## 1. Fill in the details of the proof of the Archimedean Property

## (i) Given any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that n > x.

- Use a proof by contradiction
- Assume  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \ \ni \ n \leq x \ \forall \ n \in \mathbb{N}$
- Then  $\exists \ \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $\alpha = \sup \mathbb{N}$
- Then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha 1 < n$
- Then  $\alpha < n + 1$
- Oops.

(ii) Given any real number y > 0, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < y$ . • Let  $x = \frac{1}{y}$  and apply part (i) 1. Find  $r = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\sqrt{2} < r < \sqrt{3}$ 

- 2. Find  $r = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\frac{333}{106} < r < \frac{22}{7}$
- 3. Find a value for the denominator *n* that guarantees there is a rational  $r = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\sqrt{2} < r < \sqrt{3}$
- 4. For arbitrary  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , find a value for the denominator n that guarantees there is a rational  $r = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that a < r < b