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Notes

Algebra Section 11.2

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Goal: “Simplify radicals using the product property”
“Multiply radicals”
“Simplify radicals using the quotient property”
“Rationalize the denominator”
“Add and Subtract Radicals”

Radicals are simplest form when:

1. The number under the _____ has no _____.
2. No _____ have an _____ greater than 1.
3. There are no _____ under the radical sign.
4. There are no _____ in the _____.

Properties of Radicals

Product Property: $\sqrt{a \cdot b} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$ or $\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$ so....
 $\sqrt{4 \cdot 9} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{9} = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$

Quotient Property: $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$ or $\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$ so....

$$\sqrt{\frac{9}{16}} = \frac{\sqrt{9}}{\sqrt{16}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Examples (Multiplication):

$$\sqrt{9x^2} = \sqrt{9} \cdot \sqrt{x^2} = 3x$$

$$\sqrt{16x^3} = \sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{x^2} \cdot \sqrt{x} = 4x\sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt{32} = \sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 4\sqrt{2}$$

Try These:

$$\sqrt{16x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{4x^4}$$

$$\sqrt{49x^3}$$

$$\sqrt{27}$$

$$\sqrt{20}$$

$$\sqrt{64x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{8x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{81x^3}$$

$$\sqrt{45x^5}$$

$$\sqrt{12x^3y^6}$$

Examples (Multiplication):

$$\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$\sqrt{3x} \cdot 4\sqrt{x} = 4\sqrt{3x \cdot x} = 4 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{x^2} = 4x\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{7xy^2} \cdot 3\sqrt{x} = 3\sqrt{7 \cdot x^2 \cdot y^2} = 3 \cdot \sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{x^2} \cdot \sqrt{y^2} = 3xy\sqrt{7}$$

Try These:

$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{8}$$

$$\sqrt{20} \cdot \sqrt{5}$$

$$\sqrt{5x} \cdot 3\sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt{8x^2y} \cdot 4\sqrt{2y}$$

$$2\sqrt{3a^2b^3} \cdot 5\sqrt{3ab}$$

Examples (Division):

$$\sqrt{\frac{13}{100}} = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{100}} = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{10}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{7}{x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{x}$$

Try These:

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{9}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{n^2}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^3}{b^2}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{w^3}{144}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{16}{4x^4}}$$

Rationalize the Denominator:

Radicals in the denominator (not perfect square).

Examples:

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{7}} \quad \text{Multiply by } \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} \quad \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{3\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{49}} = \frac{3\sqrt{7}}{7}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2m}} \quad \text{Multiply by } \frac{\sqrt{2m}}{\sqrt{2m}} \quad \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2m}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2m}}{\sqrt{2m}} = \frac{\sqrt{10m}}{\sqrt{4m^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{10m}}{2m}$$

Try These:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

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

$$\frac{5}{\sqrt{7n}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2a}}{\sqrt{6a}}$$

Add and Subtract Radicals:

Radicals are like terms when: when the number under the radical sign (The radicand) is exactly the same. Combine like radical terms by adding or subtracting the coefficient.

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} 4\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{13} - 9\sqrt{10} \\ 4\sqrt{10} - 9\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{13} \\ -5\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{13} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{48} \\ 5\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{16 \cdot 3} \\ 5\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{3} \\ 9\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Try These:

$$7\sqrt{14} + \sqrt{21} - 4\sqrt{14}$$

$$2\sqrt{7} + 3\sqrt{63}$$

$$2\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{28}$$

Distribute: (combine like terms if possible)

F.O.I.L = first, outer, inner, last

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{5}(4 - \sqrt{20}) \\ 4\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{100} \\ 4\sqrt{5} - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{7} - 3\sqrt{2}) \quad \text{F.O.I.L} \\ (\sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{7}) + (\sqrt{7} \cdot -3\sqrt{2}) + (\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{7}) + (\sqrt{2} \cdot 3\sqrt{2}) \\ 7 + -3\sqrt{14} + \sqrt{14} + 3\sqrt{4} \\ 7 - 2\sqrt{14} + 3 \cdot 2 \\ 1 - 2\sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

Try These:

$$\sqrt{3}(2 + \sqrt{12})$$

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

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

$$(4 - \sqrt{3})(6 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$\sqrt{6}(7\sqrt{3} + 6)$$

$$(3\sqrt{5} + 7)^2$$