

- On a sheet of paper, please write your name and what you think your weakest area in math is.

# Real Numbers

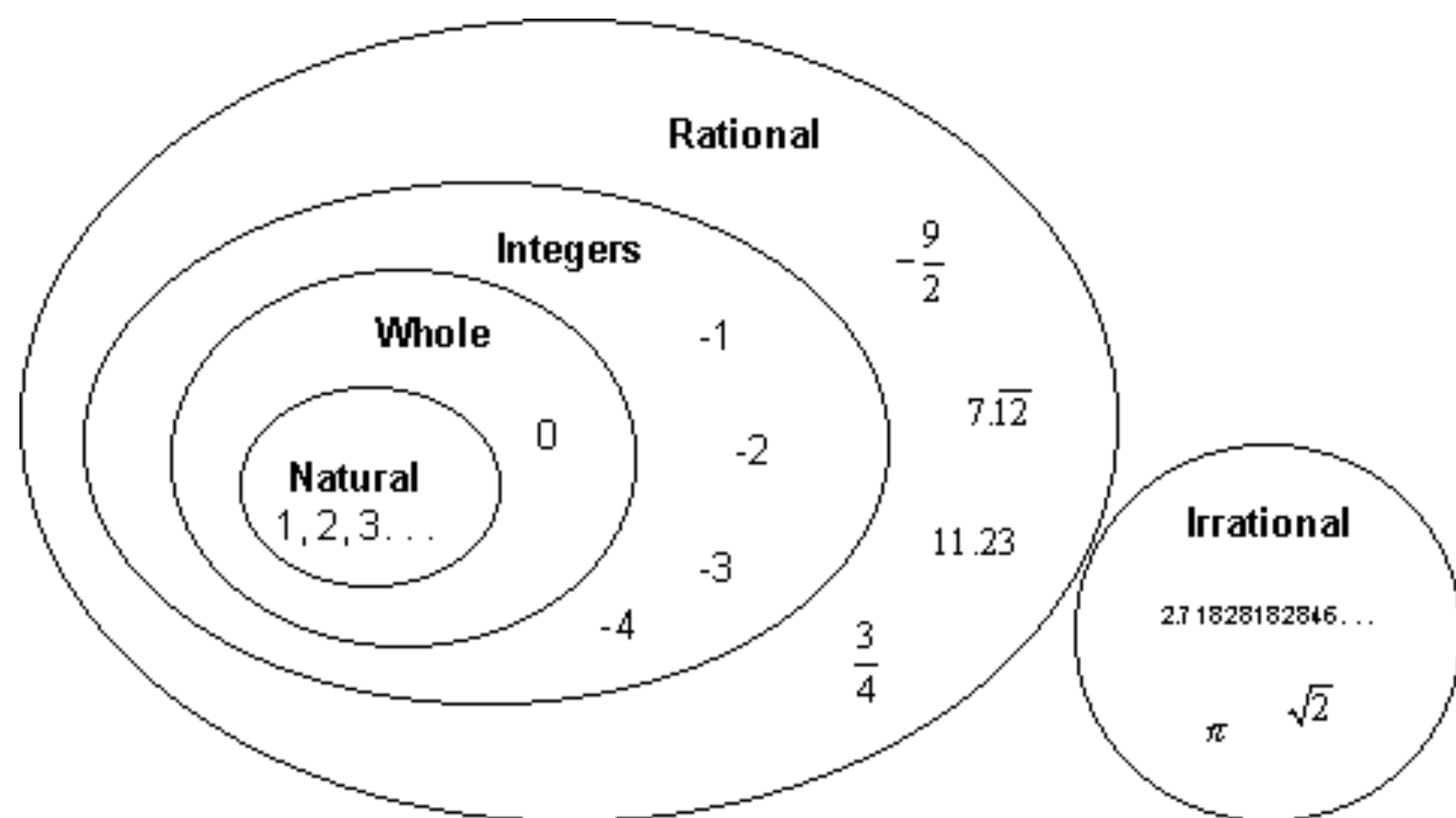
Day 2

# The Real Number Line



# Organization of Real Numbers

- **Real Numbers:**  $\{-\infty \text{ to } \infty\}$ 
  - **Rational numbers**
    - Def: **ALL RATIONAL NUMBERS** CAN BE REPRESENTED AS A FRACTION ( $p/q$ ,  $q \neq 0$ )
    - Ex: 0, 1,  $-1/3$ ,  $2 \frac{3}{100}$ ,  $-1.2525252525$
    - Note: Numbers with decimals that either repeat or terminate
    - **Integers**
      - Ex: 0, -1, 2, -3, 4, -5
      - **Whole Numbers**
        - » Ex: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
        - » Def: **Every positive** integer
        - » **Natural Numbers**
          - Ex: 1, 2, 3, 4
          - Def: **Every positive** whole number **except for 0**, is a natural number
  - **Irrational numbers**
    - Def: **NONE OF THE IRRATIONAL NUMBERS** CAN BE REPRESENTED AS A FRACTION
    - Ex:  $\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\pi$
    - Note: Numbers with non-repeating non-terminating decimals



# Examples

0.33333

$-\sqrt{17}$

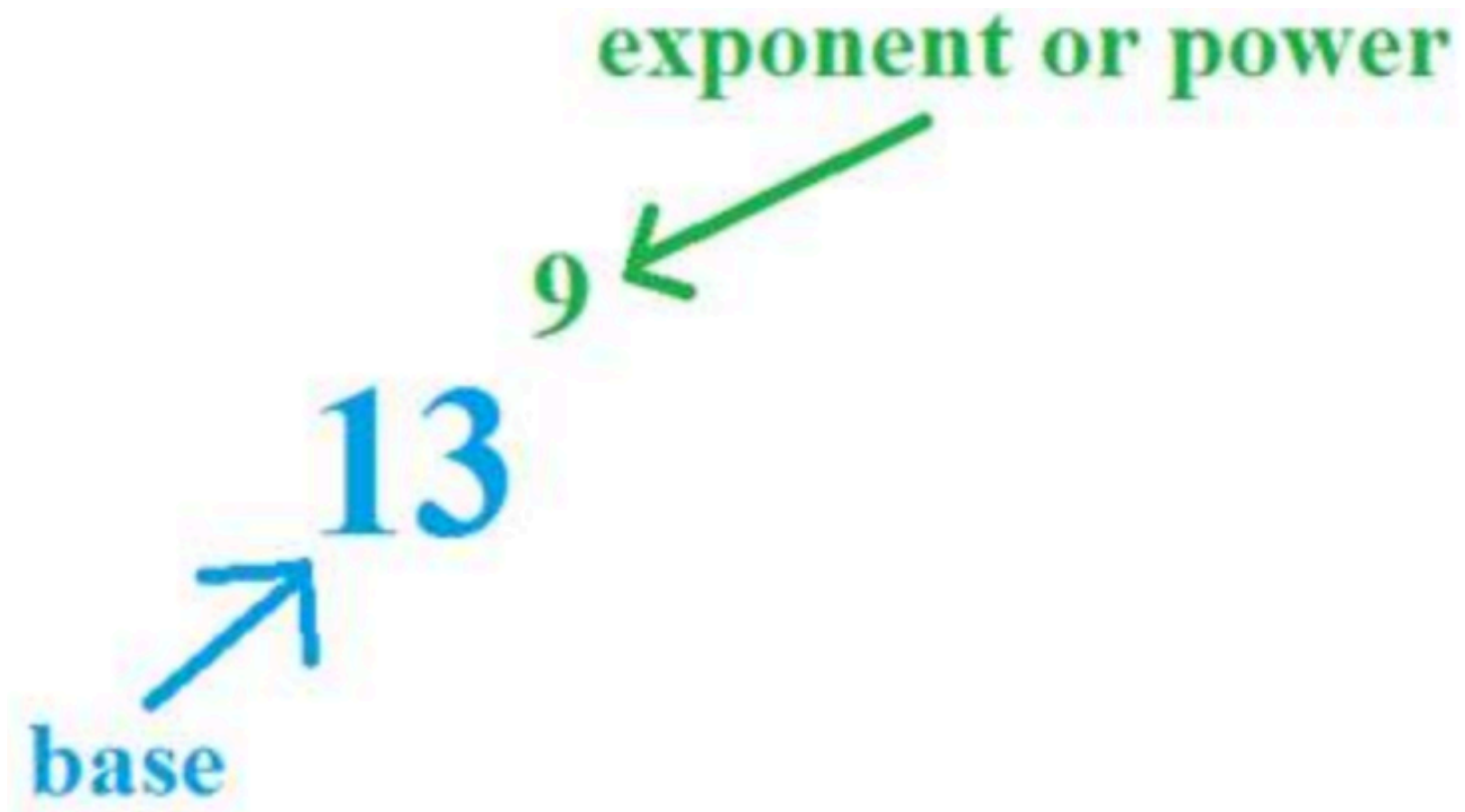
.2523

3.14159...

-1297.3131313131313131

Review:  
Fractions, LCM, and LCD  
See section 1.1

# Exponents and the Order of Operations





# Exponents

An exponent, or power, is denoted as a superscript (raised number) to the right of another number, the base. It means, to multiply the base by its self, that many times.

$b^p$

$b$ , is the base

$p$ , is the power

Examples:

$$x^2 = x * x$$

$$3^3 = 3 * 3 * 3$$

# Class Examples

Try solving these:

$$3^2=$$

$$2^4=$$

$$4^2=$$

$$9^2=$$

# Class Examples

Try solving these:

$$3^2=9$$

$$2^4=16$$

$$4^2=16$$

$$2^3=8$$

Question:

Why is  $2^4=4^2$  but  $2^3 \neq 3^2$ ?

# Class Examples

Try solving these:

$$3^2 = 3 * 3 = 9$$

$$2^5 = 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 = 32$$

$$5^2 = 5 * 5 = 25$$

$$9^3 = 9 * 9 * 9 = 729$$

# Rules of Exponents

$$a^{-b}=1/(a^b)$$

$$a^b a^c = a^{b+c}$$

$$a^b / a^c = a^{b-c}$$

# Examples

$$2^{-1}$$

$$5^2 5^3$$

$$5^4 / 5^2$$

# Rules of Exponents(cont.)

$$(a^b)^c = a^{bc}$$

$$a^{1/b} = \sqrt[b]{a} = c$$

(Why is this special? Because  $a = c^b$  )

$$(a/b)^c = a^c / b^c$$

# Examples

$$(2^3)^2$$

$$25^{1/2}$$

$$(7/5)^2$$



# Class Examples

Try solving these:

$$3^2 3^2$$

$$2^5 2^{-3}$$

$$25^{1/2}$$

$$9^{3/2}$$

$$(4/9)^{1/2}$$

# Class Examples

Try solving these:

$$3^2 3^2 = 3^4 = (3 * 3) (3 * 3) = 9 * 9 = 81$$

$$2^5 2^{-3} = 2^{5-3} = (2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 2) / (2 * 2 * 2) = 2^2 = 4$$

$$25^{1/2} = 5$$

$$9^{3/2} = \sqrt{9 * 9 * 9} = \sqrt{3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3} = 3 * 3 * 3 = 27$$

$$(4/9)^{1/2} = 2/3$$

# Lingo

- Please see the table on pg 39 in your ebook.

# Practice

**Skill Practice** Translate each English phrase to an algebraic expression.

15. The product of 6 and  $y$

[Answer](#)

16. The difference of the square root of  $t$  and 7

[Answer](#)

17. Twelve less than  $x$

[Answer](#)

18. Twelve less  $x$

[Answer](#)

19. One more than two times  $x$

[Answer](#)

20. Five subtracted from the absolute value of  $w$

[Answer](#)