

Recall: The simplest quadratic relation is  $y = x^2$

On rearranging, it is possible to get answers in the form  $x = \pm\sqrt{y}$

$$x^2 = 5$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

With actual values, we might see results such as

$$\sqrt{5} \quad 3\sqrt{2} \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

It is often required to keep answers in this exact form.

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## Working With Radicals

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index  
understood  
to be 2

$$\sqrt[2]{5}$$

radical sign

index of 3

$$\sqrt[3]{5}$$

radicand

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## A) Multiplying &amp; Dividing Radicals

In general,  $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$

and  $\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$  where  $b \neq 0$

$$\sqrt{144(625)}$$

Ex.1 Simplify.

(a)  $\sqrt{(4)(9)}$

$$= \sqrt{4} \sqrt{9}$$

$$= 2(3)$$

$$= 6$$

(b)  $\sqrt{\frac{16}{9}} = \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{9}}$

$$= \frac{4}{3}$$

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## B) Simplifying Radicals

A radical is in its simplest form when:

- the radicand has no perfect square factors (other than 1)

$$\sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

- the radicand contains no fractions

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- no radical appears in the denominator

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

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Ex.2 Simplify

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \sqrt{32} &= \sqrt{16 \cdot 2} \\ &= \sqrt{16} \sqrt{2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad 2\sqrt{75} &= 2\sqrt{(25)(3)} \\ &= 2\sqrt{25} \sqrt{3} \\ &= 2(5)\sqrt{3} \\ &= 10\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad -3\sqrt{8} \\ &= -3\sqrt{(2)(2)(2)} \\ &= -3(2)\sqrt{2} \\ &= -6\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{72}{25}} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{72}}{\sqrt{25}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{36} \sqrt{2}}{5} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{5} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{5} \end{aligned}$$

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## C) Adding &amp; Subtracting Radicals

- they must have the same radicand.
- simplify radicals to ensure like terms (same radicand) are revealed.

Ex.3 Simplify

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad 4\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{5} + 6\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{5} & \quad 4x - 2y + 6x + 5y \\ &= 10\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{5} \quad \quad \quad = 10x + 3y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad 2\sqrt{12} - 5\sqrt{27} + 3\sqrt{48} &= 2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{9}\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{16}\sqrt{3} \\ &= 2(2)\sqrt{3} - 5(3)\sqrt{3} + 3(4)\sqrt{3} \\ &= 4\sqrt{3} - 15\sqrt{3} + 12\sqrt{3} \\ &= \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

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## D) Binomial Multiplication of Radicals

Recall:  $(a+b)(c+d) = ac + ad + bc + bd$

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|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
|    | a  | +b |
| c  | ac | bc |
| +d | ad | bd |

Ex.4 Expand &amp; Simplify

$$(3\sqrt{5} + 2)(2\sqrt{5} - 3)$$

$$= (3\sqrt{5})(2\sqrt{5}) + (3\sqrt{5})(-3) + (2)(2\sqrt{5}) + 2(-3)$$

$$= 6\sqrt{25} - 9\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{5} - 6$$

$$= 30 - 5\sqrt{5} - 6$$

$$= 24 - 5\sqrt{5}$$

$$(3x+2)(2x-3)$$

$$= 6x^2 + 4x - 9x - 6$$

$$= 6x^2 - 5x - 6$$

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## E) Rationalizing the Denominator

A radical is not permitted in the denominator. If the denominator is a binomial, multiply by the conjugate of the denominator.

Given  $a\sqrt{b} + c\sqrt{d}$ , the conjugate would be  $a\sqrt{b} - c\sqrt{d}$

Given  $a\sqrt{b} - c\sqrt{d}$ , the conjugate would be  $a\sqrt{b} + c\sqrt{d}$

Ex.5 <sup>State</sup> ~~Find~~ the conjugate of each radical

(a)  $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$

(b)  $3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{10}$

conj:  $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}$

conj:  $3\sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{10}$

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Ex.6 Rationalize the denominator

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(4\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})} \\
 &= \frac{(4\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3}) + (4\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2}) + (-2\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}) + (-2\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3}) + (\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2}) + (-\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}) + (-\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{2})} \\
 &= \frac{4\sqrt{9} + 4\sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{6} - 2\sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{4}} \\
 &= \frac{12 + 2\sqrt{6} - 4}{3 - 2} \\
 &= \frac{8 + 2\sqrt{6}}{1} \\
 &= 8 + 2\sqrt{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Assigned Work:

p.167 # 1-7(odd), do even letters for extra practice  
# 9, 10, 12, 15\*, 16\*

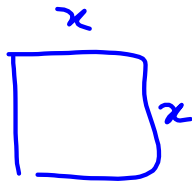
2b, 6e, 9, 12

$$2(b) \sqrt{11} \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{66}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 6(e) & -5\sqrt{45} + \sqrt{52} + 3\sqrt{125} \\
 &= -5\sqrt{9}\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{4}\sqrt{13} + 3\sqrt{25}\sqrt{5} \\
 &= -15\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{13} + 15\sqrt{5} \\
 &= 2\sqrt{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

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9.



$$x^2 = 450$$

$$x = \sqrt{450}, \quad x > 0 \text{ length}$$

$$= \sqrt{25 \sqrt{18}}$$

$$= 5 \sqrt{18}$$

$$= 5 \sqrt{9 \sqrt{2}}$$

$$= 15 \sqrt{2}$$

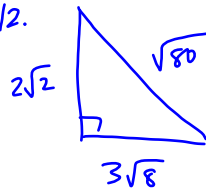
$$x = \sqrt{450}$$

$$= \sqrt{225 \sqrt{2}}$$

$$= 15 \sqrt{2}$$

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12.



$$P = 2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{80}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{4\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{16\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{5}$$

$$= 8\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{5}$$

$$A = \frac{bh}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(3\sqrt{8})(2\sqrt{2})}{2}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{16}$$

$$= 12$$

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