



Problem:

Prove that the number $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Solution:

Let's prove from the contrary. Let $\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}$, where $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, и $(m, n) = 1$, $\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^2 = m^2/n^2$, let's denote $a = m^2, b = n^2 \Rightarrow a \geq 0, b > 0 \Rightarrow 3 - 2\sqrt{6} + 2 = a/b \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \left(5 - \frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = (2\sqrt{6})^2 \Rightarrow (5b - a)^2 = 24b^2 \Rightarrow (5b - a)^2 : b^2 \Rightarrow (5b - a) : b \Rightarrow a : b$, but $(m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow \Rightarrow (m^2, n^2) = 1$, i. e., $(a, b) = 1 \Rightarrow b = 1 \Rightarrow (5 - a)^2 = 24, |5 - a| = \sqrt{24}$, but $\sqrt{24} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

The assertion is proved.