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## Rationalization

The process of making denominator of a irrational number to a rational by multiplying with a suitable number is called rationalization.

This process is adopted when the denominator of a given number is irrational.

The number by which we multiply the denominator or convert it into rational is called rationalizing factor.

**1.** Rationalise the denominators of the following:

(i) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}}$$

Ans.

(i) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{1 \times \sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{7}$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6}} = \frac{1 \times (\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6})}{(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6})(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6})}$$

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$$(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}) = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$$
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$$= \frac{(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6})}{(\sqrt{7})^2 - (\sqrt{6})^2} = \frac{(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6})}{7 - 6}$$
$$= \frac{(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6})}{1} = (\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6})$$
Thus, 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}} = (\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6})$$

Solve these questions:  
(iii) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}$$
 (iv)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}$ 

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-2}$$

2. Simplify: 
$$\frac{6}{2\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} - \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}$$

3. Simplify: 
$$\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6}+2} - \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}$$

4. Show that: 
$$\frac{1}{3-\sqrt{8}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}-\sqrt{7}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{6}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}-2} = 5$$