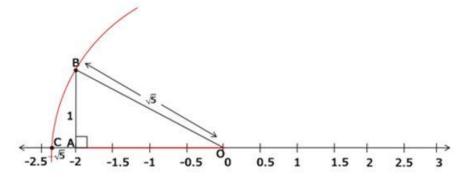
$$(OB)^2 = 1^2 + 1^2$$

$$(OB)^2 = 2, : OB = \sqrt{2}$$

Draw an arc of radius OB taking Oas centre.

The arc intersects the number line, in the left direction at C.

 $\therefore -\sqrt{2}$ is thus marked at point C on the number line.



Take point A on a numberline such that A = -2

:: OA = 2

Construct $AB \perp OA$ such that AB = 1.

In $\triangle OAB (OB)^2 = (OA)^2 + (AB)^2$ (Pythogoras' Theorem)

$$(OB)^2 = 2^2 + 1^2$$

$$\therefore (OB)^2 = 5, \therefore OB = \sqrt{5}$$

Draw an arc of radius OB taking Oas centre.

The arc intersects the number line in the left direction at C.

 $\therefore -\sqrt{5}$ is thus marked at point C on the number line.

Solution 6:

Let us prove this by the method of contradiction. Suppose $5 + \sqrt{5}$ is a rational number.

 $\therefore 5 + \sqrt{5} = \frac{a}{b} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} b \neq 0, \text{ and } a \text{ and } b \text{ has no} \\ \text{common factor except 1} \end{pmatrix}$ $\therefore \sqrt{5} = \frac{a}{b} - 5$ $= \frac{a - 5b}{b}$ $\therefore \text{ and } b \text{ are integers, } \frac{a - 5b}{b} \text{ is a rational number.}$

But $\frac{a-5b}{b} = \sqrt{5}$, which is not a rational number,

which is a contradiction.

Hence our assumption that $5 + \sqrt{5}$ is

a rational number is wrong.

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

Solution 7:

Numbers

i.- 0.2 and -0.22 $-0.2 = -\frac{2}{10} = -\frac{20}{100} = -\frac{200}{1000} \text{ and } -0.22 = -\frac{22}{100} = -\frac{220}{1000}$ Hence the numbers between $-\frac{200}{1000} \text{ and } -\frac{220}{1000}$: $\therefore -\frac{200}{1000} > -\frac{201}{1000} > -\frac{202}{1000} -\frac{203}{1000} > \dots > \frac{219}{1000} > -\frac{220}{1000}$ $\therefore -0.2 > -0.201 > -0.202 > -0.203.... > 0.219 > -0.22$ ii. -5 and -6 $-5 = \frac{-5}{1} = \frac{-50}{10} = \text{ and } -6 = \frac{-6}{1} = \frac{-60}{10}$ Hence the numbers between $\frac{-50}{10}$ and $\frac{-60}{10}$: $\therefore -\frac{-50}{10} > \frac{-51}{10} > \frac{-52}{10} > \frac{-53}{10} \dots > \frac{-59}{10} > \frac{-60}{10}$ iii. 0 and 1 $1 = \frac{1}{1} = \frac{10}{10}$ Hence the numbers between 0 = and $\frac{10}{10}$: $\therefore 0 < \frac{1}{10} < \frac{2}{10} < \frac{3}{10} < \dots \frac{9}{10} < \frac{10}{10}$ iv. 2 and 3 $2 = \frac{2}{1} = \frac{20}{10} \text{ and } 3 = \frac{3}{1} = \frac{30}{10}$ Hence the numbers between $\frac{20}{10}$ and $\frac{30}{10}$: $\therefore \frac{20}{10} < \frac{21}{10} < \frac{22}{10} < \frac{23}{10} < \dots < \frac{29}{10} < \frac{30}{10}$ $\therefore 2.0 < 2.1 < 2.2 < 2.3 < \dots < 2.9 < 3.0$ v. $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{10}{20} = \text{ and } \frac{3}{2} = \frac{30}{20}$ Hence the numbers between $\frac{10}{20}$ and $\frac{30}{20}$: $\therefore \frac{10}{20} < \frac{11}{20} < \frac{12}{20} < \frac{13}{20} < \dots < \frac{29}{20} < \frac{30}{20}$ $\therefore \frac{1}{2} < \frac{11}{20} < \frac{12}{20} < \frac{13}{20} < \dots < \frac{29}{20} < \frac{3}{2}$

Solution 8:

Solve
$$\frac{x-3}{x^2+4} \ge \frac{5}{x^2+4}$$

Let $x^2 + 4 = a$
$$\therefore \frac{x-3}{a} \ge \frac{5}{a}$$

$$\therefore x-3 \ge 5$$

$$\therefore x \ge 5+3$$

$$\therefore x \ge 8$$

Exercise – 2.3

Solution 1:

A surd in the form of $\sqrt[n]{a}$ is an irrational root of a positive rational number 'a', where n \neq 1, is a positive natural number.

i. 35

7 is a positive rational number. $\sqrt[3]{7}$ is an irrational number. $\sqrt[3]{7}$ is a surd.

ii. **∜**0.16

= ∜0.4×0.4 = ∛0.4

0.4 is a positive rational number.

 $\sqrt{0.4}$ is an irrational number.

∴ **∜**0.16 is a surd

III. V18

= $\sqrt[3]{8}$

= \sqrt{2}

2 is a positive rational number.

 $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

∴ ∛√8 is a surd

iv. $\sqrt{-5}$ -5 is not a positive rational number. :. $\sqrt{-5}$ is not a surd.

v.
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3 \times 5}}$$
$$= \frac{1 \times \sqrt{3 \times 5}}{\sqrt{3 \times 5} \times \sqrt{3 \times 5}}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{15}}{15} = \frac{1}{15}\sqrt{15}$$
$$\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \text{ is a surd.}$$

3.7 is a positive rational number.

√3.7 isan irrational number.

 $\therefore \sqrt{0.333}$ is a surd.

vii. √576

= 24

24 is a positive rational number.

 $\therefore \sqrt{576}$ is not a surd.

viii.
$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{4}}$$

= $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$
= $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5}$
5 is a positive rational number.
 $\sqrt{5}$ is an irrational number.
 $\therefore \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}}$ is a surd
ix. $\sqrt{\frac{22}{7}}$
 $\frac{22}{7}$ is a positive rational number.
 $\sqrt{\frac{22}{7}}$ is an irrational number.
 $\therefore \sqrt{\frac{22}{7}}$ is a surd
x. $\sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt{9}}$
= $\sqrt[3]{2 + 3}$
= $\sqrt[3]{5}$
5 is a positive rational number.
 $\sqrt[3]{5}$ is an irrational number.
 $\sqrt[3]{5}$ is an irrational number.
 $\sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt{9}}$ is a surd

Solution 2:

i. $\sqrt{101}$ $\sqrt{101}$ is a surd of order 2

ii. **∛**5

∛5 is a surd of order 3

iii.∜29

∜29is a surd of order 4

iv. ∜7

∜7 is a surd of order 4

v. **∛**4³

 $\sqrt[7]{4^3}$ is a surd of order 7

Solution 3:

- i. $4\sqrt{5}$ = $\sqrt{16 \times 5}$ = $\sqrt{80}$
- II. 3√6 = √9×6 = √54

III.
$$\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{6}$$
$$= \sqrt{6 \times \frac{16}{9}}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{32}{3}}$$

iv. 5∛5 = ∛5×125 = ∛625

v. 2∜3 = ∜3×16 = ∜48

Solution 4:

- i. $\sqrt{27}$ = $\sqrt{9 \times 3}$ = $3\sqrt{3}$ ii. $\sqrt{50}$ = $\sqrt{25 \times 2}$ = $5\sqrt{2}$ iii. $\sqrt[3]{40}$ = $\sqrt[3]{8 \times 5}$ = $2\sqrt[3]{5}$ iv. $\sqrt[4]{32}$ = $\sqrt[4]{16 \times 2}$ = $2\sqrt[4]{2}$ v. $\sqrt[5]{15625}$
 - . ₹15625 = \$**/5**6 = \$5×55 = 5 \$5

Solution 5:

i. $\sqrt{11}, \sqrt{13}$ Both surds have the same order, i.e. 2 $\therefore \sqrt{11} < \sqrt{13}$

II. √3,∛2

Let us convert the surds in the same order The order of $\sqrt{3}$ is 2 and the order of $\sqrt[3]{2}$ is 3 L.C.M of 2 and 3 is 6 (2×3 = 6) $\sqrt{3} = \sqrt[6]{3^3} = \sqrt[6]{27}$ $\sqrt[3]{2} = \sqrt[6]{2^2} = \sqrt[6]{4}$ $27 > 4, \therefore \sqrt[6]{27} > \sqrt[6]{4}$ $\therefore \sqrt{3} > \sqrt[3]{2}$

111. ∛4, ∜6

Let us convert the surds in the same order The order of $\sqrt[3]{4}$ is 3 and the order of $\sqrt[3]{6}$ is 4 L.C.M of 3 and 4 is 12 (3 × 4 = 12) $\sqrt[3]{4} = \sqrt[3]{4^4} = \sqrt[3]{256}$ $\sqrt[3]{6} = \sqrt[3]{6^3} = \sqrt[3]{216}$ 256 > 216, $\therefore \sqrt[3]{256} > \sqrt[3]{216}$ $\therefore \sqrt[3]{4} > \sqrt[3]{6}$ iv. ∜80,∜40

Let us convert the surds in the same order The order of $\sqrt[9]{80}$ is 8 and the order of $\sqrt[9]{40}$ is 4 L.C.M of 8 and 4 is 8 $\sqrt[9]{40} = \sqrt[9]{40^2} = \sqrt[9]{1600}$ As, 1600>80, $\therefore \sqrt[9]{1600} > \sqrt[9]{80}$ $\therefore \sqrt[9]{40} > \sqrt[9]{80}$

v. ∜64, ∜128
Let us convert the surds in the same order
The order of ∜64 is 4 and the order of ∜128 is 6
L.C.M of 4 and 6 is 12

∜64 = ¹√64³ = ¹√262144
∜128 = ¹√128² = ¹√16384,
∴ ¹√262144 > ¹√16384
∴ ¹√262144 > ¹√16384
∴ ¹√64 > ¹√128

Solution 6:

: \$5 = 1253

Consider the surds, ∜4, ∛3 and ∜5 The above surds are not in the same order. To arrange them in the descending order, Convert the surds into surds of the same order. The order of the surds are 4, 3 and 6 respectively. L.C.M of 4, 3, 6 is 12.

= $\sqrt[125]{125}$ And $\sqrt[3]{3} = \sqrt[12]{3}$ = $\sqrt[12]{81}$ Also, $\sqrt[6]{4} = \sqrt[12]{4^{2}}$ = $\sqrt[12]{16}$ Compare the surds by comparing their radicands. 125> 81>16 : $\sqrt[12]{125} > \sqrt[12]{81} > \sqrt[12]{16}$: The surds in the descending order are $\sqrt[6]{5} > \sqrt[3]{3} > \sqrt[6]{4}$

Exercise – 2.4

Solution 1:

ii. 7
$$\sqrt{5}$$
 - 4 $\sqrt{5}$ + $\sqrt{125}$
= $\sqrt{5}$ (7 - 4) + $\sqrt{25 \times 5}$
= 3 $\sqrt{5}$ + 5 $\sqrt{5}$
= $\sqrt{5}$ (5 + 3)
= 8 $\sqrt{5}$

iii.
$$4\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{32} - 3\sqrt{2}$$

= $4\sqrt{4 \times 2} + \sqrt{16 \times 2} - 3\sqrt{2}$
= $4 \times 2\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2}$
= $8\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2}$
= $\sqrt{2}(8 + 4 - 3)$
= $9\sqrt{2}$

iv.
$$\sqrt{50} - \sqrt{98} + \sqrt{162}$$

= $\sqrt{25 \times 2} - \sqrt{49 \times 2} + \sqrt{81 \times 2}$
= $5\sqrt{2} - 7\sqrt{2} + 9\sqrt{2}$
= $\sqrt{2}(5 - 7 + 9)$
= $7\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{v.} & 7\sqrt{48} - \sqrt{72} - \sqrt{27} + 3\sqrt{2} \\ &= 7\sqrt{16 \times 3} - \sqrt{36 \times 2} - \sqrt{9 \times 3} + 3\sqrt{2} \\ &= 7 \times 4\sqrt{3} - 6\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2} \\ &= 28\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3} - 6\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} \\ &= \sqrt{3}(28 - 3) + \sqrt{2}(-6 + 3) \\ &= 25\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{2} \\ \text{vi.} & 5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{27} + 4\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{9 \times 3} + 4\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{3}} \\ &= 5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{9 \times 3} + 4\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{3}} \\ &= 5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3} + 4\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= 5\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3} + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ &= \sqrt{3}\left[5 + 6 + \frac{4}{3}\right] \\ &= \sqrt{3}\left[\frac{11 + \frac{4}{3}}{3}\right] \\ &= \sqrt{3}\left[\frac{33 + 4}{3}\right] \\ &= \sqrt{3}\left[\frac{37}{3}\right] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vii.} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{243} - \sqrt{\frac{27}{4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{81\times3} - \sqrt{\frac{27}{4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\times9\sqrt{3} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{9}{2}\sqrt{3} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ &= \sqrt{3}\left(\frac{9}{2} - \frac{3}{2}\right) \\ &= \sqrt{3}\left(3\right) = 3\sqrt{3} \\ \text{viii.} \sqrt{\frac{8}{9}} - 3\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} + 5\sqrt{\frac{9}{8}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{4\times2}{9}} - 3\sqrt{\frac{1\times2}{2\times2}} + 5\sqrt{\frac{9}{4\times2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} + 5\times\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} + \frac{15}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1\times2}{2\times2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} + \frac{15}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1\times2}{2\times2}} \\ &= \sqrt{2}\left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{15}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{35}{12}\sqrt{2} = \frac{35\sqrt{2}}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$=\frac{35\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}}{12 \times \sqrt{2}}$$

$$=\frac{35 \times 2}{12 \times \sqrt{2}} = \frac{35}{6\sqrt{2}}$$

ix. $4\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{8} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$

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

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

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

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

$$= \sqrt{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2}\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \times . \ 8\sqrt[3]{16} + \sqrt[3]{54} + \sqrt[3]{250} \\ &= 8\sqrt[3]{8\times2} + \sqrt[3]{27\times2} + \sqrt[3]{125\times2} \\ &= 8\times2\sqrt[3]{2} + 3\sqrt[3]{2} + 5\sqrt[3]{2} \\ &= 16\sqrt[3]{2} + 3\sqrt[3]{2} + 5\sqrt[3]{2} \\ &= 16\sqrt[3]{2} + 3\sqrt[3]{2} + 5\sqrt[3]{2} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{2} \left(16 + 3 + 5\right) \\ &= 24\sqrt[3]{2} \end{array}$

Exercise – 2.5

Solution 1:

(i) √3×√7 $=\sqrt{3\times7}$ = \sqrt{21} (ii) 3√11 × √10 $= 3\sqrt{11 \times 10}$ $= 3\sqrt{110}$ (iii) 4√12 × 7√16 $=4\sqrt{3\times4}\times7\times4$ $= 4 \times 2\sqrt{3} \times 28$ $= 8\sqrt{3} \times 28$ = 224 /3 (iv) ∛2×∜3 Convert the surds in the same order The order of ∛2 is 3 and the order of ∜3 is 4 L.C.M of 3 and 4 is 12 (3 × 4 = 12) $\sqrt[3]{2} = \sqrt[12]{2^4} = \sqrt[12]{16}$ **∜**3 = ¹**%**3³ = ¹**%**27 ∴ 32×43 = 1216×27 = 12/432 (v) ∛3×∜2 Convert the surds in the same order The order of $\sqrt[3]{3}$ is 3 and the order of $\sqrt[3]{2}$ is 6 L.C.M of 3 and 6 is 6

Solution 2:

- (i) ∛2×∛3×∛4 = ∛2×3×4 = 324 (ii) ∛3×√3×∛2 Convert the surds in the same order L.C.M of 3 and 2 is 6 (3x2=6): 33= 33 = 99; $\sqrt{3} = \sqrt[3]{3} = \sqrt[6]{3} = \sqrt[6]{27}$ $\sqrt[3]{2} = \sqrt[6]{2^2} = \sqrt[6]{4}$
 - ∴ ∛3×√3×∛2 = ∜9×∜27×∜4 $= \sqrt[9]{9 \times 27 \times 4} = \sqrt[9]{9 \times 27 \times 4}$ = ∜972
- (iii) ∛2×∜2×√2

Convert the surds in the same order L.C.M of 3, 4 and 2 is 12

- ∴ ³√2 = ¹2√2⁴ = ¹2√16 $\sqrt[4]{2} = \sqrt[12]{2^3} = \sqrt[12]{8}$ $\sqrt{2} = \sqrt[12]{2^6} = \sqrt[12]{64}$ $\therefore \sqrt[3]{2} \times \sqrt[4]{2} \times \sqrt{2} = \sqrt[13]{16} \times \sqrt[13]{8} \times \sqrt[13]{64}$ $= \frac{13}{16 \times 8 \times 64} = \frac{13}{16 \times 8 \times 64}$ = 12/8192
- (iv) 2×∛4×3×∛16 = 6 × 34 × 316 The order of ∛4 and ∛16 is 3 ∴6×∛4×∛16 $= 6 \times \sqrt[3]{4 \times 16} = 6 \times \sqrt[3]{64}$ $= 6 \times 4 = 24$
- (v) 3×332×3×√4 = 9 × 332 × 2 = 18 × 332

Convert the surds in the same order $332 = \sqrt[3]{2^5} = 2 \times \sqrt[3]{2^2}$ ∴ 18×∛32 = 18×2×∛4 = 36×∛4

Solution 3:

(i)
$$\sqrt{98} + \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{98 + 2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

(ii) $8\sqrt{28} + 2\sqrt{7} = 8\sqrt{7 \times 4} + 2\sqrt{7} = \frac{8\sqrt{7 \times 4}}{2\sqrt{7}} = \frac{8 \times 2\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{7}} = 8$
(iii) $\sqrt[4]{27} + \sqrt[4]{3} = \sqrt[4]{3^3} + \sqrt[4]{3} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{3 \times 3 \times 3}{3}} = \sqrt[4]{9}$
(iv) $\sqrt[3]{5} + \sqrt[4]{3}$
Convert the surds into surds of same order,
L.C.M of 3 and 4 is 12
 $\sqrt[3]{5} = \sqrt[14]{5^4}; \sqrt[4]{3} = \sqrt[14]{3^3}$
 $\therefore \sqrt[3]{5} + \sqrt[4]{3} = \sqrt[14]{5^4} + \sqrt[14]{3^3} = \frac{\sqrt[14]{5^4}}{\sqrt[14]{3^3}} = \sqrt[14]{\frac{5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5}{3 \times 3 \times 3}} = \sqrt[14]{\frac{625}{27}}$
(v) $5\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{2}$
 $= 5 \times \sqrt[3]{\frac{4}{2}} = 5\sqrt[3]{2}$

Solution 4:

(i)
$$\sqrt[9]{24} + (\sqrt[3]{3}\sqrt{2})$$
 (L.C.M of 6, 3 and 2 = 6)
= $\frac{\sqrt[9]{24}}{\sqrt[6]{3^2} \times \sqrt[6]{2^3}}$
= $\frac{\sqrt[6]{2\times2\times2\times3}}{\sqrt[6]{3\times3\times2\times2\times2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{3}}$

(ii)
$$\sqrt[3]{24} \div (\sqrt[4]{2},\sqrt[3]{3})$$
 (L.C.M of 3, 4 = 12)
= $\frac{\sqrt[12]{(24)^4}}{\sqrt[12]{2^3} \times \sqrt[12]{3^4}}$
= $\sqrt[12]{\frac{24 \times 24 \times 24 \times 24}{2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}} = \sqrt[12]{512}$

(iii) 27 ∛18 ÷ 3 ∛9 = <u>27 ∛18</u> 3 ∛9 = <u>9 ∛9×2</u> ∛9 = 9 ∛<u>9×2</u> 9 ∛<u>9×2</u>

$$(iv)\sqrt{x^{3}v^{3}} + \sqrt[3]{x^{4}v^{3}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{x^{3}v^{3}}}{\sqrt[6]{x^{4}v^{3}}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[6]{(x^{3}v^{3})^{3}}}{\sqrt[6]{(x^{4}v^{3})^{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt[6]{(x^{9}v^{9})}}{\sqrt[6]{(x^{8}v^{6})}} \quad (L.C.M \text{ of } 2 \text{ and } 3 \text{ is } 6)$$

$$= \sqrt[6]{\frac{(x^{9}v^{9})}{x^{8}v^{6}}}$$

$$= \sqrt[6]{\frac{(x^{9}v^{9})}{1}} = \sqrt[6]{xv^{3}}$$

$$(v)\sqrt{m^{2}n^{2}} \times \sqrt[3]{m^{2}n^{2}} \times \sqrt[3]{m^{2}n^{2}}$$
 (L.C.M of 2, 6 and 3 is 6)

$$= \sqrt[6]{(m^{2}n^{2})^{3}} \times \sqrt[6]{m^{2}n^{2}} \times \sqrt[6]{(m^{2}n^{2})^{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt[6]{m^{6}n^{6}} \times \sqrt[6]{m^{2}n^{2}} \times \sqrt[6]{m^{4}n^{4}}$$

$$= \sqrt[6]{m^{6}n^{6}} \times m^{2}n^{2} \times m^{4}n^{4}$$

$$= \sqrt[6]{m^{6+2+4}n^{6+2+4}} = \sqrt[6]{m^{12}n^{12}}$$

$$= m^{2}n^{2}$$

Exercise – 2.6

Solution 1(i):

Square root of
$$7 - 2\sqrt{10}$$

= $\sqrt{7 - 2\sqrt{10}}$
= $\sqrt{(5+2) - 2\sqrt{5 \times 2}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{5})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 - 2\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{2}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})^2 \dots [\because a^2 + b^2 - 2ab = (a-b)^2]}$
= $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$
 \therefore Square root of $7 - 2\sqrt{10}$ is $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$

Solution 1(ii):

Square root of
$$8 + 2\sqrt{15}$$

= $\sqrt{8 + 2\sqrt{15}}$
= $\sqrt{(5+3) + 2\sqrt{5 \times 3}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{5})^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{3}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})^2} \quad \dots \left[\because a^2 + b^2 + 2ab = (a+b)^2\right]$
= $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$
 \therefore Square root of $8 + 2\sqrt{15}$ is $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}$

Solution 1(iii):

Square root of
$$5 - 2\sqrt{6}$$

= $\sqrt{5 - 2\sqrt{6}}$
= $\sqrt{(3 + 2) - 2\sqrt{3 \times 2}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 - 2\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{2}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^2} \dots [\because a^2 + b^2 - 2ab = (a - b)^2]$
= $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$
:: Square root of $5 - 2\sqrt{6}$ is $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$

Solution 1(iv):

Square root of
$$47 + 4\sqrt{33}$$

= $\sqrt{47 + 4\sqrt{33}}$
= $\sqrt{(44 + 3) + 2 \times \sqrt{132}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{44})^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{44} \times \sqrt{3}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{44} + \sqrt{3})^2}$
= $\sqrt{44} + \sqrt{3}$

: Square root of $47 + 4\sqrt{33}$ is $\sqrt{44} + \sqrt{3}$.

Solution 1(v):

Square root of
$$31 + 4\sqrt{21}$$

= $\sqrt{31 + 4\sqrt{21}}$
= $\sqrt{(28 + 3) + 2 \times \sqrt{21 \times 4}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{28})^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{28} \times \sqrt{3}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{28} + \sqrt{3})^2}$
= $\sqrt{28} + \sqrt{3}$
: Square root of $31 + 4\sqrt{21}$ is $\sqrt{28} + \sqrt{3}$.

Solution 1(vi): Square root of $19 + 8\sqrt{3}$ $= \sqrt{19 + 8\sqrt{3}}$ $= \sqrt{(16 + 3) + 2 \times 4\sqrt{3}}$ $= \sqrt{(16 + 3) + 2 \times \sqrt{3 \times 16}}$ $= \sqrt{(\sqrt{16})^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{3}}$ $= \sqrt{(\sqrt{16} + \sqrt{3})^2}$ $= \sqrt{16} + \sqrt{3}$ $= 4 + \sqrt{3}$

∴ Square root of 19+8√3 is 4+√3.

Solution 1(vii):

Square root of
$$17 + 12\sqrt{2}$$

= $\sqrt{17 + 12\sqrt{2}}$
= $\sqrt{(17) + 2 \times 6\sqrt{2}}$
= $\sqrt{(17) + 2 \times \sqrt{2 \times 36}}$
= $\sqrt{(9+8) + 2 \times \sqrt{9 \times 8}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{9})^2 + (\sqrt{8})^2 + 2 \times \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{8}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{8})^2}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{8})^2}$
= $\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{8}$
= $3 + \sqrt{8}$

∴ Square root of 17 + 12√2 is 3 + √8.

Solution 1(viii):

Square root of
$$73 - 12\sqrt{35}$$

= $\sqrt{73 - 12\sqrt{35}}$
= $\sqrt{(45 + 28) - 2 \times 6\sqrt{35}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{45})^2 + (\sqrt{28})^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{35 \times 36}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{45})^2 + (\sqrt{28})^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{45 \times 28}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{45})^2 + (\sqrt{28})^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{45 \times \sqrt{28}}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{28})^2}$
= $\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{28}$

: Square root of $73 - 12\sqrt{35}$ is $\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{28}$.

Solution 1(ix):

Square root of
$$21 - \sqrt{440}$$

= $\sqrt{21 - \sqrt{440}}$
= $\sqrt{(11 + 10) - 2\sqrt{\frac{440}{4}}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{11})^2 + (\sqrt{10})^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{110}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{11})^2 + (\sqrt{10})^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{11} \times \sqrt{10}}$
= $\sqrt{(\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{10})^2}$
= $\sqrt{11 - \sqrt{10}}$

: Square root of $21 - \sqrt{440}$ is $\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{10}$.

Solution 1(x):
Square root of
$$3 + \sqrt{5}$$

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

: Square root of $3 + \sqrt{5}$ is $\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Solution 2(i):

$$\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}}$$
$$= \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{\left(\sqrt{5}\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

Solution 2(ii):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$= \frac{1\sqrt{3}}{2(\sqrt{3})^2}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

Solution 2(iii):

$$\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3(\sqrt{3})^2}$$
$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}$$

Solution 2(iv):

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{8}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{8}} \times \frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{8}}$$
$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{8}}{2(\sqrt{8})^2}$$
$$= \frac{3\sqrt{24}}{16}$$
$$= \frac{3\sqrt{6 \times 4}}{16}$$
$$= \frac{6\sqrt{6}}{16}$$
$$= \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{8}$$

Solution 2(v):

$$\frac{3\sqrt[3]{5}}{\sqrt[3]{9}} = \frac{3\sqrt[3]{5}}{\sqrt[3]{9}} \times \frac{\sqrt[3]{9}}{\sqrt[3]{9}} \times \frac{\sqrt[3]{9}}{\sqrt[3]{9}}$$
$$= \frac{3\sqrt[3]{5} \times \sqrt[3]{9} \times \sqrt[3]{9}}{(\sqrt[3]{9})^3}$$
$$= \frac{3\sqrt[3]{5} \times 9 \times 9}{9}$$
$$= \frac{3\times 3\sqrt[3]{15}}{9}$$
$$= \sqrt[3]{15}$$

Solution 2(vi):

$$\frac{5+\sqrt{6}}{5-\sqrt{6}} = \frac{5+\sqrt{6}}{5-\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{5+\sqrt{6}}{5+\sqrt{6}}$$
$$= \frac{\left(5+\sqrt{6}\right)^2}{\left(5\right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{6}\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{25+10\sqrt{6}+6}{25-6}$$
$$= \frac{31+10\sqrt{6}}{19}$$

Solution 2(vii):

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

Solution 2(viii):

$$\frac{2\sqrt{8}}{2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{2}(2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})}{(2\sqrt{5})^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2}$$

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{2}(2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})}{20 - 3}$$

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{2}(2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})}{17}$$

Solution 2(ix):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{11}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{11}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{\left(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}\right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{11}\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{\left(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}\right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{11}\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{6 + 5 + 2\sqrt{6}\sqrt{5} - 11}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{2\sqrt{30}}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}}{2\sqrt{30}} \times \frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{30}}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{30}\left(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}\right)}{2\left(\sqrt{30}\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{30}\left(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}\right)}{60}$$

Solution 2(x):

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$$\frac{\sqrt{a+\times} + \sqrt{a-\times}}{\sqrt{a+\times} - \sqrt{a-\times}} = \frac{\sqrt{a+\times} + \sqrt{a-\times}}{\sqrt{a+\times} - \sqrt{a-\times}} \times \frac{\sqrt{a+\times} + \sqrt{a-\times}}{\sqrt{a+\times} + \sqrt{a-\times}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\sqrt{a+\times} + \sqrt{a-\times}\right)^{2}}{\left(\sqrt{a+\times}\right)^{2} - \left(\sqrt{a-\times}\right)^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a+\times + a-\times + 2\sqrt{a+\times}\sqrt{a-\times}}{a+\times - a+\times}$$

$$= \frac{2a+2\sqrt{a^{2}-\times^{2}}}{2\times}$$

$$= \frac{a+\sqrt{a^{2}-\times^{2}}}{\times}$$

Solution 3:

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

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}-1} = a + b\sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)^2}{(\sqrt{3})^2 - (1)^2} = a + b\sqrt{3}$$

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

$$\frac{4 - 2\sqrt{3}}{2} = a + b\sqrt{3}$$

$$2 - \sqrt{3} = a + b\sqrt{3}$$

Equating the values of both the sides we get, a = 2 and b = -1

... The values of a and b are 2 and -1 respectively.

Solution 4:

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

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

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

$$\frac{6 + 2\sqrt{6} + 3\sqrt{6} + 6}{18 - 12} = a - b\sqrt{6}$$

$$\frac{12 + 5\sqrt{6}}{6} = a - b\sqrt{6}$$

$$2 + \frac{5}{6}\sqrt{6} = a - b\sqrt{6}$$

Equating the values of both the sides we get,

$$a = 2 \text{ and } b = -\frac{5}{6}$$

: The values of a and b are 2 and $-\frac{5}{6}$ respectively.