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page 207 **ANSWERS EXERCISE 2A Question 10**, should read:

- 10** The graph G is r -regular.
 $\therefore \sum \deg(V_i) = \text{number of vertices} \times r$
 $= pr$
 But $\sum \deg(V_i) = 2 \times \text{number of edges}$
 $= 2q$
 $\therefore 2q = pr$
 $\therefore q = \frac{pr}{2}$

The following erratum was made on 25/May/2016

page 52 **SECTION D Example 23**, should read:

Example 23

Prove that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Proof: (By contradiction)

Suppose that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational.

$$\therefore \sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q} \text{ where } p, q \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \gcd(p, q) = 1$$

Since $\gcd(p, q) = 1$, there exist $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $rp + sq = 1$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}(rp + sq) = (\sqrt{2}p)r + (\sqrt{2}q)s$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{2} = (\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}q)r + (\sqrt{2}\frac{p}{\sqrt{2}})s \quad \{\text{using } \sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}\}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{2} = 2qr + ps$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{2} \text{ is an integer} \quad \{\text{since } p, q \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \text{ and } r, s \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

This is a contradiction, so $\sqrt{2}$ must be irrational.

We saw a different proof for the irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$ earlier.

